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**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.



Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. "God makes use only of the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)."

The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit.

**Back to school prayer...Prayer for Students**

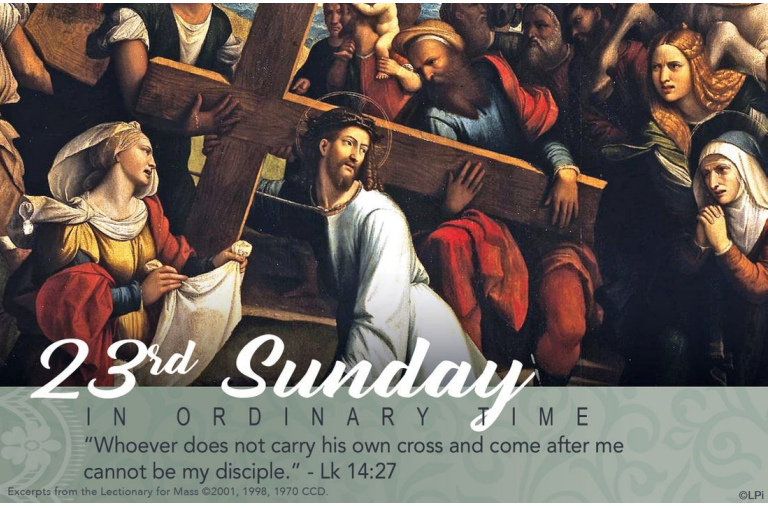
Dear Jesus, Thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school. In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world. Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write. In arts and music, help me to be creative. In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology. Jesus, you are the perfect teacher. Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school. Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect. Thank you, Jesus, for school! Amen.

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation:** In 2015, Pope Francis declared September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Coinciding with a celebration instituted by the Orthodox Church, it is also a day of ecumenical prayer and unity. The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace has some proposed celebrations on their website. The faithful should be encouraged to take practical initiatives to combat earth's environmental crisis.

**Holy Hour for Parish Catechists, Catholic Educators and Parents:** Sunday, September 18th, 2022 2-3pm. Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines

**Church Cleaners needed:** Please phone the office if you can assist, or need more information.

**Sunday, September 4th, 2022**



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| Mon. Sept 5   | 9:30am   | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| Tues. Sept 6  | 9:30am   | Reparation for offences committed against Sacred Hearts of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters) |
|               |          | <b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>   |
| Wed. Sept 7   | 7-8pm    | † Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)  |
|               | 9:30am   | Blessings & Health for Emile Bisson (Anne Marie & David)   |
| Thurs. Sept 8 | 9:30am   | † Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)   |
| Fri. Sept 9   | 9:30am   | †  |
| Sat. Sept 10  | 4-4:45pm | <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>   |
|               | 5:00pm   | Special Intention for the Walters Children & their families (Teresa & Colin Walters)                     |
| Sun. Sept 11  | 9:30am   | Missa Pro Populo   |
|               | 11:00am  | † Margaret Young (Mike & Anne Young)   |
|               |          | † Kelly Morellato (Racz Family)  |

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.**



**Youth Ministry:** We are in the preliminary stages of planning our Youth Ministry program for this fall—to begin sometime in late Sept-early Oct. Students in Grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to participate. The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate have once again agreed to lead and co-ordinate the program. All information will be forwarded once details have been finalized.

**Confirmation Registration:** If your child does not attend St. Ann School and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please phone the office to register for the sacrament.

**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine,** 4706 Miller Road, Port Colborne welcomes Bishop Bergie on Thursday, September 8, 2022, the Feast of the Nativity of Mary. The rosary will be prayed at 7:00 p.m. and Bishop Bergie will celebrate Mass at 7:30 p.m. – EVERYONE IS WELCOME. The Shrine operates May to October. Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m., in the Chapel, the Rosary is recited followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. For more information please call Shelley Tamas, 905-714-7677 or visit [www.rosaryshrineinagara.com](http://www.rosaryshrineinagara.com).

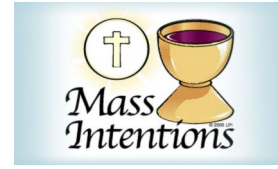
**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love, Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things!

**World Youth Day 2023, Lisbon, Portugal, July 26– August 7, 2023.** Aged 16-35 who would like to deepen their faith and experience the global church. World Youth Day allows young people to experience Christ in a new and powerful way. All youth in the Diocese of St. Catharines are welcome to attend. Contact Andrew Natale, Youth Minister St. Joseph Parish, Grimsby. 905-945-2661. [andrewjnatale@gmail.com](mailto:andrewjnatale@gmail.com) or visit: [www.stjosephgrimsby.ca/wyd](http://www.stjosephgrimsby.ca/wyd) for information on trip package/cost and highlights.



**Diocese of St. Catharines Policy concerning Collective Mass Intentions, Section 2.2: No more than two Masses with "collective" intentions and offerings shall be offered during any given week.** Beginning in September, we will designate Wednesday and Friday Masses as those for which we will accept collective intentions.



**Children's Liturgy—We would like to resume this ministry as soon as possible. Volunteers Needed!** Children's liturgy is designed to introduce our parish children to the Word and allow them to participate fully in the liturgy. On a rotating schedule, the Children's Liturgy volunteer leads the children in an age-appropriate liturgy of the Word downstairs in the church hall during the Sunday 9:30 Mass.

**Sunday, August 28th, 2022**



**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

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| Sat. Aug 27   | 4-4:45pm | <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>           |
|               | 5:00pm   | Special Intention for Annette Mastracci (Adelaine Nohara)            |
| Sun. Aug 28   | 9:30am   | † Louise MacDonald & Intentions of the Flatman Family (Gomez Family) |
|               | 11:00am  | Missa Pro Populo   |
| Mon. Aug 29   | 9:30am   | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| Tues. Aug 30  | 9:30am   | Intentions of Pope Francis (Teresa & Colin Walters)                  |
|               | 7-8pm    | <b>HOUR HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>                                   |
| Wed. Aug 31   | 9:30am   | † John & Maria Berkhout (Nohara Family)                              |
| Thurs. Sept 1 | 9:30am   | † Wayne Rebeiro (Nohara Family)                                      |
| Fri. Sept 2   | 9:30am   | † Dorothy Racz (Racz Family)   |
|               | 6:00pm   | <b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>                                   |
|               | 7:00pm   | <b>Mass</b>  |
| Sat. Sept 3   | 8:00am   | <b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>                                   |
|               | 9:00am   | <b>Mass</b>  |
|               | 4-4:45pm | <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>           |
|               | 5:00pm   | † Nick Turkovich (Bill & Mary Podolyak & Family)                     |
| Sun. Sept 4   | 9:30am   | Blessings & Health for Maria Ruby Young (Family)                     |
|               | 11:00am  | Missa Pro Populo   |

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**Offertory August 14, 2022– \$1,805.00**  
**Offertory August 21, 2022–\$2,310.00**  
**Canadian Missions—\$405.00**

**Pope's Prayer Intention Month of September:** For the Abolition of the death penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



