Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct. 17-18/2026

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 17 *Saturday*
† George Stepanchuk **4:00 PM**

October 18- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
For the needs of all Parishioners **9:00 AM**

October 19 *Monday*
No Mass

October 20 *Tuesday*
No Mass

October 21 *Wednesday*
No Mass

October 22 *Thursday*
No Mass

October 23 *Friday*
No Mass

October 24 *Saturday*
For the needs of all Parishioners **4:00 PM**

October 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Stanislawa Siudara **9:00 AM**

Welcome Father Vickers

We would like to welcome Father John Vickers, a retired Holy Cross Priest, to St. Therese of Lisieux Parish who will be filling in for Father Basque while he is away on holidays. During the period Father Basque is away there will be no daily Mass or Confessions. Father Basque will return on October 29.

Coats for Kids

Once again, the Knights of Columbus is collecting new and gently used winter coats, toques, mittens and boots for needy children and adolescents in Port Colborne and Wainfleet. If you wish to donate please place your item (s) in the box at the back of the Church. Cash donations are also welcome. Please make your cheque payable to the Knights of Columbus. For information or to make cash donations contact Josef Van Ruyven 289 969-9369. Thank you for your generosity!

2026-2027 Missals

Missals for the upcoming Liturgical Year (2026-2027) will be going on sale at the back of the Church starting in mid November.

Visitor Envelopes

Anyone who has forgotten their Offertory Envelope or is a Visitor is welcome to use a pink Visitor Envelope, available at the back of the Church, for their donation to the Parish. Just ensure you put your name, address and phone number on it so we can send you an income tax receipt next January.

Separated and Divorced Ministry

The next meeting of the Diocesan Separated and Divorced Ministry Group will occur at Mount Carmel Spiritual Center (7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls) on Monday, October 26 from 7:00 until 9:00 PM. The topic to be discussed is "Finding Hope and Healing Through Faith". For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154 or email separated and divorced @saintcd.com.

Bishop's Fundraising Gala

The Second Annual "Light the Way" Bishop's Fundraising Gala will take place at the Niagara Falls Convention Center (6815 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls) on Friday, November 27 starting at 5:30PM. The event includes a live and silent auction, entertainment, wonderful food and company. The proceeds will support the growth of Parishes, faith formation for the Laity and the education of Seminarians. Tickets can be purchased through the Diocesan website or the QR Code on posters in the Parish.

Fall Election

As you prepare to vote in this fall's municipal election, we would like to remind you to please ensure you are registered as a Catholic school supporter. Whether you own or rent your home, a portion of your property taxes is dedicated to funding for public education. All ratepayers have the right to choose whether they want this portion directed to Catholic schools. Please review your property tax bill or property assessment notice to confirm if you are a Catholic school supporter. *If you have recently moved, your school support designation will have defaulted to the English-Public school board*. For more information and to change your current designation please visit https://www.mpac.ca/en/MakingChangesUpdates/SchoolSupportDesignation. Your designation also helps determine how you are listed on the Preliminary List of Electors, placing you on the correct voters list for the municipal and school board elections.

High School Ministry

St. Alexander's Parish (50 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill) is starting a High School Teen Ministry. Meetings will be held every other Sunday starting October 4. For more information or to register contact Fr. Corso at the Parish at 905-892-3090.

Donations

Donations to St. Therese of Lisieux Parish can be made by cash, cheque as well as electronically. Those done electronically use the email account listed below. There is no limit to the number of times parishioners can donate by e-transfer. When making a donation include your name and address so we can issue an income tax receipt at the end of the year.

Book of Remembrance

A Book of Remembrance will be placed in front of the Altar throughout the month of November. To have the name of a deceased loved one included in the Book, write his/her name **NEATLY** on the envelope included in your Box of Envelopes or one at the back of the Church and drop it into the Collection or off at the Parish Office.

Church Keys

Everyone who has a key to either the Church or Rectory is asked to contact Karen at the Parish Office so we can create a Master List. The Insurance Company requires us to have a written record of all the people who have keys to the property. The people who have already talked to Karen about this matter need not do so a second time. If we cannot account for all the keys we will have to re-key the locks which will be expensive.

All Souls

The Clergy and Laity of the Diocese will be gathering at the Priest's Plot at Victoria Lawn Cemetery (431 Queenston Street, St. Catharines) on Monday, November 2 starting at 11:00 AM to remember our deceased priests and to pray for all the faithful of the Diocese who have gone to their eternal reward. Everyone is welcome.

Food Drive Total

As of October 7, the amount of food donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive totalled 158 lbs. and $100 in cash. After October 7, donations of food have continued to be made so we do not have a final total. All the food was donated to Port Cares to help the needy in our community. Thank you once again.

Confessions

Confessions are heard at St. Denis Parish (230 Lake Street, St. Catharines) every Monday to Friday starting at 8:00 PM. A different Priest will be available each evening. Confessions are also heard at St. Andrew's Parish (4 St. Andrew's Avenue, Welland) every Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 PM.

Legacy Donations

When you or your family are making arrangements for your will consider making St. Therese of Lisieux Parish one of your beneficiaries. When arranging your funeral we would ask you to consider directing your Memorial Donations to our Parish. Your generosity is much needed and greatly appreciated. All donations will be recorded and an Income Tax Receipt issued at the end of the year.

Reception of Communion

The Church teaches Catholics can receive Communion either standing up or kneeling down as well as in the hand or on the tongue. Whichever way one receives Communion, it should be done with reverence. A gesture of reverence should be made before receiving the host. Communicants must say "Amen" and consume the host immediately after receiving it.

Marriage Tribunal

If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a Marriage with someone previously married please speak to a Priest or contact the St. Catharines Marriage Tribunal Office at 905-687-8817 or email tribunal@saintcd.com.

Low Gluten Hosts

Low Gluten Hosts (the amount of Gluten in them is less than 20 ppm) are available to anyone who suffers from Celiac Disease (an allergy to Gluten) and requires one to receive the Eucharist. For those whose allergy is extremely serious, they can receive the Precious Blood from a separate chalice. Please let the Priest know before Mass if you wish to receive a Low Gluten Host or the Precious Blood.

Bulletin Boards

Parishioners and Parish Organizations are welcome to have notices placed on the Parish Bulletin Boards. If you wish to have an item placed on the Bulletin Boards. Please bring it to the Pastor for approval. Any notices posted without prior approval will be removed.

Weekly Collection

October 10/11 Sunday Offering $ 1,475.00
E-transfer: celineincarmel@gmail.com