



Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time



29th Sunday
Ordinary Time

19 October



This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
October 19~World Mission Day



MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

Thankful

Sunday Collection October 12 \$6,420

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .



Monday, October 20

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

St. Paul of the Cross

9:00 a.m. †Maria Pascuzzi

Tuesday, October 21

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Cecilia Acob

Wednesday, October 22

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

St. John Paul II, Pope

9:00 a.m. †Carmen Ampuero

Thursday, October 23

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

St. John of Capistrano

9:00 a.m. †Caterina Frucci

Friday, October 24

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

St. Anthony Mary Claret

9:00 a.m. †Felice & Giuseppina Tomeo

Saturday, October 25

5:00 p.m. †Joe Monico

**30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Sunday, October 26

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. †Giovanni Satesso

5:00 p.m. †Myrna Agos



We gratefully acknowledge the family and friends of parishioners who, even in their time of sorrow, generously thought of and contributed to St. Thomas More Church.

May God's blessing and the memories of your loved ones be with you forever!

Please Note:

CHANGE IN SATURDAY MASS TIME

As the days are getting shorter and it gets darker earlier, the Saturday Vigil Mass time has been changed to **4:30 PM**. This new time will begin November. Thank you for your understanding.

Prayer Intention for the Month of October

For collaboration between different religious traditions – Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

OCTOBER-THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The Rosary is a powerful prayer that brings us closer to Mary and to God. By praying the Rosary daily we can deepen our faith and grow in our devotion to Our Lady. October is also the month in which Mary appeared, for the last time, to the children of Fatima, Portugal, urging them to "say the rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world" This is even more relevant in our world today. In celebration of this month, the Legion of Mary will lead the prayers of the Rosary 30 minutes before the start of each weekend Mass. Please join us to pray the Rosary and reflect on the life of Jesus and his Blessed Mother.



DIOCESE OF ST. CATHARINES

The Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines

LIGHT the WAY

The Bishop's Fundraising Gala 2025

You're invited to an amazing evening of faith, fellowship, and fun in support of evangelization in our community and the growth of youth and young adult ministries throughout the Niagara Region and Haldimand County.

Join us for a feast of scrumptious food and drink.

DATE: Friday, November 28th **TIME:** 5:30 pm – 11:00 pm

Live auction begins: 8:30 pm

LOCATION: John Michael's Banquet Hall
1368 Uppers Ln, Thorold, ON

ATTIRE: Semi-formal

Tickets cost \$250 to attend \$125 is tax deductible

To secure a sponsorship or for more information about the Bishop's Gala please contact Emma Mete, development coordinator at development@saintcd.com. Please call the Catholic Centre for assistance 905-684-0154.



THE ST. THOMAS MORE PASTORAL COUNCIL is

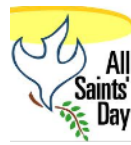
inviting all youth of the Parish from Ages 12-18, Grades 7-12 to attend our Youth Trivia Night on Saturday November 8th, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Have fun testing your trivia knowledge, spend time with friends and enjoy some tasty snacks. The event is free of charge.

Registration is required and will take place after all Masses the weekends of October 18th and 19th, October 25th and 26th and November 1st and 2nd at the back of the Church. Or by contacting Anna Racine at 905-358-3412 or rracine37@cogeco.ca

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

On November 1 and 2 we will celebrate the feast of All Saints and the commemoration of All Souls. At all the Masses for the entire month of November, we will pray for the souls of your loved ones. Please submit the names of those deceased for whom you wish parish prayers and Masses offered -- on the special envelopes provided.

We ask that you submit the names at your earliest convenience; please print names clearly.



MESSAGES OF HOPE SPEAKER SERIES

The MESSAGES OF HOPE Speaker Series is a special Jubilee 2025 initiative designed to engage those living in the Diocese of St. Catharines to learn about hope, and together, reflect and explore ways to restore a climate of hope in our world that desperately yearns for it. Each talk explores some messages and themes that Pope Francis highlighted in this Jubilee's Bull of Indiction - SPES NON CONFUNDIT: Hope does not disappoint. The next events will take place:

October 23, 2025 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Speaker: Emma Mete "Hope in Stewardship"

Place: Our Lady of the Scapular Parish, Niagara Falls

THE DIOCESAN SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

Support group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

For our pamphlet or information, please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com. Meetings will be held both in person at Mount Carmel and virtually via Zoom platform. To participate via Zoom please see contact information above to pre-register.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2025 (Sept. – Dec.)

October 27, 2025 Causes of Anger

November 10, 2025 Working Through Anger

November 24, 2025 Surviving the Holidays

December 8, 2025 Benefits of Waiting and Advent Prayer Service

❖ No meeting December 22, 2025

❖ Next meeting January 12, 2026



BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Please come out and support

St. Thomas More Bingo Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Hall 4735 Drummond Rd. Your support is greatly appreciated! Late Night Bingo Schedule 2025: October 29, November 5 & 12, December 3.

