

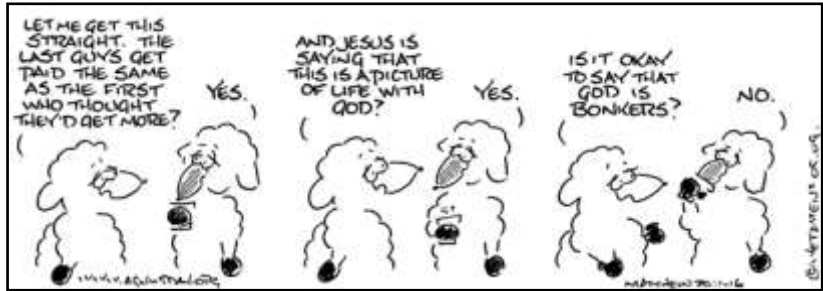
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 20, 2026

Intentions: September 20: In loving memory of **Kevin Lee Reteff**, requested by Suzanne & Ludo.
Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection:
13 September - T.B.A Thank You.

Gospel Reflection: We all put off to the eleventh hour some piece of work that we have to do with respect to God or each other: prayer, forgiveness, charity, justice, etc.) If this parable teaches us something about how great God is and how generous, then we are called to this same greatness and generosity. Wouldn't nations be different if debts could be forgiven and those who have were generous to those who have not? Wouldn't families be different if hurtful behavior ceased and was forgiven generously? Wouldn't individuals be different if we measured another only by his or her goodness? The landowner says to his grumbling laborers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" God's generosity with us goes far beyond any measurement by human standards. (Living Liturgy, p. 240)

Vincentian Meditation: St. Vincent knew himself to be sustained by God's motherly and fatherly love. He could not conceive of a harsh and dreadful God. From his boyhood, he had prayed to the all-merciful, warm, and loving Father of Jesus, an **Abba** (Daddy) who called all of his children beloved. Vincent rested and warmed himself in God's parental care and protection. Compassion, in Vincent's view, was God's name. Vincent once wrote: "God will take the place of father and mother for you. He will be your consolation, your virtue, and in the end the recompense of your love.(McKenna, Praying with Vincent, p.30-31.)



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.*

Administrator's Corner

God's Grace is Not a Competition: Receive, Rejoice, Respond.



We have a natural habit of comparing. We compare our homes, families, children, jobs — and even our relationship with God. "Why does he have more than I do? Why was she blessed and not me?"

We see it every day. When someone buys a new car, we immediately pressure our partner to buy one for us. When a neighbour builds a new house, we feel our own house is no longer enough. When a friend buys new jewelry, we want the same — or even better. We see another family and think, "Their children are doing better than mine." Someone gets a promotion and we wonder, "Why him and not me?"

This weekend's Gospel gives us a clear answer: with God, there is no competition.

Dear friends, comparison slowly turns gratitude into resentment. A person who once prayed, "Thank you, Lord, for all I have," begins to pray, "Why don't I have what they have?" We forget that God has not called us to run somebody else's race. Each person's journey is unique.

St. John Chrysostom, reflecting on this Gospel, points out that the early workers became angry not because they lost anything, but because they could not rejoice in another's blessing. He gives us the Christian response: "Let us be thankful not for our own blessings alone, but also for those of others."

St. Augustine adds, "Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's progress."

What a transformation that would bring! Imagine spouses who rejoice when the other succeeds instead of competing. Imagine parents who can genuinely celebrate another person's child. Imagine parishioners who are truly grateful when another ministry flourishes, instead of thinking, "I have been here longer."

Another person's blessing is not your loss. Another person's new car, house, or success does not make you less loved by God. There is enough grace in God's house for everyone.

This weekend's gospel also reminds us it is never too late for grace. Someone may return to Church after years away. How should we respond? Not "Where have you been?" but "Welcome home!" God does not give up on people, and neither should we.

God's ways are not our ways. We think I worked harder, so I deserve more. But God's way is grace — a free gift.

So this week, let us live by three simple prayers:

- When God blesses me, I will give thanks.
- When God blesses you, I will rejoice.
- When God gives me grace, I will share it.
- Because God's grace is not a competition.

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.

Celebrating the Season of Creation: You are invited to join this Annual Outdoor Mass and lunch at the Naatagama Camp in Fitzroy Harbour this coming Saturday, 26th Sept. at 11:00 am. (see Poster in vestibule).

Tourtière / Fruit Pie Fundraiser: Our St. Gabriel's bakers are into the planning of our annual Christmas fundraiser. Non-perishable ingredient donations to make tourtières and fruit pies would be greatly appreciated. White flour, Tenderflake Pure Lard, Vegetable shortening, Cans of Ginger Ale, Salt, White sugar. Brown sugar, Large Ziploc bags. Thank you, Martine (See poster in vestibule).

Tuesday 22nd September parishioners are encouraged to attend two and half hour's program on praying with the word of God. Venue our parish priest's house, Time 2pm

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.

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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 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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