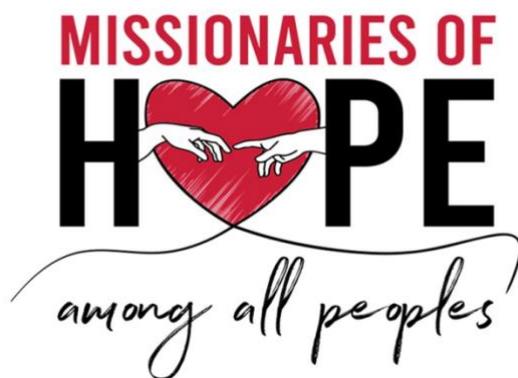


PARISH BULLETIN

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 5, 2025

The parish schedule published herein continues to the weekend of October 26, 2025
As circumstances suggest, updates will be posted on the parish website.



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SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am and 11:45 am

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

As announced in the schedule in this bulletin.

ASSISTANCE TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

For emergencies, you may contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

*As circumstances permit, on Wednesday evenings,
on Friday afternoons or by appointment.*

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SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST): Contact our Pastoral Assistant for further information.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Pastor (Fr. Robert).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for preparation and celebration should be made at least six months in advance.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS: Contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with funeral directors.

NOVENA TO SAINT JOHN XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli

In preparation for the Feast of Saint John XXIII on October 11th, we join together in nine days of prayer from October 2nd to October 10th for the intentions of our parish community, the Universal Church, our families, our personal needs, and for the peace of the world.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN XXIII

Dear Pope John,

Your simplicity and meekness carried the scent of God and sparked in people's hearts the desire for goodness.

You spoke often of the beauty of the family gathered around the table to share bread and faith: pray for us that once again true families would live in our homes.

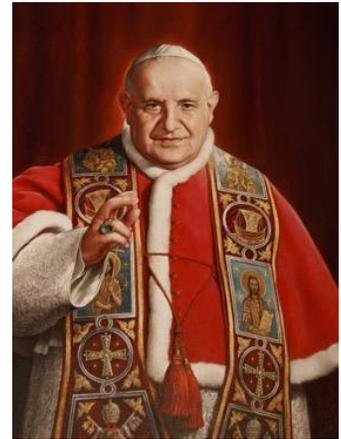
With outstretched hands you sowed hope, and you taught us to listen for God's footsteps as he prepares a new humanity: help us have a healthy optimism of defeating evil with good.

You loved the world with its light and darkness, and you believed that peace is possible: help us be instruments of peace at home and in our communities.

With paternal gentleness you gave all children a caress: you moved the world and reminded us that hands have been given to us not for striking, but for embracing and drying tears.

Pray for us so that we do not limit ourselves to cursing the darkness but that we bring the light, bringing Jesus everywhere and always praying to Mary. Amen.

Patronal Feast Day Mass will be celebrated in Saint John XXIII Church on Saturday, October 11th at 11:00 am. The Mass will be offered for the intentions of peace on earth and the special needs of our parish. As circumstances permit, fellowship and refreshments may follow the liturgy.



PUBLIC RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Pope Leo XIV has invited Catholics to pray the rosary daily in October for the intention of peace. As is our parish custom in recent years, during the month of October, which is the month of the Holy Rosary, the communal recitation of the Rosary takes place **every Saturday afternoon in Saint John XXIII Church beginning at 3:30 pm**, i.e. immediately before the 4:00 pm Mass. October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Accordingly, the recitation of the Rosary also will take place in church on **Tuesday, October 7th beginning at 12:00 noon**.

TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING

October 5 – October 11 In honour of Saint John XXIII, requested by pastor and parishioners
October 12 – October 18 In thanksgiving and for FM, requested by a friend
October 19 – October 25 Special intention, requested by a parishioner

If you wish to have the Tabernacle Lamp in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Saint John XXIII Church burn in memory of a loved one, to honour a special occasion, or for a particular intention, you may make arrangements through the Parish Office.



