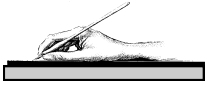


# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



## PASTOR'S CORNER

**Another mother wants to remind all of us of one very important fact that we need to take into account during our Sunday celebrations:**

Our Sunday Mass can get a bit noisy as our little ones make their joyful noises unto the Lord. There are times where I see folks in the pews near mine shifting uncomfortably and turning around to glare at children who are talking or fidgeting. Sometimes my children are the ones being glared at. In these moments, I am thankful for the words of Jesus: *"Children were brought to Jesus that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'"* (Mathew 19:13-15).

When the disciples discouraged children from approaching Jesus, His response was not just a grudging acceptance that kids were present so He might as well interact with them. His admonition is not to prevent the children from coming to Him. Children, according to the words of our Lord Himself, are the ones to whom the kingdom of heaven belongs and He wants them in His presence. This is such a comfort to a mother who has been scolded by a stranger for taking her toddler into the church! Regardless of how flawed humans may sometimes react to disruptions, Jesus places no qualification on what kind of children are welcome. It's not just the well-groomed, well-behaved, silent children, but all children. Everyone needs to recognize this fact. Personally, I like this prayer: *"Lord, save me from myself and deliver me from my ego."*

Moreover, I realize that some young parents may have significant anxiety over taking their small children to Mass, but it is our Lord's will for all of us. So do not expect too much of yourselves by trying to be perfect parents with perfect children. When our kids struggle to behave and we are the object of unwanted attention and perhaps even disapproval from those around us, it is so important that we remember our reasons for bringing our children there. It is so they, like everyone else, can be close to Jesus in order to receive God's blessing. So please help us facilitate their encounters with Jesus instead of preventing them because of their rambunctious behaviour from time to time. I think cultivating the old-fashioned virtues of compassion, humour and love can help all of us. I want to end my reflection with the following quotation of a wise person: *"Every time we make a sacrifice, do a generous act, overlook a slight, or go the extra mile we die to ourselves. It's a good practice! We're preparing for the Final Exam and we know from experience, it's going to be a challenge, so let us expect the unexpected."*

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**P.S.** I once heard a very sad comment from one mother: *"Father, each time I go to Mass with my toddlers, I must be prepared for hurt and humiliation."* Do they really deserve this kind of treatment from us? I like this quote: ***"When the world roars in anger, let peace be your quiet answer."***

*Fr. Slawek*

## FRIDAY MASS CHANGING TO COLLECTIVE MASS 2026

**Starting in January 2026**, we will be accepting multiple intentions (up to 5) at the Friday 9:00 a.m. Mass. You may request to have your intention included in the Friday Mass until 1:00 p.m. each Thursday in the parish office providing available intentions. The suggested donation for each intention is \$20. This new practice is meant to help those of you who may have an urgent need to pray for your loved one who has just died, or you may have a special intention for a person who has serious health problems. This collective Mass will aid in helping upkeep the parish.

# OCTOBER 5, 2025

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS SESSIONS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2025 -2026

Parents and/or Guardians, if you have a young person who will be in grades 2 thru 7 who have not made their sacraments for the school year 2025-2026, and they wish the reception of either First Holy Communion, Confirmation or both, please be advised that a letter will be given out in our parish schools Holy Spirit and St. Gerald next week. Also, much of our notices/communications about Sacramental prep is posted in the parish bulletins so please be vigilant and pick up weekly bulletins. Peace of Christ!

- Info Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday, October 5th after the 11 a.m. Mass at the Church Hall.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, October 7

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Rosouro Camantigue req. by Mercy Camantigue.

### Wednesday, October 8

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

### Thursday, October 9

9 a.m.. Intentions of Triston Popescu.

### Friday, October 10

9a.m. Repose of the soul of Lois Larocque req. by the Bohren family.

### Saturday, October 11

9 a.m. Intentions of Francis & Desiree DeAbreu.

### Sunday, October 12

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Intentions to Our Lady Of Pillar.

## ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

**Pre-Authorized Giving Plan**—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.



## The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference

*Turning concern into action*

Our Christian vocation demands that we help the Poor, the Hungry and the Homeless. Just as Jesus taught and did, we need to welcome them, identify their needs and satisfy them.

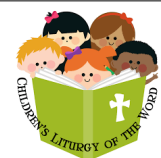
Your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass support the efforts of our Society 'Saint Vincent de Paul' to serve the needy in our community.

Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the church after Mass.

## NEEDED AT ALL MASSES



If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server please fill out a volunteer form located on the back table of the Church and submit it to the Parish office. Volunteer Screening will contact you.



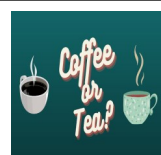
## Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday  
For the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.



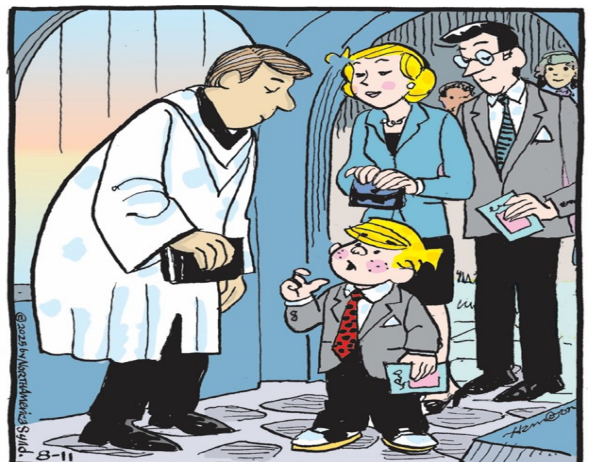
## ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated. Thank you.



## COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, October 8,  
2025



"I'M NOT LED INTO TEMPTATION.  
I GO THERE ALL BY MYSELF."