

September 20, 2026 A.D.

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Tues	Sept 22	6:00 pm	+Bibiane & Ernest Bisson	by Diane & Derek Miller
Wed	Sept 23	8:30 am	<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i> +Anthony Gatt	by Bruno & Tracey Ottaviano
Thurs	Sept 24	8:30 am	+Anthony Gatt	by Tom & Carmen Lannan
Fri	Sept 25	8:30 am	+Anthony Gatt	by Tony & Jane D’Uva
Sat	Sept 26	5:00 pm	<i>The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> +Luciano Armenti	by Flora Armenti & family
Sun	Sept 27	9:00 am	+For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick’s	by Don & Margaret Murdoch
		11:00 am	+Irene Rady	

GOD’S MERCY IS GREATER
THEN OUR MEASURE

One of the greatest struggles of the human heart is comparison. We naturally measure what others have received, what they deserve, and whether life seems fair. Yet today we are challenged to stop measuring by human standards and begin seeing with the heart of God.



Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Those who worked from dawn expected a greater reward than those hired at the last hour. Instead, the landowner gives each the same wage. The point is not about economics - it is about grace. Salvation is never earned by the number of hours we serve; it is a gift freely given by a God whose mercy is limitless. As the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?"

Isaiah echoes this truth: "Seek the Lord while He may be found". God's invitation is always open, whether someone has followed Him faithfully for years or is returning after a lifetime away. His mercy is never too late because "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways". We are called not to understand everything God does, but to trust the goodness of His heart.

St. Paul shows us what that trust looks like in daily life. Rather than focusing on himself, he desires that "Christ will be exalted" in him, and he urges the Church

Lord may the request of our
people rise before you like a fragrant offering

to "live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ". A life worthy of the Gospel is marked by gratitude instead of envy, mercy instead of judgment, and hope instead of comparison.

Our world constantly invites us to keep score – who is more successful, more recognized, or more deserving. Even in our parish communities we can be tempted to compare ministries, faith journeys, or the generosity of others. But the Christian life is not a competition; it is a response to God's grace. As St. Paul reminds us, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3).

Today, let us thank God not only for the mercy He has shown us, but also for the mercy He pours out upon others. When we rejoice in another person's blessings or conversion instead of resenting them, we begin to reflect the generous heart of Christ - the Master of the vineyard, who desires that all His children receive the gift of eternal life.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you are still unable to attend Mass for health reason, and would like to assist us financially:

Please use our donation e-transfer email:
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Do not enter a security password as the funds will be directly deposited into the bank.

COFFEE SUNDAY

The Legion of Mary is happy to announce that we will be hosting a Coffee Sunday on
September 27



After the 9 am Mass.
We welcome everyone to come out and enjoy some fellowship, coffee and treats.

The Social is free but donations are always welcome.

2nd ANNUAL BISHOP’S FUNDRAISING GALA

Save the date!
Nov 27 – 5:30 – 11:30 pm
Niagara Falls Convention Centre

Join us for an evening celebrating bishop Bergie’s vision for dynamic parishes, with proceeds supporting faith formation for the laity and the education of our seminarians.

Enjoy a live and silent auction, wonderful food and company, entertainment, and a word from Bishop Bergie himself.

Tickets are available through the diocesan website – scan the QR code on the inserted poster.

HEALING MASS

St. John Bosco – Wed. Sept. 23
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Free event – Scan QR Code on the flyer to register



Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus!

Holy Mass | Preaching | Eucharistic Adoration |
Individual Prayers for healing

The flyers are at the back of the church.

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED
HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (except holidays)
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre,
7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario.
To participate via Zoom please see contact information above to pre-register.

Call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2026

- Sept 28 Coping with stress
- Oct 13 Loneliness
- Oct 26 Finding Hope and Healing through Faith
- Nov 9 Causes of Anger

SUICIDE & GRIEF

RECOVERY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The loss of a loved one or the grief of suicide, divorce, separation, or another significant life loss can be difficult to face alone. The Grief Recovery Outreach Program provides hope, support, and practical tools to help you move toward healing in a safe and compassionate environment.

Through guided discussions and the Grief Recovery Handbook, participants learn to address the pain of loss, reduce feelings of isolation, and make positive choices that lead to recovery.

Program Details

- Begins: Thursday, October 22, 2026
- Duration: 12 consecutive Thursdays
- Time: 9:30 a.m.
- Location: St. Patrick Church, Pastoral Room (123 King St., Port Colborne)

This program is free and open to the public. An RSVP is required. To register:

- Armstrong Funeral Home: 905-834-3483
- Davidson Funeral Home: 905-834-4833

For more information, contact Dino P. Sicoli, Grief Recovery Facilitator, at 905-835-8177.