PLEASE PRAY for the loved ones of our community in need of healing and comfort:

Cathy Blaquera, Jean-Louis Charles, Betty Connor, René and Sue Gobeil, Bev and Steve Hewitt, Larry Kuyzk, Brett Lawrence, Kristy O'Toole, Lauran Peters, John Powell, Fr. Barry Schoonbaert, Jerome Strachan, Joe and Maria Wallack.

If you wish your name or any of your loved ones to be included in our prayer list, please notify the parish office. Be sure to obtain the consent of persons concerned before submitting their names.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR 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.

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 5 – 26, 2025

As circumstances suggest, the schedule published here may be subject to change.

Sunday, October 5	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 111th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES DAY 4 – NOVENA TO SAINT JOHN XXIII 4:00 pm Saturday MASS – <i>Jordan Braun+</i> , requested by <i>Laurette and Doug Burch</i> 6:00 pm Saturday BLESSING OF ANIMALS (at the south entrance of the church) 9:00 am MASS (livestreamed) – <i>Reynaldo Santos+</i> , requested by <i>Blaquera family</i> 10:15 am – 11:15 am CATECHISM CLASSES (downstairs in the parish hall and classrooms) 11:45 am MASS – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i>
Monday, October 6	FERIAL DAY 5 – NOVENA TO SAINT JOHN XXIII 4:30 pm Mass (offered in private) – <i>Richard (Ricky) Pilloud+</i> , requested by <i>Cathy Sabiston</i> <i>Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a St. Paul’s High School Board of Directors meeting</i> Kindly keep in your thoughts and prayers Archbishop Chatlain and the clergy of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg who are away this week for their Annual Clergy Study Days.
Tuesday, October 7	MEMORIAL: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY DAY 6 – NOVENA TO SAINT JOHN XXIII Mass (offered in private) – <i>Special intention, requested by the pastor</i> 12:00 pm RECITATION OF THE ROSARY in the church – <i>all welcome to participate</i> 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
Wednesday, October 8	FERIAL DAY 7 – NOVENA TO SAINT JOHN XXIII Mass (offered at Study Days) – <i>Special intention, requested by the pastor</i> 6:45 pm OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS 7:00 pm Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 7:30 pm Inquiry Session – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (downstairs in room 9)
Thursday, October 9	FERIAL DAY 8 – NOVENA TO SAINT JOHN XXIII Mass (offered at Study Days) – <i>Esperanza Giron+</i> , requested by <i>Medina family</i>
Friday, October 10	FERIAL DAY 9 – NOVENA TO SAINT JOHN XXIII Mass (offered at Study Days) – <i>Marcelo and Exaltacion Alberto+</i> , requested by <i>Tualla family</i> 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance 3:00 pm Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, October 11	SOLEMNITY IN THE PARISH (TITULAR FEAST DAY): SAINT JOHN XXIII, Pope 11:00 am SOLEMN MASS for the Titular Feast Day of Saint John XXIII – <i>For peace on earth and the special needs of the community of Saint John XXIII Parish</i> 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm LEGION OF MARY Praesidium Meeting (downstairs in room 6) 3:30 pm RECITATION OF THE ROSARY in the church – <i>all welcome to participate</i> 4:00 pm MASS for Sunday – <i>Ibencio De Villa+</i> , requested by <i>Legion of Mary</i>
Sunday, October 12	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00 am MASS (livestreamed) – <i>Alan Critchley+</i> , requested by <i>St. James Council Knights of Columbus N.B.:</i> <i>No catechism classes at church today – lessons may be completed at home this week</i> 11:45 am MASS – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i>
Monday, October 13	FERIAL – THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY Mass (offered in private) – <i>Special intention, requested by a parishioner</i>

