

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27, 2026

**Intentions: September 26** - In loving memory of **Kevin Lee Reteff**, requested by Suzanne and Ludo.  
Mass Intentions: \$15.00

**Offertory Collection:**  
13 September - \$ 640.00  
20 September - \$1195.00      Thank You.

**Prayer to St. Gabriel, for Intercession**

**Blessed Saint Gabriel, Archangel.**

**We beseech you to intercede for us at the throne of divine mercy: As you announced the mystery of the Incarnation to Mary, so through your prayers may we receive strength of faith and courage of spirit, and thus find favour with God and redemption through Christ Our Lord. May we sing the praise of God our Savior with the angels and saints in heaven forever and ever. Amen.**



**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*

**IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO CHANGE**



One of the greatest blessings from this weekend’s Gospel is the assurance that it is never too late to change.

Sometimes we look at our past and say, "I have gone too far." Sometimes we look at another person and say, "That person will never change." But God does not look at us that way. He believes in conversion. As St. Jerome reminds us, "We do not seek in

penance how long a man has lived in sin, but how he lives now."

That is why God promised: when the wicked repents, he shall live. God is not only interested in where we have fallen, but in what we can become.

The story of the two sons gives us a beautiful example. The first son said "No" to his father but later repented and obeyed. The second said "Yes" but never went. God is not looking for people who only know how to say the right words. He wants hearts willing to change.

St. John Chrysostom, preaching on this Gospel, says: "Do you have sins? Do not despair. Even if you sin every day, repent every day... For it is never too late to repent." The Fathers teach us that God does not measure the time of our coming, but the fervor of our return.

Perhaps we have all been like the first son at times: "No, Lord, I don't want to forgive. I am not ready to change." But the good news is that the story did not end with "No." He changed his mind. That is the Gospel of hope.

St. Paul gives us the perfect Son as our model — Jesus. He did not merely speak about humility, He humbled Himself. He did not speak about obedience; He obeyed unto death.

I recall a man who had spent years making poor choices. His family had lost trust in him. When asked to try again, he said,

"It's too late." The reply was simple: "You cannot change yesterday. But you can change today."

He began small — one apology, one prayer. Trust was slowly rebuilt. That is how conversion works. Grace first changes the direction of our heart, then our life follows.

St. Augustine, who himself came to God late, prayed: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new!" His life proves no one is beyond grace.

So today, if you have neglected prayer, it is not too late to begin again. If you have hurt someone, it is not too late to say sorry. If you have wandered from God, it is not too late to come home.

Do not be a prisoner of your past. The vineyard is still waiting. Our vineyard is our marriage, family, workplace, parish, community and heart. And God continues to say: “Go and work in my vineyard.” Amen.

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.



**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, Cans of Ginger Ale, Salt, White sugar. Large Ziploc bags. Thank you, Martine (See poster in vestibule).

**Béa Pajot** is celebrating her 90th birthday and her family are inviting friends to her party on October 3 from 2-4 at Granite Ridge Care, 5501 Abbot Street E, Stittsville. Please call her daughter Lisa Ann at 613-790-0200 if you will be attending.

**Saint Gabriel Parish** will be 80 years old on Tuesday September 29th.

## 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 [stmichaelshepinghands@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelshepinghands@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**



## St. Gabriel's

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# All Welcome



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