

**Intentions: September 06:** For the Holy Souls in purgatory and for those who have no one to pray for them, requested by Janne Campbell..  
Mass Intentions: \$15.00

**Offertory Collection:**  
30 August - \$845.00    Thank You.

**Gospel Reflection:** Giving and receiving corrections is one of the hardest things we can do. Some strong motivation usually has to be present in order for corrections to be given or received and true reconciliation take place. There may be many motivations: to save face personally, to please another, to get another to change behavior that simply annoys us, etc. The last line of the gospel gives us a clue as to what underlying motivation is really the strongest: “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.” Our strongest motivation urging us to charitable correction is the fact that we share a common identity of being the body of Christ. We ourselves aren’t the reconcilers; it is the power of Christ action through his body. (*Living Liturgy*, p. 232)

**Vincentian Meditation:** People had often reproved Vincent for his harsh, almost driven streak, and commented about his steep mood swings. Defensive, Vincent would argue that he was the way he was and could not change. But during one intense period of prayer, Vincent threw himself on God’s mercy, recognizing at last that only God’s power could calm his harshness and ease his sharp mood swings. Many years later, Vincent recounted this crucial moment: “I turned to God and earnestly begged him to convert this irritable and forbidding trait of mine. I also asked for a kind and amiable spirit. And with the grace of Our Lord, by giving a little attention to checking the hot-blooded impulses of my personality, I have been at least partly cured of my gloomy disposition.” (*McKenna, Praying with Vincent*, p.68-69.)



# Administrator's Corner

## LOVE ENOUGH TO CARE: See. Speak. Restore.



There was once a man who watched his neighbor making poor choices. He saw the effects on his family and work, but he stayed silent. He thought, "It's none of my business. He may get offended." Months later, things got worse. The neighbor said to him, "You saw what was happening. Why didn't you say something?" He replied, "I was afraid of losing your friendship." The neighbor answered, "I needed a friend who loved me enough to tell me the truth." That story is at the heart of this weekend’s readings.

God appointed Ezekiel as a watchman for Israel. Not to control or condemn, but to watch, warn, and care. By our baptism we have been called to function as watchmen. We are not responsible for everyone, but we are responsible for those God has placed within our reach. Parents are watchmen for their children, spouses for one another, friends for friends, and priests for their parish. As St. Basil the Great teaches, we are members of one body and cannot say the other is none of our business. To see with love means seeing the person behind the problem. A young person may not need another angry lecture, but someone willing to listen. A parishioner who stopped coming to Mass may not need, "We haven't seen you in church!" but rather, "We miss you. Is everything okay?" St. Gregory the Great warns us about silence when he says that the preacher who remains silent when he should rebuke becomes responsible for the loss.

After seeing comes speaking. Jesus says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." He does not say tell everyone or post it on social media. He says go to him alone. St. John Chrysostom explains why: “to correct in private is to heal, not to shame. To expose a brother in public makes him more stubborn, not more holy.” Before speaking, we should ask: Is it necessary? Is it the right time? Am I speaking out of love or out of anger? St. Augustine is blunt: "If you fail to rebuke your brother when you see him doing wrong,

you become worse than he is." But he adds, let love be the root, otherwise you satisfy yourself, not heal him.

The goal is not to win an argument, but to win back a brother. As Jesus says, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." Love does not pretend that nothing happened, but it says, "Our relationship is worth fighting for." We also need humility to receive corrections. Sometimes God speaks through our spouse, our child, or a friend. St. Benedict reminds us “to hate faults but love the brothers, lest we break the vessel while trying to remove the rust.” St. Paul gives the foundation: "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." Christian love is therefore not a feeling but a decision and responsibility to notice, listen, speak, correct, give another chance, and refuse to abandon people unnecessarily. Dear friends who is God asking you to build a bridge with this week?

Fr. Anthony

**Pope’s Intentions for the Month of September:** For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



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



**Cemetery Mass:** this year’s cemetery mass comes up on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars and also spread the news.

Saturday 12th September, 10am, venue rectory, parishioners are invited to attend a teaching section on praying with the word of God (Lectio Divina) in order to benefit richly on Eucharistic adoration.

The funeral mass of Sundance is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. At 11am at St. Michael church. Please pray for his repose and God’s consolation to the family.

Our next Bottle Drive is this coming Saturday, September 12th.

### Weekly Eucharist

**St. Gabriel's**  
(Constance Bay)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass

**St. Michael's**  
(Fitzroy Harbour)

Saturday 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday 9:00 am Mass

Wednesday 8:00 am adoration/confession,  
9:00 am mass

Thursday 8:30 am confession, 9am mass

Friday 8:30 am confession, 9am mass

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



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held at St. Michael's Parish only:** You are most welcome to join us Wednesday mornings, with exposition at 8:00 am and Mass at 9:00 am

St. Michael's Live streaming link on YouTube  
Sunday Mass 9 am  
**StMStG-Live**

#### Lost and Found

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

#### Suggestion Box

The Suggestion Box at the rear of the church is there for you to give us your observations, comments, suggestions, new fundraising ideas etc. for enrichment of our parish. **Please use it!**

#### Intentions Book:

You are invited to write your prayer requests in our special intentions book in the back of the church - as many and as often as you like. It is important that we verbalize in some form, our desire before God. You are very welcome to be anonymous.

### Pastoral Directory

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**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](mailto: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**



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# All Welcome



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