Tuesday, October 14	FERIAL
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Knitting Group (downstairs in room 8)
7:00 pm	MASS – Deborah Schiloff+, requested by Cathy Sabiston
Wednesday, October 15	MEMORIAL: SAINT TERESA OF JESUS, Virgin, Doctor
6:45 pm	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:30 pm	Inquiry Session – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (downstairs in room 9)
Thursday, October 16	MEMORIAL: SAINT MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE, Religious – also WORLD FOOD DAY
	<i>Fr. Robert will be away October 16-19 to attend the annual meeting of WDECE (ecumenical officers)</i>
Friday, October 17	MEMORIAL: SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop, Martyr
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, October 18	FEAST: SAINT LUKE, Evangelist
9:00 am	MASS – Fr. Peter Nemcek will preside at this 9:00 am Mass – All welcome!
9:00 am to 1:00 pm	Archdiocesan Vocation Ministry Workshop (begins in church, then continues in the parish hall)
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	LEGION OF MARY Praesidium Meeting (downstairs in room 6)
3:30 pm	RECITATION OF THE ROSARY in the church – all welcome to participate
4:00 pm	MASS for Sunday – Mary Capri+, requested by Janet Hall
	<i>While our pastor is away, we welcome Fr. Colin Peterson who will preside at the 4:00 pm Mass today, and we welcome Fr. Richard Arsenault who will preside at both Sunday Masses tomorrow.</i>
Sunday, October 19	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – World Mission Sunday
	Collection for World Mission Sunday (use special yellow offering envelope)
9:00 am	MASS (livestreamed) – Bill Michalchuk+, requested by Wanda Michalchuk
10:15 am – 11:15 am	CATECHISM CLASSES (downstairs in the parish hall and classrooms)
11:45 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
Monday, October 20	FERIAL
	Mass (offered in private) – <i>Special intention</i>
Tuesday, October 21	FERIAL
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
7:00 pm	MASS – Raymond Hogue+, requested by Cathy Sabiston
Wednesday, October 22	FERIAL
	Mass (offered in private) – <i>Special intention</i>
6:45 pm	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:30 pm	Inquiry Session – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (downstairs in room 9)
Thursday, October 23	FERIAL
	Mass (offered in private) – Barry Burke+, requested by Genevieve Defries
1:30 pm	<i>Fr. Robert will attend a Western Diocesan and Eparchial Coordinators of Ecumenism meeting</i>
Friday, October 24	FERIAL
12:00 pm	Praying of the Angelus
12:10 pm	MASS – Monica Bird+, requested by Alfred and Marietta Gendive
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, October 25	FERIAL
10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Archdiocesan Workshop on Parish Pastoral Councils
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	LEGION OF MARY Praesidium Meeting (downstairs in room 6)

3:30 pm	RECITATION OF THE ROSARY in the church – <i>all welcome to participate</i>
4:00 pm	MASS for Sunday – <i>Eulalia Minerva+, requested by Minerva family</i>
Sunday, October 26	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	MASS (livestreamed) – <i>In thanksgiving, requested by the Castillo family</i>
10:15 am – 11:15 am	CATECHISM CLASSES (<i>downstairs in the parish hall and classrooms</i>)
11:45 am	MASS – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i>

PARISH FAITH FORMATION 2025 – 2026

Catechism Classes for children and youth

Once again we are following the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* liturgically-based faith formation program that provides weekly handouts with a short description of the Sunday Gospel plus suggested activities and discussion starters for each age level. As many will recall, this faith formation program has materials divided into the following age groups: SEEDS (Preschool), PROMISE (Kindergarten – Grade 1), GOOD NEWS (Grades 2-3), VENTURE (GRADES 4-6) and VISIONS (Grades 7-8 and up). **Those who desire their children to take part in our program are asked to submit a completed REGISTRATION FORM for each child. Catechetical lessons are to be completed in the class setting on Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. and some lessons, as circumstances suggest, in the home setting. THANK YOU to parents who have already registered their children.**

FURTHER REGISTRATIONS may be arranged at the main counter in the parish office. In-person catechetical sessions are scheduled to begin on Sunday morning, October 5th at 10:15 am.

