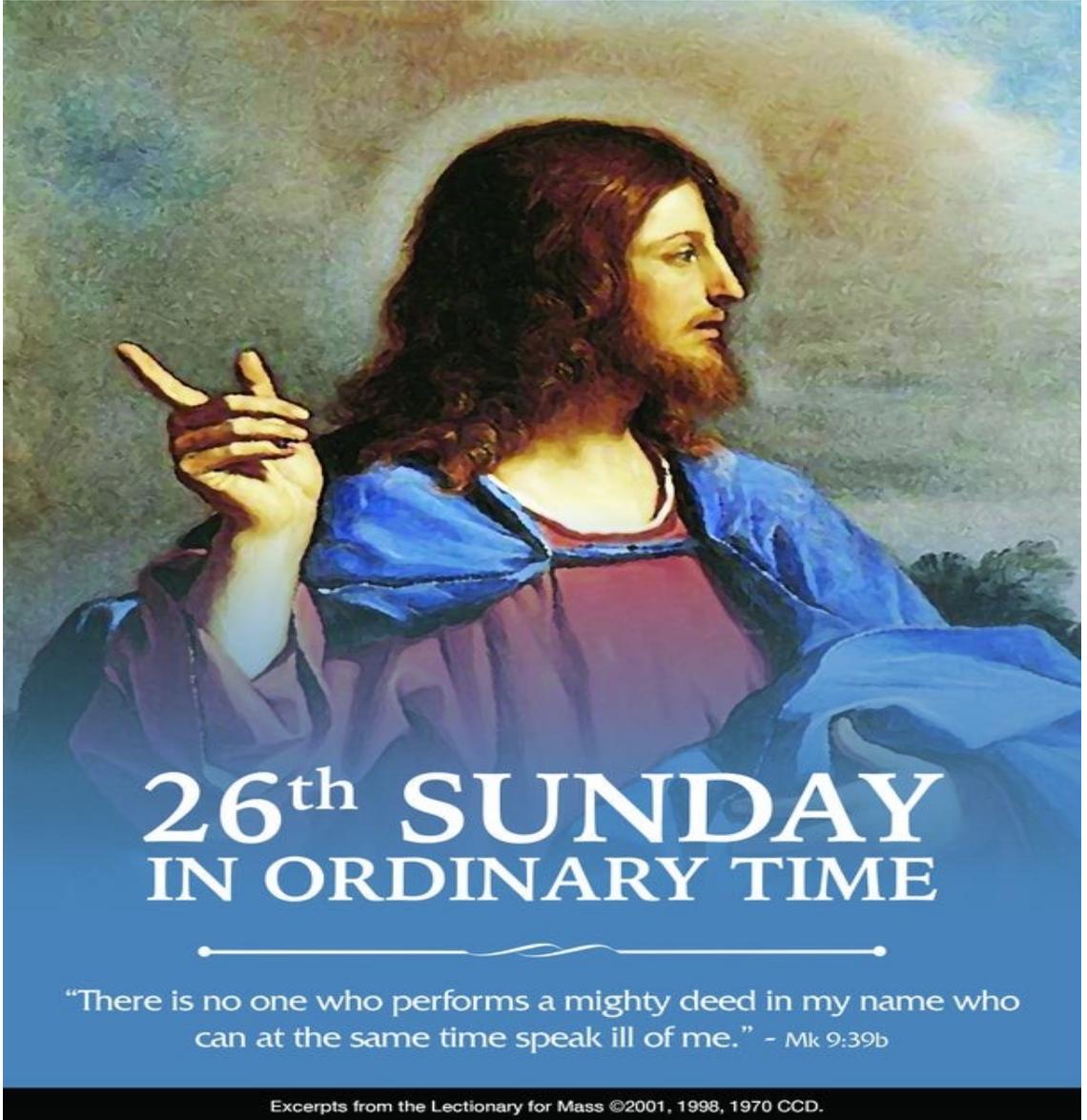




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Mass Schedule and Intentions

- 9/27: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Special Int. ^r/_b Lana Fortin
- 9/28: Malta - 5:30 PM:** Repose of Marjorie Howell ^r/_b Julie & Gary Howell
- 9/29: Malta - 8:30 AM:** Repose of Linda Lundstrom ^r/_b _ Julie & Gary Howell
- 9/30: Malta - Hi-Line Retirement Center 10:00 AM:** Grant Families ^r/_b Lana Fortin
- 10/1: Malta - 8:30 AM:** Janich family ^r/_b Darlene and Bruce Cummings
- 10/2: Malta - 4:00 PM:** Eric Riggs ^r/_b Julie and Gary Howell
- 10/3: Malta - 10:30 AM:** For all Parishioners;
- Dodson—12:30 PM:** Helen DePuydt families living and deceased ^r/_b Darlene & Bruce Cummings
- Saco - 8:30 AM:** Fortin Families ^r/_b Lana Fortin

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every **Friday** from **9 to 10 AM** after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.



Knights of Columbus
Council 2124

Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

9/26 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Numbers 11:25-29; Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-14; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

9/27: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest; Zechariah 8:1-8; Psalms 102:16-21, 29 and 22-23; Luke 9:46-50

9/28: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs; Zec 8:20-23; Psalms 87:1-7; Luke 9:51-56

9/29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels; Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12; Psalms 138:1-5; John 1:47-51

9/30: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Nehemiah 8:1-12; Psalms 19:8-11; Luke 10:1-12

10/1: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Baruch 1:15-22; Psalms 79:1-5, 8, 9; Luke 10:13-16

10/2: The Holy Guardian Angels; Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Psalms 69:33-37; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

10/3: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday; Genesis 2:18-24; Psalms 128:1-6; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Dodson—12:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Saco—8:30 a.m.



