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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH UPDATES- 20 SEPTEMBER, 2026

PARISH MINISTRY

Mass Intentions/Activities

19 Sept.	Sat	**6:30pm**		**23 Sept.**	Wed	**6:00pm**	No Mass
		7:30pm	Syro-Malabar Mass	**24 Sept.**	Thu	**6.00pm**	
20 Sept.	Sun	**10.00am**	All Parishioners	**25 Sept.**	Fri	**6.00pm**	Holy Mass & Adoration
21 Sept.	Mon	**5:00pm**	Parents Information Meeting	**26 Sept.**	Sat	**6.30pm**	
		6:00pm					
22 Sept.	Tue	**4;45pm**	Confirmation class				
		6.00pm					

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

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

The annual Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held on September 26–27, 2026. This collection supports the shared mission of the Catholic Church in Canada and assists our Bishops in carrying out pastoral initiatives and ministries that serve dioceses, eparchies, and the faithful across the country. We warmly invite all parishioners to participate generously in this important collection and to support the pastoral mission of the Church in Canada. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

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.

OCTOBER — MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is traditionally dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**. During this special month, our parish invites all parishioners to come together in prayer and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Throughout the month of October, we will pray the **Holy Rosary every day at 5:30 p.m., before the evening Holy Mass**. We will also have the **Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary after Holy Mass**, beginning on **September 28** and concluding on **October 7**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to participate. Let us come together as one parish family and, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for our **families, our parish, the Church, and the whole world**.

PARISH FEAST – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The Feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary**, the patroness of our parish, is celebrated on **October 7**. Since October 7 falls on a Wednesday this year, we will celebrate our **Parish Feast on Sunday, October 11**. The celebration will begin with **Holy Mass at 10:00 AM**, followed by a **potluck fellowship**. This special day is an opportunity for us to come together as **one parish family**, to honour our Blessed Mother, and to seek her loving intercession for our **families, our parish, and our community**. We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for this joyful celebration and to share in the fellowship as we celebrate our parish family under the loving protection of **Our Lady of the Rosary**.

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.**21: St. Matthew -** *was* a tax collector in Capernaum who became one of the twelve (12) apostles of Jesus and the traditional author of the first New Testament gospel; a patron saint of customs officers and accountants.

Sept.**23: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina –** an Italian Capuchin priest and mystic renowned for bearing the physical stigmata and performing countless spiritual and healing miracles; he is widely known as Padre

Pio and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002.
Sept. **24**: **Blessed Émille Tavernier-Gamelin** – (1800-1851) was a Canadian humanitarian and religious founder in Montreal who dedicated her life and fortune to serving the sick, poor, and marginalized; her last words as she lay dying in (85) were "humility, simplicity, charity, but above all charity".
Sept.**25**: **St. Cosmas and St. Damian –** third-century twin brothers and Christian physicians renowned for treating the sick without charge being martyred under Roman persecution; they are well-remembered for their martyrdom.
Sept. **26**: **St. John de Brebeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and Companions – Secondary Patron Saints of Canada** – they are North American Martyrs who were canonized as saints by the Catholic Church in 1930 by Pope Pius XI.

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

Saint Peter's Square
13 September 2026

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

Today's Gospel speaks to us of forgiveness, which is a fundamental feature of the Christian life. Jesus taught and exemplified forgiveness even on the cross, where he prayed to the Father for his persecutors with the familiar words: "Forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (*Lk* 23:34).

In today's passage, Peter asks the Master precisely about this question: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" (*Mt* 18:21). His words reveal a generous heart, for the number seven symbolizes fullness in the Bible, and "forgiving seven times" means forgiving abundantly. Jesus' response, however, goes even further: "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven" (v. 22); in other words, beyond all limits, without measure.
To clarify his point further, the Savior tells the parable of a servant who owed his master a large debt that was practically impossible to pay. Although his own debt was forgiven out of pure mercy, he did not extend the same mercy toward one of his fellow servants, and for this he was rebuked and severely punished (vv. 23-30).
With these words, Jesus reminds us that gift and forgiveness are the foundation of our existence. All things are given to us by God out of pure love, and none of us can claim to be perfect in responding to such goodness. For this reason, gratuitousness — which is the source

of our existence — is also the best rule for our life together. We experience this every day. Forgiveness is indispensable, and without it, we cannot live in peace. Sooner or later conflicts, accusations, grudges and acts of vengeance emerge in our hearts and among people, and these acts destroy relationships, divide families and unleash wars.

Only forgiveness sets us free and restores the light, even where human material and moral poverty has darkened the horizon and made the path uncertain. Forgiveness, like a gentle breeze, sweeps away even the thickest clouds until the sun shines once more. Saint Peter himself experienced this many times in his life; in particular, when — after denying and abandoning Jesus during the Passion — he encountered the risen Lord on the shore of the lake and heard him ask just one question: "Simon … do you love me?" (*Jn* 21:15). This was accompanied by an invitation, "follow me!" (v. 19), which was the same invitation given on the occasion of their first encounter. It was as if nothing had happened. This love, which forgives and heals, would mark for the first of the Apostles, the confirmation of his mission.

Let us therefore ask the Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, to help us forgive — always, even when it is difficult to take the first step — and to spread, with courage and perseverance, the serene and healing light of love that overcomes hatred and disarms all resentment.

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