Designated registration fees help defray some of the costs of running our faith formation and sacramental preparation programs. Given increased costs for materials, we continue to request a registration fee for each child/youth/candidate participating in our faith formation programs. Nevertheless, requested fees should in no way be considered a reason to refrain from enrolling for those persons and families for whom such fees would impose an undue hardship.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the spring of 2026 as a PREREQUISITE SHOULD BE ENROLLED NOW in our regular catechism program held on Sunday mornings. Later this year further details will be made available to parents/guardians about proximate preparation sessions for these two sacraments which will begin shortly after Christmas and will involve a mixture of lessons to be completed at church and at home.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for youth in our parish usually has taken place on a bi-annual basis. We have made no formal plans to prepare for the celebration of Confirmation in the spring of 2026. Nevertheless, if there is enough interest we could consider setting up a preparation program. If your son or daughter is interested in preparing for the celebration of Confirmation in the spring of 2026, you may contact the parish office to see what may be possible.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

How do I become Catholic?: Whatever path has led you to this time of searching or interest in becoming a baptized Christian or, if already baptized, to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that could be Good News for you in your journey of faith. **Initial inquiry sessions are being held in our parish on WEDNESDAY EVENINGS. Please contact Sharon at the parish office and/or speak with Father Robert if you are interested in participating.** Our first session is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, October 8, 2025 downstairs in room 9 at about 7:30 pm**, i.e. immediately following the 7:00 pm Wednesday evening liturgy.

The work of Catechesis is a whole parish project and an important life-long work. Every baptized person has a responsibility to seek catechesis, and has a place in helping provide catechesis for others in the community.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Non-Residential Weekend Experience

Married Couples: Worldwide Marriage Encounter is pleased to invite you to our upcoming Non-Residential Weekend Experience designed to enrich and strengthen your marriage. This experience offers a unique opportunity to deepen your connection, improve communication, and explore God’s beautiful plan for your relationship. Date: **October 24 - 26, 2025** at St. Ignatius Spiritual Education Centre, 925 Jessie Ave, Winnipeg. For additional information or to register, please contact Doug & Paulette Sutherland at doug.paulette.sutherland@wwme.org or Stan & Miriam Amaladas at stan.miriam.amaladas@wwme.org. We encourage you to register early. We look forward to welcoming you!

Daughters of God - A Single Ladies Retreat

Organized cooperatively by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and the Archdiocese of Keewatin-LePas and hosted by Archbishop Murray Chatlain, this retreat is designed for all single women (18 and above) who wish to cultivate a deeper relationship with God and discern their unique vocation. It will focus on our identity as beloved daughters of God and His personal call for you in this world. This retreat will take place from **November 7 - 9, 2025** at St. Charles Retreat Center, 323 St. Charles Street, Winnipeg. For event information and registration, [please click here](#). Or contact us via email: retreatdaughtersofgod@gmail.com or call 204-478-3205. Registration is due by October 24, 2025.

Parish Pastoral Council Workshops

Hosted by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Church Governance Commission, these workshops will serve as an opportunity for pastors and parish pastoral council members to review the updated norms, understand the Role of PPC members and how the PPC can best serve their parishes. Two dates available: **October 25, 2025 at Saint John XXIII Church**, 3390 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg and **November 8, 2025 at St. Augustine of Canterbury Church**, 327 4th Street, Brandon. You may contact Sharon Camier at our parish office for further details. Sharon is the chairperson of the Church Governance Commission.

