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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH UPDATES- 6 SEPTEMBER, 2026

PARISH MINISTRY

Mass Intentions/Activities

05 Sept.	Sat	**6:30pm**		**09 Sept.**	Wed	**6:00pm**	No Mass
		7:30pm	**Evelyn Blesse, Birthday**	**10 Sept.**	Thu	**6.00pm**	
06 Sept.	Sun	**10.00am**	All Parishioners	**11 Sept.**	Fri	**6.00pm**	Holy Mass & Adoration
07 Sept.	Mon	**5:00pm**	Syro-Malabar Mass	**12 Sept.**	Sat	**11.00am**	**Baptism**
						6.30pm	**+Eileen O'Hagan**
08 Sept.	Tue	**6.00pm**	Nativity of Blessed virgin Mary				

Syro-Malabar Holy Mass on the 1st and 3rd Saturday at 7:30 PM. Adoration every Friday after Holy Mass.

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Mass Readings for Today:

First Reading: **Ezekiel 33:7-9** "If you do not speak to warn the wicked, I will require their blood at your hand"
Responsorial Psalm: **Ps. 95:1-2,6-7ab,7c-9(R.7c+8a)** "O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!".
Second Reading: **Romans13:8-10** "Love is the fulfilling of the law".
Gospel: **Mathew 18:15:20** "If the member listens to you, you have regained that one".

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

Preparation classes for the Sacraments of **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** will begin soon. **First Holy Communion classes** will be held every **Monday from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. **Confirmation classes** will be held every **Tuesday from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM**. Both classes will take place in the **Parish Conference Hall at Our Lady of Victory Parish**. Parents of children who have already registered will be **contacted by the parish soon** with further information about the program.

The **first information meeting for parents and candidates preparing for First Holy Communion and confirmation** will take place on **Monday, September 21, at 5:00 PM** in the **Parish Conference Hall at Our Lady of Victory Parish**. This meeting will provide information about the **preparation program, class schedule, expectations, and the journey toward receiving the Sacraments**. We warmly invite all **parents and candidates** to attend this meeting and begin this beautiful journey of faith together.

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

Labour Day Weekend marks the end of the summer vacation period and the resumption of activities in home, parish and school. Parishes could take this as an opportunity to encourage active and renewed participation in the community.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE / CARITAS CANADA NEPAL FLOOD RELIEF

The frightful reality of the Nepal floods has made it abundantly clear that the Nepali people have suffered a great tragedy and need our support urgently. This is corroborated by reports from Caritas Nepal, a trusted partner. We are calling on Canadians to **give generously to support Caritas Nepal's emergency relief and rescue efforts**, which are already underway. **Please give generously to help the people of Nepal** by **calling 1-888-234-8533 toll-free**.

LABOUR DAY PICNIC IN THE PARK

The free annual Labour Day BBQ hosted by the Yukon Employees' Union (YEU) takes place at Shipyards Park on Monday, September 7 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It has been supported by the Sacred Heart Social Justice Committee since its beginning. The YEU invites all to **"Bring your family, friends, and fellow workers for a free afternoon of food, fun, and solidarity as we celebrate the strength of Yukon's working people."**

PARISH NEWS BULLETIN – SHARE YOUR FAITH & CREATIVITY

Our **Pastoral Council members** would like to make our Parish News Bulletin more attractive and engaging. We invite parishioners to share a **short reflection or personal experience of the Holy Eucharist**. We also invite our **children to submit their drawings** based on the theme: **"Carry Hope Forward: Eucharistic Awakening."** Selected reflections and drawings will be published in our Parish News Bulletin. We warmly encourage everyone to participate and share their **faith, creativity, and gifts** with our parish community.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Sacred Heart Cathedral is pleased to announce that **RCIA classes will be starting soon**, led by **Fr. Bartek**. Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a welcoming journey of faith and preparation for those who wish to learn more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

RCIA is especially for:

- **Non-baptized adults** who are seeking initiation into the Catholic Church.
- **Baptized Christians from other traditions** who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- **Adult Catholics who have been baptized** but have not yet received First Holy Communion or Confirmation.
- **Anyone who would simply like to explore the Catholic faith**, with no obligation to become

Catholic.

Registration forms are available at the church entrance/foyer or online through the parish website.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Sept. **07 - Labour Day -** This Labour Day, we honour the dignity of every worker and give thanks for the gifts and talents shared in service of others. May God bless all who work and grant them a well-deserved rest.

Sept. **08 - The Nativity of the Blessed of Virgin Mary –** Today's feast celebrates Mary's personal sanctity and vocation as the mother of Jesus. The celebration began in the 6th century in the Eastern Church and spread to Rome by the 7th or 8th century.

Sept. **12 – The Most Holy Name of Mary –** This feast honouring the name of Mary was instituted by Pope Innocent XI in the 17th century.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER:

For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

POPE LEO XIV

ANGELUS

Piazza della Libertà (Castel Gandolfo)
Sunday, 30 August 2026

Dear brothers and sisters, good afternoon and happy Sunday!

Today's Gospel tells us how Jesus reveals to his disciples the Mystery of his impending Passion. The Messiah, he says, must "go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised" (*Mt* 16:21).

What he says is a far cry from their expectations of a triumphant and powerful Messiah, with whose help they would defeat and trample their enemies (cf. *Ps* 108:13). Already, during the time they had spent with him, they had been amazed by so many of his deeds and words. Yet this latest message truly goes beyond all expectations. In particular, Peter expresses his disagreement and rebukes Jesus, saying to him: "'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you'" (v. 22).

Shortly before, Peter had recognized in him "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (v. 16). Now, however, surprised and perhaps disappointed by what he hears, he rebukes him, which stands in contrast to the beautiful profession of faith he had just made. He seems to be saying, "Yes, I believe you are the Messiah, but that is not how the world is saved." His is an outburst of zeal, certainly motivated by sincere love, and yet it gives us something to consider.

For us, too, in fact, it is not always easy to understand and accept God's ways, especially when they are very far from our own. Then the temptation arises — against all the reasoning of faith — to think that the Lord is the one who is wrong, or worse still, that he is not listening to us or is not concerned about us. Faced with this uncertainty, Peter, even in his impulsiveness, teaches us two important things.

The first is, even in such moments, never to cease our dialogue with the Lord. Instead, we are confidently to tell him our difficulty in understanding what he is asking of us. The second is never to judge God's work, but rather humbly and prayerfully to listen to what he is revealing to us through his actions, even when they do not meet our expectations. The greatness of the first of the Apostles is also evident in this.

Jesus replies: "Get behind me, Satan!" (v. 23), and explains to him and the other disciples that, to follow in his footsteps, they must deny themselves, take up their crosses, and follow him (cf. v. 24). Peter will do just that: after listening to him, he will accept the challenge and remain faithful to the words of Christ — whom he has recognized as his Redeemer — for the rest of his life, even unto martyrdom.

Let us therefore ask the Lord that we, too, in our life of faith and in our prayer, may have the same sincerity as Peter, humbly telling Jesus what we truly feel, even when our hearts are confused. At the same time, may we cultivate Peter's own docility in accepting what Jesus asks of us beyond our expectations.

May Mary help us, for she was obedient to God's plans even at the foot of the cross of her Son Jesus.

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