A PRAYER FOR A GENEROUS HEART

Heavenly Father,

You call us to seek You while You are near
and to trust that Your ways are higher than our own.
Remove from our hearts every spirit of comparison,
envy, and judgment,
and fill us instead with gratitude
for Your boundless mercy.

Lord Jesus, teach us to live
in a manner worthy of Your Gospel.
May we rejoice in the blessings
and conversions of others,
remembering that each of us is a laborer
in Your vineyard,
saved by grace and not by merit.

Holy Spirit,
give us humble and generous hearts
so that in all we do,
Christ may be glorified through our lives. Amen.



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Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard P Bergie, D.D.

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Father Wieslaw Woloszyn

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am
Children's Liturgy: September - June

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am
Rosary/Adoration before Weekday Masses

Confessions
Sat 4 - 4:45 pm or before weekday Masses

Baptism
Sunday 12:00 pm by appointment

Marriage
Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.
Marriage preparation course required

Sacrament of the Sick
Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins
Please call the office.

Secretary
Sandy Johnson
Office hours: Wednesday and Friday
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Enter on Victoria St.

Schools
St. Patrick Elementary School
905-835-1091
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905-835-2451

Cemetery
Mount St. Joseph's, 712 Lakeshore Rd E
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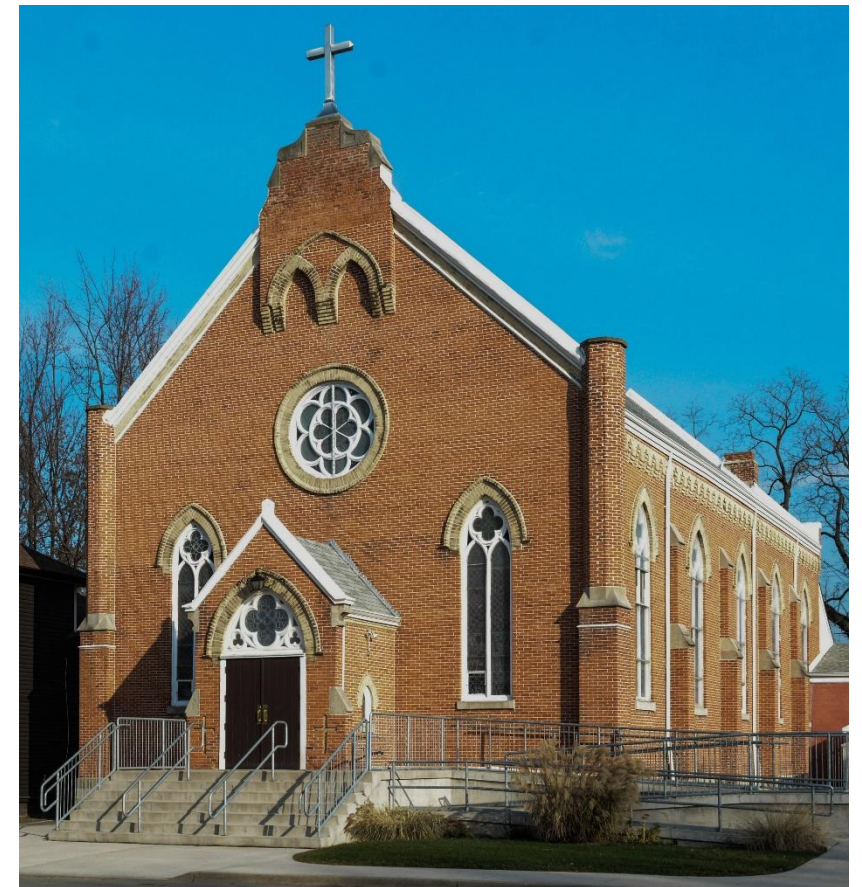
Min. Schedule – Sept 26/27

Hospitality:
5:00 pm – Ron Fortin
9:00 am – Lisa Shibley
11:00 am – Sam Zuvic

Communion:
5:00 pm – Linda Haakman
9:00 am – Susan Foebel
11:00 am - Needed

Diocese of St. Catharines

St. Patrick Catholic Church



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1859

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1880

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Generosity

Lectors:
5:00 pm – Paola Buri-Peyton
9:00 am – Cathy Stoop-Sneek
11:00 am – Diane Miller

Video:
5:00 pm – Dave Bilodeau
9:00 am – Sandy MacIntyre
11:00 am – Albert DeLaat

Organist: All Masses - Dino Sicoli