30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 25, 2026

Intentions: October 25 - 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:
18 October - $1260.00 Thank You.

Reflection: The love of God is central to our lives: love with all one's heart, soul, and mind. If the second commandment to love neighbor as self is like the first, then we might surmise that we must love our neighbor *in the same way* as we love God. Loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts; it is expressed in doing good for the sake of others. (Living Liturgy, p.260)

Vincentian Meditation: "Let us love God, my brothers, let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow." –St. Vincent de Paul (McKenna, Praying with Vincent, p.64)



Tourtière / Fruit Pie Fundraiser: Our Christmas Tourtières are now available to be purchased at the price of $30.00. Get one early as they will be on limited quantities this year.



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.*

Pope's Intentions for the Month of October: For mental health ministry: Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Administrator's Corner

Let Your Love Become Visible:
See the Need, Show Compassion, Take Action



The readings this weekend teach us that love is not measured only by what we say, it is revealed by what we do. In the Gospel, Jesus joins two commandments together: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." They are two sides of a coin.

We can pray beautifully, sing enthusiastically, and attend Mass faithfully. But we must ask: Does our worship make us more compassionate? As St. John of the Cross reminds us, "At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love."

In the first reading, God teaches His people to let their past suffering as strangers in Egypt become compassion rather than indifference. Perhaps you remember when someone helped pay your bills, visited you in illness, or welcomed you when you felt like an outsider. Such kindness should inspire our own.

We have elderly people living alone, families struggling, and individuals battling grief or loneliness. God hears the cry of the vulnerable. Therefore, we must be careful not to become the reason someone cries. As St. John Chrysostom said, "If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice."

Think of Martin of Tours who encountered a poor man inadequately clothed at the gates of Amiens. Martin cut his military cloak in two and gave half to the man. That night, he dreamed of Christ wearing the portion he had given away. The story recalls Jesus' teaching: whatever we do for those in need, we do for Him. This is what Mother Teresa meant: "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Pope Benedict XVI recounts this story in Deus Caritas Est, no. 40, as an enduring example of personal charity.

Loving our neighbor does not mean approving everything someone does. Nor does it mean remaining in an abusive or dangerous situation. Genuine love respects truth, protects human dignity, and sometimes requires appropriate boundaries. If we want to know how much we love God, let us examine how we treat people around us.

Pope Benedict XVI teaches that love of God and love of neighbor are so united that neglecting our neighbor closes us to God Himself (Deus Caritas Est, no. 14). Pope Francis, reflecting on this Gospel in his Angelus address of October 26, 2014, added that the visible sign of our love for God is the love we show our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, the world needs Christians whose lives make the Gospel believable. We do not need to be perfect before we can love. We need to be willing to let God transform us, one day and one act of kindness at a time. For as Mother Teresa said, "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family."

Three Steps This Week: 1. SEE THE NEED 2. SHOW COMPASSION 3. TAKE ACTION. Let Your Faith Become Visible.

Fr. Anthony

October 25

Saint Crispin and Saint Crispian: (also known as Crispinus and Crispianus)
Brothers and members of the imperial Roman nobility. Together they evangelized Gaul in the middle 3rd century. They worked from Soissons, France where they preached in the streets by day, made shoes by night. Their charity, piety, and contempt of material things impressed the locals, and many converted in the years of their ministry. Martyred under emperor Maximian Herculeus, being tried by Rictus Varus, governor of Belgic Gaul and an enemy of Christianity. A great church was built at Soissons in the 6th century in their honor; Saint Eligius ornamented their shrine.
Because of his association with shoes, shoe-making, etc. a shoeshine kit is called a "Saint-Crispin"; an awl is "Saint Crispin's lance"; and if your shoes are too tight, you are "in Saint Crispin's prison."
Died: tortured and beheaded c.286 at Rome, Italy

An Evening of Healing and Prayer

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered by two confessors starting at 6PM. At 7PM will be the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. Francis Donnelly, CC. Fr. Francis will then pray over everyone desiring healing prayer. He will then offer the Sacrament of the Sick to those who qualify for it. Several prayer teams from the Holy Spirit Healing Clinic, the People of Joy Prayer Group, and the Encounter School of Ministry will be available for healing prayer at the end of the evening.
DATE Nov 06 2026 **TIME** 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm **LOCATION** St Augustine Parish 1060 Baseline Road, Ottawa, ON K2C 0A6

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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