

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 5-6, 2026



September 5 Saturday	
† Anne Quinn	8:00 AM
† George & Marie Leon	4:00 PM
September 6 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
For the needs of all Parishioners	9:00 AM
September 7 Monday	
Special Intention to St. Rocco	8:00 AM
September 8 Tuesday	
† Salvatore Scalzo	6:30 PM
September 9 Wednesday	
† Laura Graveline	8:00 AM
September 10 Thursday	
† Henry Nan	8:00 AM
September 11 Friday	
† Karen Leon Quinn	8:00 AM
September 12 Saturday	
Int. of George & Margaret Hodgkinson	8:00AM
† Marina, Palmina & Yvette Polverari	4:00 PM
September 13 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
For the needs of all Parishioners	9:00 AM

Confirmation

Bishop Bergie has informed us the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish on Sunday, April 11, 2027 at the 9:00 AM Mass. Since Candidates must be a baptized Roman Catholic, parents must provide their son or daughter’s Baptismal Certificate to the Parish or School. Sponsors must be a baptized Roman Catholic who has received First Communion and Confirmation, over sixteen years of age and not the biological or adoptive parent of the Candidate. An information night will be held in the Parish Hall for Parents, Candidates and Sponsors before Thanksgiving. At least one parent must attend the meeting.

First Confession/Communion

First Confession and First Communion preparation and celebration will be done differently this year. There will be no class celebration of either Sacrament. Instead, First Confession and First Communion will be celebrated individually by each family. Parents will have a meeting with the Pastor where they will register their son or daughter for both Sacraments. One parent and the student will attend four Instruction Sessions at the Parish Office on First Confession. Once they are completed, the student will receive First Confession. The parent and student will then attend four Instruction

Sessions at the Parish Office on First Communion. Once they are completed, the student will receive First Communion. This approach will give parents greater flexibility in choosing when they can attend the Instruction Sessions and celebrate the Sacraments. Since the student must be a baptized Roman Catholic, the parents must provide a copy of their son or daughter’s Baptismal Certificate to the Pastor.

Indigenous Healing Fund

Next weekend, (September 12-13), a special collection will be taken up to provide financial support for the Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Fund which was created by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to assist First Nations individuals and communities recovering from the trauma caused by Residential Schools. Reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and the Catholic Church will be a long and painful process but already some progress has been made. Your support ensures this process will continue. Please be generous.

RCIA/C

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children is a program designed to enable non-Catholics to become full members of the Church, Catholics to complete receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist, Confirmation) and others simply to learn about their faith. During weekly sessions, participants learn about the Catholic faith in a respectful manner through a sharing of experiences and formal presentations. Sessions start in late September and conclude in May. If you or anyone you know is interested in being part of this program talk to Fr. Basque or call the Parish Office at 834-4645.

CWL Fashion Show

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Women’s League will be presenting a Fashion Show in the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 27. It will feature clothing from 270 Degrees West, Cassie’s and Blake’s Men’s Wear. Doors will open at 1:30 PM and the show will start at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the doors of the Church. Refreshments include coffee, tea and cheesecake. For more information call Mary Nan at 905-834-9520 or Mary Van Ruyven at 905-668-9269.

Coffee Sunday

Coffee Sunday will take place today (September 6) after the 9:00 AM Mass. Come and join us for coffee, treats and fellowship.

Pastoral Council

A Pastoral Council will be established at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish to help the Pastor identify the needs of the Parish and come up with ways to meet those needs. Concerns of Parishioners about the Parish who would rather not talk directly to the Pastor can be brought to the Council by its members. The Council will consist of six members who will serve a three year term. Its members will be chosen by the Pastor before the end of September and announced to the Parish.

Finance Council

A Finance Council will be established at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish to help the Pastor better manage the income and expenses of the Parish. Concerns of Parishioners about the finances who would rather not talk directly to the Pastor can be brought to the Council by its members. The Council will consist of four members who will serve a three year term. Its members will be chosen by the Pastor before the end of September and announced to the Parish.

Youth Ministry Training

A Youth Ministry Training Session sponsored by the Office of Catholic Youth of the Archdiocese of Toronto will be held at St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish (80 Shoreham Dr., North York) for adults on Saturday, September 19, and Youth on Sunday, September 20 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Cost is \$50 for adults and \$20 for youth. Registration deadline is September Friday, September 11. To register ocy@toronto.org/elevate.

Mass of Penance and Healing

A Mass of Penance and Healing will be celebrated at St. Catharine’s Cathedral (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines) on Monday, September 14, 2026, starting at 7:00 PM. The Mass will remember those who have been harmed by the sinful actions and abuse committed by Priests, Religious and Laypeople of the Diocese.

Deceased Members Mass

A Mass for the deceased members of the Catholic Women’s League and Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of St. Catharines will be celebrated at St. Mary’s Parish (94 Main Street South, Hagersville) on Saturday, October 17 starting at 1:00 PM.

CWL Advent Retreat

The Diocesan Catholic Women’s League Advent Retreat will take place at Mount Carmel Spiritual

Center (7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls) on Wednesday, November 25/Saturday, November 28 starting at 9:00 AM. The presenter this year is Fr. Paul MacNeil. For more information contact Mary Van Ruyven at 289-668-9269

Youth Group

The next meeting of the St. Therese of Lisieux Youth Group will take place in the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 20 starting at 10:00 AM. For more information contact Dorothy Murtaugh at 905-658-9579.

Knitting Club

Anyone interested in learning how to knit or crochet, join a knitting club or have extra yarn or knitting needles is asked to call Mary Van Ruyven at 905-668-9269.

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.

Sunday Night Mass

Mass is celebrated at St. Andrew’s Parish (4 St. Andrew’s Avenue, Welland) on Sunday evenings starting at 8:00 PM.

Shrine Mass

Mass is celebrated in the Chapel at Holy Rosary Shrine (4706 Millar Road, Port Colborne) every Thursday starting at 7:30 PM until the end of October. The Rosary is prayed before Mass starting at 7:00 PM.

Lakeshore Mass

Mass is celebrated at Lakeshore Catholic High School (94 Janet Street) every Wednesday morning during the school year starting September 16. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass.

Weekly Collection

August 8/9	Sunday Offering	\$ 1,510.00
August 15/16	Sunday Offering	\$ 1,625.00
August 22/23	Sunday Offering	\$ 2,335.00
August 29/30	Sunday Offering	\$ 1,510.00
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Please remember to pray for those who are sick in the hospital and those who care for them.

