

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, October 5th, 2025

Intentions:
October 05 - In loving memory of **Kevin Lee Reteff**, requested by Suzanne & Ludo.
Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection
September 28 - \$665.00
Needs of the Church \$145.00 Thank You

October 07

Our Lady of the Rosary: In ancient times, Marian feasts of the Eastern Church centered on events in Mary's life. Since the 12th century, Marian feasts added to the Western calendar almost always commemorate a particular event of the times. Our Lady of the Rosary was celebrated in the 15th century by some confraternities of the Rosary, and in 1571 was solemnized by Pius V in thanksgiving for a battle victory. In 1716 Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church.

Roster for baptism is now out. It is on the notice board. Please look at it and let others know.

Tuesday 14th October at 7pm at St Michael, there will be registration of children for First confession and First communion. Please help us spread the news

Saturday 18th October at 9am there will be a mass at **St Gabriel** for Maryville Academy staff and students. Parishioners are welcome.

School Masses (*St. Michaels*)
All Saints high school: Tuesday, 7th October
St Michael Catholic school: Thursday 9th October

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Linda Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Marion Fisher, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Pope's Intentions for the Month of 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.



Gospel Reflection: The apostles' request of Jesus to "increase (their) faith" is made in the face of the seemingly impossible demands of discipleship. Jesus answers by illustrating what faithful discipleship looks like. The servant has been laboring all day in the field, but more is yet to be done. The work of the disciples is never completed. Discipleship is never-ending. To be a disciple means to be a servant. Here faith means faithfulness, that is, faithfulness in service. The faith-filled person puts in an honest day's work. That person is gracious to those with whom he or she comes in contact. That person is ready to reach out and help another, even beyond one's own workload. That person does not judge or condemn others. The faith-filled person sees Jesus in the other and responds to the situation with Jesus' love and mercy. Faith is faithfulness in action. (Living Liturgy, p.220)



Administrator's Corner
Navigating the challenges of faith
Navigating the challenges of faith begins with understanding that our plans are limited, while God's plan is eternal. A writer once said, "If you want God to laugh, tell him your plan."
The prophet Habakkuk struggled with reconciling God's justice with the reality of evil and suffering in Judah. God's response was unexpected: He would use Babylon, a ruthless nation, as an instrument of judgment. Habakkuk wrestled with God's justice, but God reassured him that justice would prevail.
Similarly, Jacob wrestled with God, refusing to let go until he was blessed. His name was changed to Israel, reflecting his newfound relationship with God. Confer, Genesis 32:22-32.
Jesus reminds us that the quality of faith is more important than its quantity. Effective faith is linked to trust, obedience, and commitment. St. Augustine's advice: "Pray as though everything depended on God and work as though everything depended on you."
Faith gives us a new perspective and way of living. It's our acceptance of Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises. Faith isn't just assent to doctrines; it's trust, righteous living, and steadfast expectation.

There are three senses of faith:

1. First, Faith means "trust." People "have faith in their banks" because their accounts are insured. Similarly, we must put our trust in the authority of God and in the truth of His doctrines. St. Paul defines Faith as confidence and certainty (Hebrews 11:1).
2. Second, Faith refers to assent to doctrines about God, taught by Jesus and the Church (e.g., our belief in the truths listed in the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed).
3. Third, Faith refers to a "bond" or "relationship," with God. Jesus tells us that if we have even a small relationship with our Heavenly Father, we can do anything. No matter how weak it seems, Faith is an overwhelming power. Even a little dose of Faith can direct our lives, comfort us when we are discouraged and challenge us when we are complacent.

Jesus reminded the Apostles that it's not the greatness of their faith, but God's power working through them that moves mountains. Forgiveness is a gift of God's grace, activated through faith.

We see this faith in action through stories like:
A middle-aged mother went back to school to complete her teacher training. She specialized in helping children with learning difficulties. In a large school she worked with a class of what others called "the retarded." Because she had actually asked for this difficult class, some teachers treated her as though she were insane. Wasn't this truly "planting trees in the sea?"
A priest in Africa deliberately committed a small crime in order to get himself put in a prison where he could minister to those who needed him most. He was "planting a tree in the sea!" He had true Faith! We need to thank God for everything, giving Him the credit for our well-being.
Jesus asked the Apostles to forgive others, not move mountains. This requires faith, and they asked Jesus to increase it. He said it's God's power, not their faith, that makes the impossible possible (Mt 17:20; Mk 11:23).
Forgiveness is a gift of God's grace, activated through faith. With God's power, we can forgive and overcome challenges.
Let's pray for greater faith and trust in God. We often forget God when life is good, but He answers our prayers in times of need. Asking God to increase our faith helps us trust Him more and serve others with love. When we isolate ourselves, we lose our faith.

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Lost and Found: Periodically, please check the lost and found basket at the church entrance for articles you may have left behind.

Sts Michael and Gabriel helpinghand ministry: Her objective is to serve needy families periodically in a timely and confidential manner. More details will be announced soon. The administrators can be reached at stmichaelshelpinghands@gmail.com or (613) 623-3419.

West Carleton Food Access Centre: (WCFAC) Please remember our local Food Bank each week by donating items to St. Gabriel's grocery cart. Cash donations of \$20.00 and over will receive a tax receipt. Please include your name and address on the envelope. See Suzanne Lee if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.



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Weekly Eucharist

St. Gabriel's (Constance Bay) **St. Michael's** (Fitzroy Harbour)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Saturday 4:00 pm Mass
	Sunday 9:00 am Mass
	Wednesday 8:00 am adoration/confession, 9am mass
	Thursday 8:30 confession, 9am mass
	Friday 8:30 confession, 9am mass

live streaming link on YouTube St. Michael's Mass at 9 am Sunday

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Confessions and Sacrament Of the Sick are also available by request.
Please contact Fr. Anthony directly to book an appointment.

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