

# 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

September 13, 2026

## Mass Intentions

September 13 - 20, 2026

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

|                 |                                                                                           |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tues. ~</b>  | <b>.....Our Lady of Sorrows..... Sept. 15th</b>                                           |
| 9:00am          | + Anne Marie Metelsky<br>(by Steve & Kate D'Onofrio)                                      |
| <b>Wed. ~</b>   | <b>..Sts. Cornelius &amp; Cyprian, Martyrs... Sept. 16th</b>                              |
| 9:00am          | In Honour of Padre Pio<br>(by Ranucci Family)<br>+ Peter Izzo<br>(by Cathy & Joe Merritt) |
| <b>Thurs. ~</b> | <b>.....Sept. 17th</b>                                                                    |
| 9:00am          | + Ven Nguyen<br>(by Nguyen Family)                                                        |
| <b>Fri. ~</b>   | <b>.....Sept. 18th</b>                                                                    |
| 10:00am         | + Andrew Hendriks Sr.<br>Menno (by Mary Smeen)                                            |
| <b>Sat. ~</b>   | <b>.....Sept. 19th</b>                                                                    |
| 5:00pm          | Pro populo Dei                                                                            |
| <b>Sun. ~</b>   | <b>.....Sept. 20th</b>                                                                    |
| 9:00am          | + Members of Pucci & Belancic Family<br>(by Will and Patti Belancic)                      |
| 11:00am         | Holy Souls in Purgatory<br>(by Kate D'Onofrio)                                            |

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of



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The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

## MASS PENANCE AND HEALING

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 St.). Please plan to attend as we gather to beg for God's mercy and healing, and to pray for those harmed by the sinful actions and abuse committed by some of the priests, religious and laity of our diocese who have represented God and our diocese over the years. We will also pray to be strengthened in our resolve to be holy and faithful servants of our Lord and the people of God.

## 2026 ACTS CANADA RETREAT



ACTS is acronym for:

**Adoration** - God's call, your acceptance and answer  
**Community** - loving, caring for each other  
**Theology** - "studying" through scripture and our faith  
**Service** - to God and His people  
*"Come and renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it to your daily life."*

**Women's Retreat – September 24th - 27th, 2026**

**Men's Retreat – November 12th - 15th, 2026**

**Location:** Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre  
1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga, ON.

**Women's contact:** Catherine McAleer (647) 505-5409

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For more info, please visit our website: [www.actscanada.org](http://www.actscanada.org)

## INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 12/13

In an effort toward healing and reconciliation, the Bishops of Canada have pledged 30 million dollars to financially support Indigenous reconciliation efforts. The Diocese of St. Catharines has pledged \$250,000 to this fund over a five-year period. This last collection will take place **September 12/13**. Thank you for your generous response and donations.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Tuesday to Thursday after 9:00am Mass.

## SACRED ART - BEAUTY THAT LEADS US TO GOD

Sacred art is much more than decoration. It is visible expression of our faith that lifts our hearts and minds to God. Through beautiful statues, stained glass, paintings, icons, and sacred furnishings, the church building becomes a place where heaven touches earth. Sacred art teaches the gospel, inspires prayer, and reminds us of the presence of Christ and the communion of saints, as St. John Damascene wrote, *"beauty and sacred images lead the soul to contemplate the divine."*

Our parish has been extremely blessed over the past decade. Thanks to the generosity, sacrifices, and tireless fundraising efforts of our parishioners, we are nearing the completion of our mortgage. This is a remarkable milestone and an opportunity to begin a new chapter in the life of our parish.

As we prepare to celebrate freedom from debt, we can look forward to establishing a parish beautification fund dedicated to enhancing the beauty of our church. Every contribution will help create a more prayerful and inspiring sacred space where future generations can encounter God. By investing in sacred art today, we leave a legacy of faith, beauty, and hope for all who enter our church.



## THURSDAY MORNING BINGO

In the St. Helen Church Hall

4106 Mountain Rd., Beamsville, ON

Doors open at 10:00am, Bingo games start at 11:00am

Delicious Lunch Available

## FRIDAY EVENING BINGO

Pizza available at 6:00pm, games start at 7:00pm

## FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST COMMUNION:

A Registration meeting for parents of grade 2 students baptised in the Roman Catholic Church, who wish for their children to receive the Sacraments of First Confession and First Communion this school year will take place on **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2026 AT 7:00P.M.** in the parish hall.

## DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

We meet every second and fourth Monday at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.

**Next Meeting: September 14 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

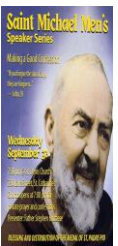
**Topic: The Journey**

For more information, please call 905-356-4113 or email:

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## SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC MEN'S SPEAKER SERIES



**Speaker:** Fr. Stephen Bruzzese

**Subject:** Making a Good Confession

**Date:** Wednesday, September 30, 2027

**Doors open:** 7:00pm prayers and confession

**Talk:** 7:30pm

**Location:** 230 Lake St, St. Catharines

*Blessings & distribution of the medal of Padre Pio*

## BECOME A PRAYER WARRIOR & JOIN OUR ST. HELEN EMAIL PRAYER MINISTRY



Be part of a simple but powerful ministry, praying for others through email. If you have a request or would like to be part of this ministry, please get in touch with:

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## THE GREAT ADVENTURE

Take a quick journey through Salvation history in **"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible", 8 – part** Bible study featuring **Jeff Cavins**. Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

Our sessions will run every **Wednesday from October 7 to November 25 at 7:00pm** at the parish hall. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Sessions, will run approx. one hour and half and include video, group discussion and some homework. Only 20 participants at this time.

The sign-up sheet is available at the back of our church.

## 2027 MASS INTENTION BOOK

Our **2027 Mass Intention Book** has arrived. Since we don't want to repeat the same situation from this year, when we ran out of dates at the end of April, we are taking Mass intentions only until the end **of June** at this time. After New Years, you will be able to book intentions for the remaining 6 months. This will allow us to have flexibility to schedule Masses in case of unforeseen circumstances (funerals, someone sick, etc.)

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding on this matter. If you have any questions please call the parish office.



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Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm  
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## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:**  
1st & 3rd Sunday at 12:30 pm  
Call parish office.

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Confirmation**  
Contact the Parish Office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Every Saturday 4:00pm - 4:30pm  
or by appointment with the priest.

**Marriage:**  
Arrangements six months in advance.  
Marriage preparation is required.

**RCIA & RCIC:**  
Contact the Parish Office.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:**  
Please let us know when someone has a serious or prolonged illness or is to have surgery. This sacrament celebrates the healing of mind and body and the forgiveness of sins.

**Catholic Funeral Rites:**  
When a death occurs in your family, please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

**Chronic Care Facilities:**  
Pastoral visits are made monthly.  
Reception of Holy Communion is available to residents.

**HOMEBOUND:**  
Notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs. When the sick, aged or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended time, pastoral visit can be arranged.

## SCHOOLS

**St. Mark**  
Principal: Marylee Kelly  
Vice-Principal: Joe Ferussi

**St. Edward**  
Principal: Jeff Moccia



Est. as a Parish - January 1, 1986

**Sunday Masses:**  
**SATURDAY: 5:00PM**  
**SUNDAY: 9:00AM & 11:00AM**

**Weekday Masses:**  
**TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 9:00AM**  
(unless otherwise posted in the bulletin)

**Adoration:**  
Daily after morning Mass weekdays.

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