Marriage Milestone Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg warmly invites all married couples celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2025 to a special Mass of thanksgiving and renewal of vows in honour of their Sacrament of Matrimony during the **11:45 am Mass at Saint John XXIII Church on November 16, 2025**. His Grace, Archbishop Murray Chatlain, will preside at the celebration and offer a heartfelt blessing to couples marking anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and on. This annual tradition, first introduced in our Archdiocese last year, is initiated by the Marriage and Family Life Synod Implementation Commission. Following the Mass, all are welcome to join a simple reception in the parish hall. Couples wishing to take part are kindly asked to register by Sunday, November 2, 2025. Registration can be completed by scanning the QR code on the poster or by visiting the [Archdiocese website at this link](#).

Fertility Awareness Seminar

The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface invites engaged couples—and anyone interested in Natural Family Planning—to attend the upcoming Online Fertility Health Awareness Seminars this fall. These free sessions offer valuable insights into fertility awareness methods and their benefits for marriage and overall health. Two seminars are available: November 17 (6:30 -9:00 pm) featuring the Creighton & NaPro Method (register by November 10), and November 26 (6:30 - 9:00 pm) featuring the Marquette Method (register by November 19). Registration is required at bit.ly/fhas-register. For more information, visit bit.ly/fertilityhealth-stboniface or contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Life: Marie at mfl@archsaintboniface.ca / 204-594-0274 or Nadine at mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca / 204-594-0295.

For other news and events in and around the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, go to: www.archwinnipeg.ca

Reflection for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

“Migrants, missionaries of hope” is the message of Pope Leo XIV for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees which coincides with the Jubilees of Migrants and of the Missions. The day offers us an opportunity to reflect on the connections between hope, migration and mission. The following are some excerpts from the Pope’s message:

A desire for peace, essential for humanity

The current global context is sadly marked by wars, violence, injustice and extreme weather events, which force millions of people to leave their homelands in search of refuge elsewhere. Faced with frightening scenarios and the possibility of global devastation, it is important that there be a growing desire in people’s hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all.

Witnesses of hope, through resilience and trust in God

Many migrants, refugees and displaced persons are privileged witnesses of hope. Indeed, they demonstrate this daily through their resilience and trust in God, as they face adversity while seeking a future in which they glimpse that integral human development and happiness are possible.



Messengers of hope, journeying as pilgrims

In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes. Migrants and refugees remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland, sustained by a hope that is a theological virtue.

Missionaries of hope, forging new paths of faith

In a special way, Catholic migrants and refugees can become missionaries of hope in the countries that welcome them, forging new paths of faith where the message of Jesus Christ has not yet arrived or initiating interreligious dialogue based on everyday life and the search for common values. Their presence, then, should be recognised and appreciated as a true divine blessing, an opportunity to open oneself to the grace of God, who gives new energy and hope to his Church: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Heb 13:2).

Brothers and sisters, building the Kingdom of God

At the same time, the communities that welcome them can also be a living witness to hope, one that is understood as the promise of a present and a future where the dignity of all as children of God is recognised. In this way, migrants and refugees are recognised as brothers and sisters, part of a family in which they can express their talents and participate fully in community life. The Pope entrusts all those who are on the journey, as well as those who are working to accompany them, to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants, so that she may keep hope alive in their hearts and sustain them in their commitment to building a world that increasingly resembles the Kingdom of God, the true homeland that awaits us at the end of our journey.

Read the full message at: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20250725-world-migrants-day-2025.html>

“The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the words of our God will stand forever.”

—Isaiah 40:8

Reflection for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025

“Ten were cleansed, were they not?”

Happy thanksgiving! [...] In the context of our Eucharist (which as we all know means "thanksgiving") every day we find a reason for gratitude. In the scheme of our lives, too, we have many reasons to be grateful—though we don't always focus on them. Things that are wrong and need attention take up a lot more space in our field of vision.

