

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

What do you usually do after a long day at work or school? Perhaps the temptation might be to return home, open a bottle of wine or beer, for instance, and sit in front of the television for hours, or play video games into the middle of the night, or maybe mindlessly surf the web and visit sites that are not simply good for anybody. Why? Many psychologists tell us that we do this in order to vacate, escape, self-medicate, and forget. It would be easy to say this is a problem for teenagers only. But the truth is that basically, we are all part of it. For we open our phones instinctively, we scroll often without purpose and consume without pause. And this is not just about our precious time; it is about formation. We are being shaped to crave what is fast, new and loud. This is why people may say they long for depth, but they have simply trained their attention for surface knowledge. Moreover, they say they are busy but are somehow always available for their Internet addiction. So they are not just distracted; they are being overcome by distraction in heart, mind and soul. Ouch!

Over 25 years ago, someone rightly predicted our future: *"We need to take control over the Internet before it takes control over us."* Sadly, for many, the opposite has happened. The Internet now dictates how we spend our time. What was meant to be a tool has become a trap. I think all addictions start out in that dangerous way when we stop controlling our wants and needs and fall into this never-ending trap of being greedy for everything. Unfortunately, we live in a society that encourages these addictions. Our society demands so much from us, it piles on us so many responsibilities and expectations and then sells us a million ways to vacate. It can turn into a vicious cycle which we would call funny if it weren't so tragic. People work to make money so that they can afford the things, activities, and addictions that help them to forget about work, which of course puts them into deeper debt, ironically causing them even more work! Welcome to Canada.

P.S. Keep in mind that the truth of your life always remains the same: You can have all the wealth and all the free time in the world, yet your heart can still be restless unless that time is given in part back to God and to others. You have been given a treasure in time - those precious moments in which you can love others, serve, pray, grow, listen, learn, and enrich your soul. So try to do so and you may become the ripple of change the world needs today, at least in your own family, for as someone once said, *"The digital world rewards what is seen: the post, the comment, the applause. But faith grows in the invisible. In the quiet. In the words no one hears."*

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.

SEPTEMBER 21, 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 Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, September, 28th after the 9 a.m. Mass at the Church Hall.
- Info Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday, October 5th after the 11 a.m. Mass at the Church Hall.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference

Turning concern into action

We learn to help the needy from the love of God. Such concern not only provides the poor with material help but also represents an opportunity for the spiritual growth of the giver.

St. John Paul II

Thank you for your ongoing love and generosity towards the poor. Your donations to the Poor Box go a long way to help many poor and unfortunate families.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE POOR BOX AFTER MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 23

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Wednesday, September 24

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Jon Joseph Balon req. by his parents.

Thursday, September 25

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Kathy Yiu req. by Alice Chan.

Friday, September 26

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Lorenza Posada-Canlas req. by the Posada family.

Saturday, September 27

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Samuel & Dorothy Johns req. by the Johns family.

Sunday, September 28

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Sivistro DeLaurentis req. by the DeLaurentis family.

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.



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.



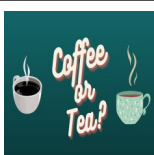
Children's Liturgy

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, September 24,
2025