New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Eric Riggs, Bubba Kielb, Kari Hould, Lewellyn McNamara, Gary Lundman, Greg & Katie Skiff, Lana Fortin, Eric Engebretson, Linda Brown, and those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Linda Lundstrom, Marty Campbell, Alice Hanson, Wink Cole, Barb Darrah, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 and Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Everyday Stewardship

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of

what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“We learn of God’s love through the Scriptures, the testimony of God himself, where we read that ‘whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me’ (Mt 25:40). The scriptures therefore instruct all, including families, to practice charity because Christ is present in every person, especially the poor and needy.”
Pope Francis

Pope Francis’ Intention

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Fr. Felix

XXVI Sunday (B): Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Today's Scripture readings give us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance and giving scandal.

Today's first reading, the Book of Numbers was written down after the Exile, in the 6th century BC, by Jewish priests who were hoping to put the broken nation back together and to keep it faithful to God. In this reading, we find jealousy, in its destructive form of envy, raising its ugly head in Moses' assistant and successor, Joshua. Moses and seventy future helpers were called by the Lord God to the Tent of Meeting for the Spirit-giving ordination ceremony. But two of the invitees were absent, and Joshua could not tolerate these absent men prophesying in the camp without receiving God's Spirit in the Tent of Meeting. God, through Moses instructed Joshua at that time and to us today to be tolerant.

In the second reading, St. James warns the rich against giving scandal by their denial of social justice to their workers in refusing to give them a living wage, by ignoring the needs of others, and by condemning and murdering the innocent and the righteous. Withholding a day-laborer's wage was a terrible act of injustice, tantamount to murder in the agricultural economy of the ancient Middle East. Baptism commits every Christian to work for social justice through peaceable, rather than violent, means.

In the Gospel, we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. St. John complains to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples has been exorcising demons in Jesus' Name in spite of their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus responds by giving the Apostles lessons in Jesus' own kind of tolerance and in the reward to be given to outsiders for good deeds they do for the disciples of Jesus because they are serving Jesus. We also hear the strong warning of Jesus against giving scandal, especially to innocent children, vulnerable members of the community, and beginners in the Faith. Jesus instructs the Apostles, and us, that, just as a doctor might remove a limb or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us or others to sin and which leads to spiritual death. Jesus is inviting us to integrate our bodies into our following of Christ, so that our hands become instruments of compassion, healing and comfort, our feet help us to bring the Gospel to the world and our eyes learn to see the truth, goodness, and beauty all around us.

Let us avoid conduct that can lead to giving scandal and learn the Christian virtue of tolerance, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you or anyone you know are interested in RCIA classes contact Michael Ereaux. Contact information can be found in the bulletin.
- The bible study “Walking Toward Eternity” Part 2 will start this Tuesday September 28th. Class times are Tuesday morning at 9:30 and Tuesday evening at 6:30.
- Join the Public Square Rosary on October 16th at noon. It will be at the Veterans Memorial Park.

Fatima Prayers of Reparation

These prayers were revealed to the three shepherd children in Fatima during the apparitions of the Angel of Portugal.

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in the most need of Thy mercy.

My God, I believe, I adore, I trust and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not trust and do not love Thee.

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners.

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

O Jesus, it is for the love of Thee, in reparation for the offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of poor sinners.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Gospel Meditation

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

"Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear him saying 'I thirst' in the hearts of the poor...Not only that he loves you, even more—he longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close. He thirsts for you, even when you don't feel worthy. St. Teresa of Calcutta

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions



Sacrificial Giving for 9-19

	9-19	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$1,822.00	\$538.50.00
Dodson:	\$210.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$180.00	\$50.00

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Word of Life from the USCCB

“Suicidal individuals—with or without anyone want me to be alive, or care a terminal illness—typically do not enough to talk me out of this request want to die... The patient requesting and support me through this difficult assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does time?’”

Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

On Voting...

“In a democratic society citizens choose whom they vest with authority for the common good. A choice for one person over another for public office can significantly affect many lives, especially the lives of the most vulnerable persons in society, such as

children in the womb and those who are terminally ill. Therefore, Catholic citizens have a serious moral obligation to exercise their right to vote, whether on the national, state or local level”

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Saint Michael the Archangel

Feast September 29

St. Michael is the model of the Christian warrior because of the fortitude which he showed by casting into hell the legions of damned spirits.

He is the warrior of God who will not tolerate the divine Majesty to be challenged or offended in his presence, and who is ready to wield the sword at any time in order to crush the enemies of the Most High.

He teaches us that it is not enough for a Catholic to behave well: it is also his duty to fight evil. And not just an abstract evil, but evil as it exists in the ungodly and in sinners.

For St. Michael did not cast evil into hell as a principle, a mere conception of the intellect, nor are principles and concepts susceptible to be burned by eternal fire.

It was Lucifer and his minions that the Champion of the Almighty cast into hell, as he hated the evil that existed in them and which they loved.

We live at a time of profound religious liberalism. Few Christians have an inkling that they belong to a Church militant, as militant on earth as St. Michael and the faithful Angels were militant in heaven.

We also should know how to crush the insolence of wickedness. We too must tenaciously counter the adversary by attacking him and rendering him powerless.

In this struggle, St. Michael should not just be our model but our help. The fight between St. Michael and Lucifer has not ceased but continues throughout the ages.

He helps all Christians in the battles they wage against the power of darkness.

26th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39