

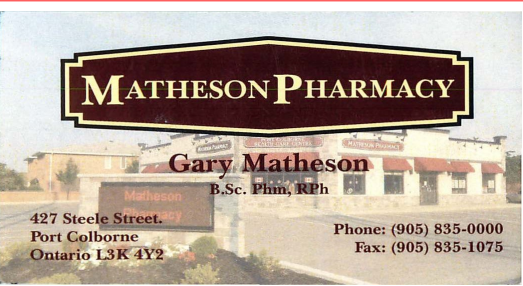
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SEPTEMBER

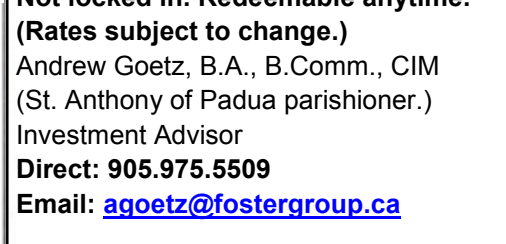


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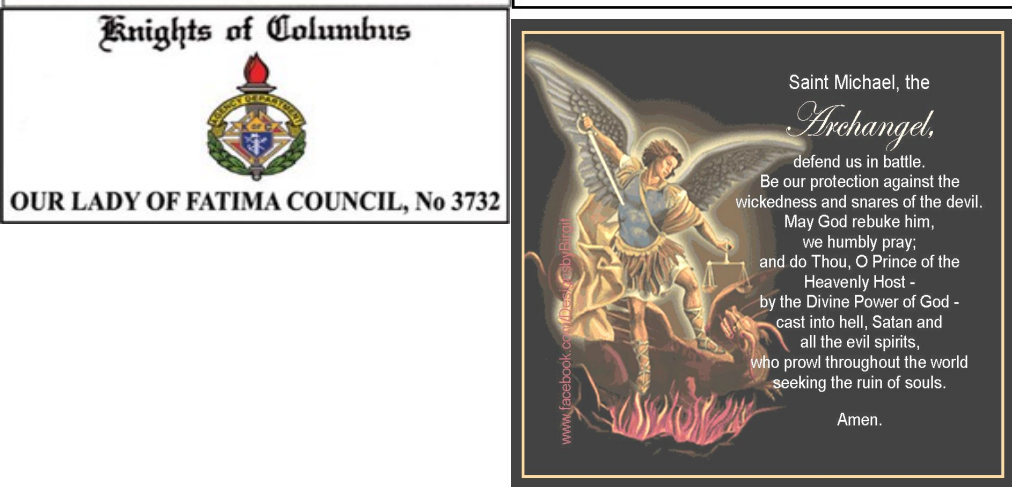
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Saint Michael, the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Friday, September 15th we honour Mary under her title Our LADY OF SORROWS. This is the major feast day of the Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters. Our Lady of Sorrows or as our community refers to her, Our Lady of Holy Cross. Later in the day I will gather with some 20 community members for feast day celebrations in Welland. We will have a special Prayer Service and a festive dinner. Our Holy Cross religious will gather to honour our patroness in sixteen countries of the world where we minister. Our Founder Basil Moreau wrote these words in 1841 -

"Mary's heart feels for each of us and of the love that burns there for us since she became our mother and adopted us as her children. It is here that you can glimpse the excess of her tenderness as you witness everything she suffered to make us happy for all eternity."

BY THE CROSS HER STATION KEEPING,
STOOD THE MOURNFUL MOTHER WEEPING,
CLOSE TO JESUS TO THE LAST.
Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen

BRIEF REFLECTION ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION
When we receive Holy Communion, Christ is giving himself to us.
He comes to us in all humility, as he came to us in the Incarnation, so that we may receive him and become one with him.

Christ gives himself to us so that we may continue the pilgrim path toward life with him in the fullness of the Kingdom of God.
From: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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Holy Mass Schedule:
The Day of the Lord begins Saturday: Vigil 4:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM
Weekdays: 8:00AM or as announced

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM
Sunday: 7:30-8:30AM
By appointment

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:
Please contact the parish priest during serious illness or before surgery.

Sacrament of Baptism:
By appointment. "Parents are obliged to see that their infants are baptized within the first few weeks of life." (C.867.1)

Sacrament of Marriage:
Please contact the parish priest as soon as possible. Pre-marriage classes are mandatory.

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NOVENA TO SAINT THERESE
The Novena to St. Therese of Lisieux will begin on Saturday, September 23 ending on October 1st, the Feast day of our Parish.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
We need you! Will you join us?
Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the Month
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 2023– Year A

Mass Schedule & Intentions: Sept 9-15

Saturday 8:00AM 4:00PM	Sep 9th—Saint Peter Claver † Daniel LaFreniere (Lynn & Pat Dyson) Vigil of Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Missa pro populo
Sunday 9:00AM	Sep 10th—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time † Maria Burnaccioni (Oldo Burnaccioni & family)
Monday	Sep 11th—Ferial
Tuesday	Sep 12th—The Most Holy Name of Mary † All souls in purgatory (Diane & Derek Miller)
Wednesday 8:00AM	Sep 13th— Saint John Chrysostom † Marino Palmina & Yvette Polverari (Joe)
Thursday 8:00AM	Sep 14th— The Exaltation of The Holy Cross † All souls in purgatory (A.F.)
Friday 8:00AM	Sep 15th—Our Lady of Sorrows † Frank Nuxoll (Lynn Dyson)

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

My time with you is passing quickly. I will finish up here at the end of September as was my agreement with the Bishop. At this point the Bishop has not shared with me who will be your new Pastor. I will share this news when the Bishop informs me.

