

September 6, 2026 A.D.

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



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

Tues	Sept 8	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 6:00 pm +Antonio Ricci	by Teresa Ricci
Wed	Sept 9	8:30 am +Patrick Donnelly	by Pat Law
Thurs	Sept 10	8:30 am +Bobbie Cascanette	by Dino & Lily Sicoli
Fri	Sept 11	8:30 am +Alfred Marinelli	by Jackie Marrinelli
Sat	Sept 12	<i>The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 5:00 pm +Teresa Fenton-Martine	by Alan & Liz Martine & Family
Sun	Sept 13	9:00 am +Frances Sawicki 11:00 am +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's	by Ginette & Mark McCormack

LOVE ENCOURAGES

Today we face a challenging truth: love is more than kindness - it is a responsibility.

God calls every Christian Not only to love others, but to help one another walk toward holiness.

God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman. A watchman stands on the city wall,

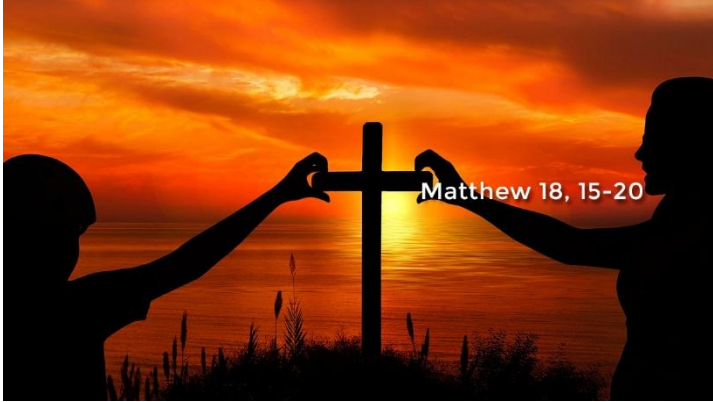
alert to danger, and sounds the warning before harm comes. God reminds Ezekiel that remaining silent when someone is headed

toward destruction is not love at all. While we are never responsible for another person's choices, we are responsible for witnessing to the truth with compassion and courage.

St. Paul then gives us the heart of the Christian life: "Love is the fulfillment of the law". Every commandment finds its meaning in genuine love - a love that protects dignity, seeks another's good, and reflects the self-giving love of Christ. This is the love Jesus demonstrated on the Cross: willing the good of another, even at great personal cost.

Jesus teaches us how to live this love in community. If a brother or sister sins, we begin

privately and gently, seeking reconciliation rather than victory. The goal is never to shame or win an



argument, but to restore communion. This is why the Church calls fraternal correction a spiritual work of mercy - an act of charity directed toward the salvation of souls.

Our world often encourages two extremes: harsh public

condemnation or complete silence. Christ offers a better way - the way of truth spoken in love. Whether within our families, friendships, parish, or online, we are called to resist gossip, choose honest conversation, forgive generously, and become peacemakers.

Today, let us ask for the grace to be faithful watchmen for one another - not with judgment, but with humble hearts that love enough to speak, enough to listen, and enough to lead others closer to Christ.

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:

st.patrickpcdonations@gmail.com

Do not enter a security password as the funds will be directly deposited into the bank.

SOUP SUNDAY

Come and join us for our annual Soup Sunday Luncheon on:

Sunday September 20, 2026
after the 11 am Mass.

Cost: Adults - \$15/person
And children under 12 - \$5

Includes a variety of soup, focaccia bread and Italian bread, assorted desserts, tea, coffee and lemonade.

Tickets will be sold at the door.

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.

2026 ACTS RETREATS

ACTS stands for:

- Adoration - God's call, your acceptance and answer
- Community - love and caring for each other
- Theology - studying through scripture and our faith
- Service - to God and His people

Come and renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it to your daily life.

Women's Retreat: Sept 24 - 27, 2026

Contact: Catherine McAleer at
catherinemcaleer@outlook.com

Men's Retreat: Nov 12 - 15, 2026

Contact: Eric Croiset at ecroiset@gmail.com



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 Pl. Sicoli, Grief Recovery Facilitator, at 905-835-8177.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

You have called us to be watchful in love and faithful in truth.

Give us the courage of Ezekiel

to speak when silence would harm,

the charity of St. Paul

to love as Christ loves,

and the humility of Jesus

to seek reconciliation before division.

Teach us to speak the truth in love,

to forgive one another from the heart,

and to become instruments of Your peace

in our homes, our parish, and our world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

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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
Lakeshore Catholic High School
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Cemetery
Mount St. Joseph's, 712 Lakeshore Rd E
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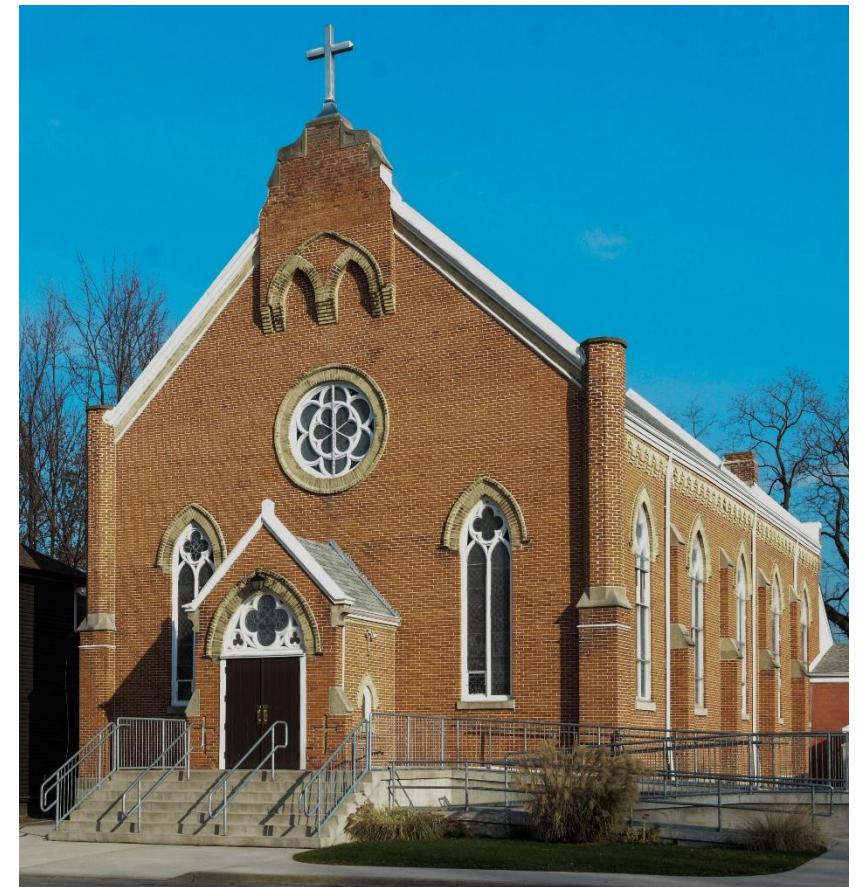
Min. Schedule – Sept 12/13

Hospitality:
5:00 pm – Victor Gatt
9:00 am – Joe Gatt
11:00 am – Mark Morasse

Communion:
5:00 pm – Needed
9:00 am – Kim Gatt
11:00 am - Needed

Diocese of St. Catharines

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1859

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1880

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Where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Lectors:
5:00 pm – Fran Semley
9:00 am – Susan Foebel
11:00 am – Jackie Gatt

Video:
5:00 pm – Albert DeLaat
9:00 am – Matthew Mamo
11:00 am – David Bilodeau

Organist: All Masses - Dino Sicoli