Think about it. In every hour probably a thousand things go stupendously north while one tiny detail goes south and that one acts like a magnet for our energies. In this one hour, if your heart kept beating, your lungs functioned admirably, and your senses are not impaired, you probably didn't notice. But if your heart skips a beat or you sneeze or your vision gets blurry, it's the loud blip on your radar. Wellness never gets applause, but pain becomes the immediate fulcrum of our experience. If we paid all the bills this month, nobody throws a party for us; we don't even get a note of congratulations from our creditors. But if the light bill didn't get covered, we're bound to attract attention, maybe even find ourselves sitting in darkness later tonight. The nerve of these people not to remember how good we usually are!

Because the negative attracts more attention than the positive, we're better at prayers of petition than those of thanksgiving. We race to God when things fall apart—and may forget to return when everything's running smoothly. If you have relatives you only hear from when he needs a handout or she needs a shoulder to cry on, you may feel ambivalent about answering the phone when their number comes up. It would be nice if the office complainer or parish critic would also acknowledge when praise is in order. I've noticed whenever there's a prayer service involving writing down sins or healing intentions on a piece of paper, everyone gets busy with their pencils right away. But if we passed the basket around at the offertory this weekend and asked for an offering of thanks for what's gone well in the parish (or diocese or church as a whole) in the last year, would folks be as quick to compose elaborate lists?

Jesus scores 10 for 10, every single time: That number comes to him for healing; that same number goes away with restoration in the bag. One practically falls over his feet racing back to say thank you. What were the excuses of the other nine? We can hear them from here: Oh, look, now it's raining! Guess I lost my old job for good. And jeez, look who's welcoming me home, it's that Margaret woman ...

— Alice Camille

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“Jesus does not demand great action from us but simply surrender and gratitude.”

—Saint Therèse of Lisieux



Reflection for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 2025

For World Mission Day in the Jubilee Year 2025, the central message of which is hope, Pope Francis chose the motto: “Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples”. It reminds individual Christians and the entire Church, the community of the baptized, of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope.

What is World Mission Sunday?

World Mission Sunday stands as a powerful testament to our shared Catholic identity. Held annually on the second to last Sunday of October, this special day unites Catholics across continents in a singular purpose: supporting the Church where it faces its greatest challenges. Instituted by Pope Pius XI nearly a century ago, this collection remains unique as the only worldwide effort directly sustaining 1,124 mission territories where the Church is nascent, vulnerable, or facing persecution.

World Mission Sunday calls Catholics worldwide to support the Church where it’s young or challenged. Your prayers and donations provide essential resources for communities that cannot sustain themselves—funding church construction, pastoral care, education, and healthcare. When your parish participates, you join Catholics everywhere in making possible the work of missionaries who build churches, train seminarians, support catechists, and serve vulnerable communities. Together, we fulfill our baptismal call to share the Gospel and become one Church bringing hope to all peoples.

“Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. Settings where other securities are preferred, like technology, money, success, power, or pleasure. These are contexts where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to its truth, where believers are mocked, opposed, despised or at best tolerated and pitied. Yet, precisely for this reason, they are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed. A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that afflict our society.”

— Pope Leo XIV, May 9, 2025

“Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much.”

—Saint Catherine of Siena

Saint John XXIII Parish Stewardship of Treasure

New parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish office to register with the parish and to arrange for pre-authorized debit or a box of regular offering envelopes.

If you prefer to donate via e-Transfer, go online and login to your online banking account. For name of recipient you may use **ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH** and be sure to use this **new email address: finance.stjohnxxiii@gmail.com**

Transfers sent to finance.stjohnxxiii@gmail.com will be automatically deposited to the account of TRUSTEES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT JOHN XXIII at RBC Royal Bank.

When making your contribution via Interac e-Transfer through your financial institution, please be sure to INDICATE IN THE MESSAGE/MEMO line what your payment is for.

As well, we urge parishioners to continue their regular contributions to our capital campaign to help pay off the debt of the loans our parish has received from the Trustees of the RCAW Inc.

For further information, you may contact staff in the parish office and/or check out information published in previous parish bulletins. Copies are available for viewing on the parish website.

A sincere THANK YOU for your continued generosity and support of our parish and its ministries!