Meanwhile, I will continue to do my best to serve you. I will celebrate opening school Masses at Lakeshore Catholic Secondary School, and St. Therese School. I will continue visits to our parishioners who are no longer able to join us. I have a Mass scheduled for Northland Pointe and will blessing a few homes. Tuesday, September 5th, I joined the CWL for their meeting.

At our daily Mass as well as our Sunday Mass, we pray for the sick, all those who have died and any others who have requested prayers. Please include this request in your own daily prayer. *“The greatest gifts we can give to each other, is to pray for one another.”*

Later on in the month, the Pastoral Council will meet. Thank you for your support. May the good Lord bless and keep you.

Wise words from the saints –

St. Vincent de Paul – *HUMILITY IS NOTHING BUT TRUTH, AND PRIDE IS NOTHING BUT LYING.*

St. John Mary Vianney – *GOD DOES NOT REQUIRE OF US FINE PRAYERS, BUT PRAYERS WHICH COME FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEART.*

St. John Henry Newman – *I BELIEVE, O MY SAVIOUR, THAT YOU KNOW JUST WHAT IS BEST FOR ME.*

St. John Mary Vianney – *ANGER NEVER TRAVELS ALONE. IT IS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY PLENTY OF OTHER SINS.*

GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents can be God’s special gift to us. Over the years I have heard so many wonderful stories from younger students as well as university students concerning their love and respect for grandparents. Pope Francis has the highest respect and love for grandparents and makes reference to them and their role in family life. He describes grandparents *as the link between generations, passing on the experiences of life and faith in the young.*

And in turn, *the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfillments.*

Recently I read fifty-eight brief comments on the role of grandparents in the lives of grandchildren. I share a few of them with you.

- ◆ *There is nothing more wonderful than the love and guidance a grandparent can give his or her grandchild.*
- ◆ *A grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend.*
- ◆ *Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children.*
- ◆ *What children need most are the essentials grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort lessons in life. And most importantly, cookies.*
- ◆ *Grandparents are the best kind of grownups.*
- ◆ *Some of the world’s best educators are grandparents.*
- ◆ *The best parents get promoted to grandparents.*
- ◆ *A grandparent has silver in their hair and gold in their heart.*
- ◆ *Becoming a grandparent is a second chance. For you have a chance to put to use all the things you learned the first time around and may have made mistakes on. It is all love and no discipline.*

Dear grandparents thank you for your witness and continue to pray for your children and grandchildren. You are so important in their lives.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

“Yes, I love the cross, the cross alone, because I always see it behind Jesus’ shoulders.”

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

“The cross is the school of love.”

St. Maximilian Kolbe

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 2023 – Year A

Mass Schedule & Intentions: Sep 16-23

Saturday 8:00AM 4:00PM	Sep 16th—Saint Cornelius, Pope † Dina Napoleone (Sister Lidia DiMatteo) Vigil of Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Missa pro populo
Sunday 9:00AM	Sep 17th—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time † Steve Czinege (Lynn & Pat Dyson)
Monday	Sep 18th— Ferial
Tuesday 8:00AM	Sep 19th— Saint Januarius † Brian Daniel LaFreniere (Annette Azzopardi)
Wednesday 8:00AM	Sep 20th— Saint Andrew Kim Tae-Gon God’s blessing on 1st Birthday for Karina (Gramma)
Thursday 8:00AM	Sep 21st— Saint Matthew, Apostle † Paul Joseph Jenkinson (Lynn & Pat Dyson)
Friday 8:00AM	Sep 22nd— Ferial † Jacqueline Matisz (Lynn & Pat Dyson)
Saturday 8:00AM 4:00PM	Sep 23rd—Saint Pius of Pietrelcina † Nunzio DiMatteo (wife Lidia) Vigil of Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Missa pro populo
Sunday 9:00AM	Sep 24th—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time † Steve Czinege (Margaret & George)

FRATERNAL CORRECTION & FORGIVENESS

The next two Sundays will focus on two demanding subjects, **Fraternal Correction and Forgiveness**. Many find these are two difficult areas of the Christian life.

I have found the following reflection helpful.

“O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.”

To adopt a hard-hearted attitude is to maim oneself.

A hard heart is a closed heart, so it can’t receive.

A hard heart inevitably becomes a barren heart.

A soft heart, on the other hand is a blessing.

A soft heart can receive and can respond.

Lord, grant that softened by the rain of your grace and warmed by the sun of your love,

our hearts may be turned from a desert into a garden.

(F. McCarthy, SDB)

The struggles you’re in today is developing the strength you need tomorrow. (R. Tew)

EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

September—Month of The Seven

Sorrows of Mary

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS –

Hosted by the CWL

Come join us on Sunday October 1st for a coffee social following the 9:00AM Mass in the parish hall. Enjoy a nice cup of coffee, tea and some sweets and visit with your fellow parishioners.

We would like to know how many parishioners would be interested in attending a **PARISH ADVENT RETREAT**. This retreat would be open to both men and women. It would be approximately 3 hours long. Please indicate what your time preference would be on the survey form. The choices are: from 9AM to 12PM, 1:00PM to 4:00PM, 6:00 PM to 9:00PM or 7:00PM to 10:00PM.

CWL NEWS

The CWL Diocesan Advent Retreat will be held at Mount Carmel on Saturday, November 11 or Thursday, November 16. Further information is forthcoming.

The next CWL meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH

On the weekend of September 23-24 a special collection will be held in all Canadian Parishes to support the pastoral work of our Bishops nationally and internationally. It helps dioceses pay the annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.