



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 September 2026 | Sunday



Were you not bound
to have pity?

The Challenge of Forgiveness

"Forgive your neighbor's injustice." How often must I forgive the brother who wrongs me?

"Not seven times, I say, seventy times seven times."

Some of the social ills that we struggle against result in part from the refusal of people to forgive. Wars are fought and innocent people are killed, maimed, or displaced because people cannot forgive their neighbors for their actions or those of their ancestors. Our own society shows its own refusal to forgive in its obsessive clinging to the death penalty.

The world of social evil stands in need of forgiveness. Those of us who are African-American are challenged by the gospel to forgive the slave masters of their ancestors as well as the racist descendants of those slave masters. Those of us who are women are challenged by the gospel to forgive the sexist men who have colluded, through action or inaction, in the creation and maintenance of a 'man's world.' The victims of war are challenged by the gospel to forgive all the militarists of the world.

"The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion." The challenge is for us to become like God, who is our creator and guide.

Mercy in itself, as a perfection of the infinite God, is also infinite. Also infinite therefore and inexhaustible is the Father's readiness to receive the prodigal children who return to his home. Infinite are the readiness and power of forgiveness which flow continually from the marvelous value of the sacrifice of the Son. No human sin can prevail over this power or even limit it.

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

Monday, September 14 *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Catherine Frucci

Tuesday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*
(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †In Thanksgiving favours received (*St. Anthony*)

Wednesday, September 16 *Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian*
(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Erika Sulena Escobar

Thursday, September 17 *St. Robert Bellarmine & St. Hildegard of Bingen*
(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Carolyn Jopko

Friday, September 18
(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Pietro Vacca

Saturday, September 19 *St. Januarius*

4:30 p.m. †Bethsaida Daing, Manuel Cabansay, & Filipe Parreira

Sunday, September 20 **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. †Joe & Grace Iannuzzi

5:00 p.m. †Doretha Craver

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!



Sunday Collection

September 6 \$6,635

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will resume on Sunday, September 13, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



PARKING LOT SAFETY

For the safety of our children, parishioners, and all who use our parking lot, **please drive slowly and carefully at all times.** Children may be walking to and from school, and parishioners may be walking to and from the Church. **Please be alert, watch for pedestrians, and help us keep everyone safe. Thank you for your cooperation!**

Prayer Intention for the Month of September:

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

REMINDER PLEASE NOTE: Banks no longer accept corrections or alterations on cheques. We kindly ask that all cheques be written carefully with no mistakes or changes.
There are several cheques at the office that cannot be deposited
For all Special Diocesan Collections and any other donations, **please make cheques payable to St. Thomas More Church.** Thank you for your cooperation and support.



HOLY COMMUNION TO THOSE AT HOME IN HOSPITAL OR IN LONG TERM CARE

Under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Mathew, members of the Legion of Mary bring the Holy Eucharist to those parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Holy Communion is brought to- Chapel Heights, Lundy Manor, Cavendish Manor, Millennium Trail Manor, Oakwood Park Lodge and Meadows of Dorchester seniors homes. Also when requested, Holy Communion is brought to those in hospital or are confined at home. Currently Holy Communion is brought to approximately 90 parishioners per week. If you know of someone who would wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.



THE DIOCESAN SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

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 Ave NF ON
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 2026

September 28- Coping with Stress
October 13 **date change to Tuesday-Loneliness
October 26-Finding Hope and Healing Through Faith

A MASS OF PENANCE AND HEALING will be celebrated on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:00pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines).

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Sunday September 12/13 after all Masses Ministries will hosts a family Coffee social in the Parish Hall.
All are welcome!



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Attention!

Parents and or Guardian from Public & Catholic Schools
Does your child need to prepare for:
Baptism, (not baptized, or baptized in another faith tradition)? Reconciliation? First Communion?
Confirmation??

Please come forward!

We begin sacramental preparation by attending Sunday Mass. We do not wish for children to miss out on preparation for the graces of these important sacraments and the blessings they bring to family life. We especially request that grandparents and friends spread the word and to reach out. An information & registration meeting with Fr. Mathew please call the parish office today 905/356-7533 or email at stthomasmoreparish@cogeco.net

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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with Love, Respect,
Justice and Joy
In need of assistance?
Groceries - Clothing- Rent



all the Helpline: 905 374-7070



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & THE SOUP KITCHEN

Your food donation will help provide nutritious meals to people in need within Niagara. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families facing hardship in our community.

Greatest Needs:

Soups, pastas, granola bars, dried beans, canned tomatoes, and sauce.

Thank you for your kindness and continued support!

Please join us for our

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE meeting on Tuesday, September 15th, beginning with the Rosary at 6:30pm. All women of the parish are most welcome to attend
For more information, please email - Sharon Angotti
sharon.angotti.cwl@gmail.com



BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Please come out and support St. Thomas More
Bingo **October 7 November 11 December 2.**
Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Hall 4735 Drummond Rd.

Your support is greatly appreciated!
THANK YOU!



"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta