

## Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – September 6, 2026 – Year A



### Who's ready for a chai-tea latte?

As summer comes to an end, we look forward to welcoming many from our parish community back. We hope you enjoyed a restful and joy-filled summer! September brings the return of our many ministries and opportunities to grow together in faith — **Children's Liturgy, Bible Study, RCIA, and school visits** will all be resuming.

**RCIA is welcoming new candidates** who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and journeying toward full communion with the Church. Please connect with Fr. Francis if you're interested in joining.

**We can't wait to see you back and begin another wonderful year together!**

### Support to Holy Cross Missions

Dear Parishioners,

St. Thomas Church has been blessed to be served by the Holy Cross Fathers for the past six years, and we hope and pray that this ministry will continue for many more years to come.

September is a very special month for the Congregation of Holy Cross, as we celebrate our patronal feast, Our Lady of Sorrows, on September 15. I warmly invite you to join us in this celebration and to learn more about the mission and ministry of Holy Cross around the world.

This year, the Congregation of Holy Cross invites you to become part of our mission in a special way. Holy Cross serves communities in approximately 18 countries, bringing the Gospel, education, pastoral care, and hope to people in many different parts of the world.

Our missionary outreach continues to grow. In 2025, Holy Cross opened a new mission in the Diocese of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea—the Congregation's first new foreign mission in almost 40 years. This new mission, called the Holy Family Mission, was established in response to the needs of the Church and the recommendation of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization. Holy Cross priests and brothers now serve two parish communities there, accompanying families and helping to strengthen the faith of local communities.

Here in Canada, we are especially blessed by the presence of St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, founded by St. André Bessette, C.S.C., and entrusted to the pastoral care of the Congregation of Holy Cross. In the United States, Holy Cross has four universities, with the University of Notre Dame being the most widely known. Our missionary work also extends throughout Africa, Latin America, Asia, and now Oceania through our new mission in Papua New Guinea.

I warmly invite you to join these missions through your prayers and financial support. Your prayers are a great source of strength for our missionaries and for the people whom they serve.

A Holy Cross Mission envelope will be available in the parish during the month of September for those who wish to donate. Your donation will be included in your annual tax receipt.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your continued support of the mission of Holy Cross. Together, we can help bring Christ's love and hope to people around the world.

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Francis

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 13, 2026



## Mass Intentions

**8:00am Tuesday, September 8, 2026**

† Antonio Perini

**8:00am Wed., September 9, 2026**

Intentions of Dianne Corrin-Kiziak

**8:00am Thurs., September 10, 2026**

† Charlie Kirk

**8:00am Friday, September 11, 2026**

Intentions of Dianne Corrin-Kiziak

**5:00pm Sat., September 12, 2026**

Intentions of Caroline Pearson

† Jean, Bruce, Lloyd &

Marguerite Cameron

† Elizabeth Lauder

† Jorge Eliecer Beleno

† Mary & Francis Bruno

**9:00am Sunday, September 13, 2026**

† Ellen Sweeney

† Anthony Spano

† Yolande Maret dit Lepine

† Antonio Perini

**11:30am Sunday, September 13, 2026**

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**8:00am Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026**

† Alexandro Bambang Abdi

**8:00am Wed., September 16, 2026**

† Micheline & Adam Murdoch

**8:00am Thurs., September 17, 2026**

† Genevieve Tandor

**8:00am Friday, September 18, 2026**

Intentions of Lisa & Vince DiCristofero

**5:00pm Sat., September 19, 2026**

† Alberto Rosa

† Rita Silis

† Paulina & Umberto Bruno

**9:00am Sunday, September 20, 2026**

† Sylvia Djumlin

† Antonio Perini

† Helen Szalai

**11:30am Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026**

*People of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish*

## Ministry Recaps & Contact Info

**Legion of Mary...** 2 types of members;

- 1. Active - Meets Friday after the 8am Mass,
- 2. Auxiliary – Praying Members

[legionofmary.waterdown@gmail.com](mailto:legionofmary.waterdown@gmail.com)

**Catholic Women's League...** for women 16 years and older.

- Meets, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

[stthomaswaterdowncwl@gmail.com](mailto:stthomaswaterdowncwl@gmail.com)

**Knights of Columbus...** for men 18 and older.

- Meets, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month

[knights.waterdown@gmail.com](mailto:knights.waterdown@gmail.com)

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul ...**adults over 18 years old.

- Meets, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month
- Organizes Street Ministry on Thursday mornings.

[ssvdpwaterdown@gmail.com](mailto:ssvdpwaterdown@gmail.com)

## Choir Recaps & Contact Info

**Live at Five Choir...** Saturday Evenings, 5pm Mass

- Practice, Thursday evenings 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- Once a month, children are invited to join!

[jane.maccabe.freeman@gmail.com](mailto:jane.maccabe.freeman@gmail.com)

**9am Music Ministry...** Sunday Morning, 9am Mass

- Practice, Wednesday evenings, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

[ourchoir@icloud.com](mailto:ourchoir@icloud.com)

**11:30am Youth Choir...** Sunday Morning, 11:30am Mass

- Practice, Sunday before Mass at 10:30am

[bossn@hwcdsb.ca](mailto:bossn@hwcdsb.ca)

**YOUTH CHOIR... Begins on SUNDAY, SEPT 13, 2026.**

For students in Gr. 2-12. Rehearsals on Sundays at 10:30am followed by the 11:30am mass. NO experience necessary - members will learn the fundamentals of music, how to sing in harmony, will make new friends & high school students can earn their Christian service hours!

## Blessing of Pets on the Feast of St. Francis Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>

In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron St. of animals, the **CWL** will be hosting a special blessing of pets by our pastor, Fr. Francis, on **Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p.m. in the front parking lot of the church.** Please have all animals on a leash or in a carrier for their safety and the comfort of others. If your real pet cannot attend, we welcome pictures. Hope to see you and your pets there!!