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#### Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)  
11:00 a.m.

#### Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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# September 24, 2023

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic often differs from worldly logic. Our first reading, from Isaiah, reminds us that God often thinks bigger than we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." As His followers we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind.



In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet the landowner pays them all a full day's wage. This angered the laborers who had worked longest. But those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger! We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose.

Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life.

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## Parish Calendar

### Monday, September 25

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Dustin Nadeau †  
Shirley Favaro †

### Tuesday, September 26

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Michael Morra †  
Joseph Kobe † | Sharon Miller †  
7:00 p.m. - RCIA Open House

### Wednesday, September 27

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Souls in Purgatory †  
7:00 p.m. - Reconciliation/First Communion  
Preparation Night

### Thursday, September 28 - No Mass

### Friday, September 29

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Tom Roselli †  
Pierette & Georges Cote †

### Saturday, September 30

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - John Buckley †  
Heidi Kaiser † | Adelaide Fitzpatrick Taylor †

### Sunday, October 1

9:00 a.m. - St. Peter Family Mass  
Mass for the People

11:00 a.m. - Rita Markle † | Remigius Silveira †  
Josephine & Frank Napoli † | Mary & John Del Gobbo †

## CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



### Catholic Women's League Corner: September 23/24

- ♦ This is your final weekend to purchase your fall Chrysanthemums before and after all Masses.
- ♦ Pick-up is scheduled for the weekend of September 30/October 1 in time for Thanksgiving gifting and/or decorating.
- ♦ The plants are \$10 each. We appreciate your support.

## Are You Being Called?

"Seek the Lord while He may be found..."

While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

If you think He may be offering you this grace, contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email [frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com).

# We Stand for the Land, Mother Earth!



In collaboration with the Sault Ste-Marie Diocesan Council, Development and Peace has prepared this extraordinary retreat at the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre at Anderson Lake, Espanola. We'll explore topics like community organizing, "We Stand for the Land, Mother Earth", and learn how to drive action through effective leadership and attentive listening.

But that's not all – this retreat will empower you to translate your new insights into real-world action through Development and Peace's Fall Action Campaign!

**Cost** (Includes registration, six meals, and two nights lodging)  
**Youth ages 18-35:** subsidized cost

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



*Saturday, September 30, 2023*

The Feast Day celebration in Canada will be held on **Saturday, September 30, 2023**. We look forward to welcoming our faith family to the Monastery of Mount Carmel in Niagara Falls, ON!

## Schedule of Events

**9:00 am**— Welcome Prayer Service in the Main Chapel.

**10:00 am**— Mass will be celebrated in the Gymnasium.

**12:00 pm**— Blessing of the Roses Service in the Shrine Chapel or weather permitting at the beautiful Thérèse outdoor Shrine (to be announced).

**1:30 pm**— Final Feast Day Mass will be celebrated in the Gymnasium.

The Society of the Little Flower Boutique will be open in the main dining room where light refreshments will be served, and the Monastery Store welcomes all visitors.



Can you spare one hour to save a Lifetime? Join thousands across Canada on October 1, 2023 in prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life. This is a family-friendly event providing a unique opportunity to witness to our neighbours a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth. Contact Muriel Dyson at 905-735-3666 for information on the Life Chain taking place in Welland on Niagara Street at the Seaway Mall at 2:00pm or contact Angela Braun at (905) 931-0363 for information on the Life Chain taking place along Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. Times and locations of all the Life Chains across Canada can be found at <https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain>.

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  1. Log in to your online banking
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    - Enter in our new **stjuliaparishstcgiving@gmail.com** email address
    - (you will only have to enter this in for the first time – St. Julia will then be a saved contact)
  6. Make your donation via your newly set up *Interac* E-Transfer

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