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# 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

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## WORKING ONE HOUR

Jesus taught by using metaphors drawn from the daily life of his day. But he always added a twist to bring out the message. The secret of the parables is to look for the twist.

It was common to see migrant farm workers looking for hire. The farmer would need large numbers to harvest his crop. The fact that he would return seeking more laborers is not unreasonable. The twist to the story is the fact that he chooses to give everyone the same pay. In real life his largess would be ruinous. The next time no one would show up early. But this story is not about earthly wage practices. It is about God's generosity in giving everyone of us the same amount of heaven. There are no back seats in paradise, we will all get equal love



## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thanksgiving is around the corner. SVDP will again provide donation bags at all masses starting September 23, 24, 30, and October 1.

A suggested list of food items is attached to the bag. These are most in demand to help you. We are grateful for all donations. Please consider the food bank when shopping. The food bank is seeing an increase in new registered clients needing assistance with basic groceries.

Please return the bags to the church and place them in the barrels at the church entrance or return to the food bank in the Pastoral Centre Monday - Friday 9 am -11 am. Your continuous support is a blessing to those in need in our community.

## ST. ALFRED ROSARY RALLY

Please join the public square rosary rally taking part at this parish as one of many rallies taking place across Canada, sponsored by the Canada Needs Our Lady campaign. Last year the rally held at St. Alfred parish was one of 774 rallies across Canada and the turnout was great! The rally is to take place on Saturday, October 14, in front of the Holy Family statue, starting at noon, for one hour. please arrive at least 10 minutes in advance. Spread the word! This is a public square rosary, on the Saturday closest to the 106th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. It is supposed to be a public witness the Catholic Faith and a prayer for Canada.

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## Summer Sale

Today is the Religious Store BIG END OF SUMMER SALE! We are in St. Mark's Room. Come and have a look!

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## Olive wood and Holy Land Sale

Next weekend September 30<sup>th</sup> and Oct 1<sup>st</sup> in the foyer of the church is the Christmas olive wood Holy Land display fundraising to support our Catholics in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. We accept visa, Master card, Debit and Cash.

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## ST. ALFRED PASTA DINNER

St. Alfred Pasta Dinners return this coming Wednesday, Sept. 27th from 4:30 to 7:00 pm in St. Mark's room.

\$15 which includes red or white pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, a drink and dessert! What a deal!

Plus children 12 and under is \$8

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## Life Chain 2023

Can you spare one hour to save a Lifetime? Join thousands across Canada on October 1, 2023 in prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life. This is a family-friendly event providing a unique opportunity to witness to our neighbours a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth. Contact Muriel Dyson at 905-735-3666 for information on the Life Chain taking place in Welland on Niagara Street at the Seaway Mall at 2:00pm or contact Angela Braun at (905)931-0363 for information on the Life Chain taking place along Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. Times and locations of all the Life Chains across Canada can be found at <https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain>.

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## You are Invited....

**On Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. we welcome Bishop Bergie as we celebrate the Investiture of Msgr Hugh Gibson as Chaplain of the Papal Household.**

**The evening will begin with the Investiture followed by a Mass of Thanksgiving .**

**All are welcome!**

**Reception to follow in the Pastoral Centre.**

Hospitality Sunday is Today please join us following all Masses in the St. Mark room for coffee and fellowship.

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## DAILY MASS INTENTION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

Mon	Sept 25	~ 8:00 a.m.	Dave Smith/ Mr. Souphy Phenghach/ Anna Su Tran
Tue	Sept 26	~ 8:00 a.m.	Mrs. Tiane Phengphachanh Sathian Phonasa/ Peter Duke Nguyen
Wed	Sept 27	~ 9:00 a.m.	Frank Miele/ Charles Perera Rita Novakowski
Thur	Sept 28	~ 8:00 a.m.	Antonio Carbonara/ Mr. Outhay Phengphachanh/ Trinidad Espiritu
Fri	Sept 29	~ 8:00 a.m.	Michael Donatelli/ Frank Cirello/ Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Soares
Sat	Sept 30	~ 8:30 a.m.	Peggy Niven/ Anna Su Tran/ Mr. Sanith Phanthourath
		~ 5:00 p.m.	Pasquale DiLeo/ Teresa Venneri/ Mary Hartwick
Sun	Oct 01	~ 7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Popolo
		~ 9:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Pietro Magnotta/ Concetta Corvenelli/ Frank Pennacchio
		~ 11:30 a.m.	Art Lee/ Rosario DeLuca/ Rose DeLuca

## SYMBOLON- THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED VIDEO SERIES

We might be familiar with different aspects of the Catholic Faith, but how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives? Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained opens up the “big picture” of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us know it, live it, and articulate it to others.

This 5 week video series and discussion will be presented in the St. Mark room from 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Weekly Topics will include:

Week 1- Oct 24<sup>th</sup>: The Journey of Faith & Divine Revelation

Week 2- Nov 1<sup>st</sup>: The Bible & The Story of Salvation

Week 3- Nov 8<sup>th</sup>: Who is Jesus? & The Paschal Mystery

Week 4- Nov 15<sup>th</sup>: The Holy Spirit & Why do I need the church

Week 5- Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>: Mary & the Saints & The Last Things

### Digital Skills for Seniors

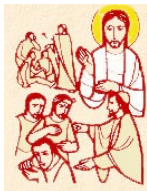
No Cost Training!

Register now to learn: computer basics, smart phones, safe internet browsing, Applications for daily use (ie WhatsApp, Health Apps, etc), e-banking, connect with volunteer opportunities

Age: 55+ and residing in Ontario

Program helps you to keep in touch with your family and friends, helps you to learn technology while connecting with people in your community.

For more information call Fatima at 905-685-6589 ext 233



## XXV DOMENICA TEMPO ORDINARIO

24 settembre 2023

«Sei invidioso perché io sono buono?» *Mat. 20:15*

Domenica dell'ospitalità

Oggi è la domenica dell'ospitalità. Fermatevi dopo la Messa per condividere un caffè con i vostri amici parrocchiani.

Siete invitati a St. Alfred Pasta Dinner  
Le cene di pasta ritornano mercoledì prossimo,  
27 settembre, dalle 16:30 alle 19:00.

Stanza di San Marco.

\$ 15 che comprende pasta rossa o bianca,  
polpette, insalata, pane, una bevanda e un  
dessert! Che affare!

### Sei invitato....

Martedì 17 ottobre alle 19:00 diamo il benvenuto a Mons. Bergie mentre celebriamo l'investitura di Mons. Hugh Gibson a Cappellano della Casa Pontificia. Tutti sono i benvenuti. Seguirà accoglienza nel Centro Pastorale.

Vendita legno d'ulivo e Terra Santa

Il prossimo fine settimana, il 30 settembre e il 1 ottobre, nell'atrio della chiesa si terrà la mostra natalizia in legno d'ulivo Terra Santa per raccogliere fondi per sostenere i nostri cattolici a Gerusalemme e Betlemme.

### Orme sulla sabbia

“Ho sognato che camminavo in riva al mare con il Signore e rivedevo sullo schermo del cielo tutti i giorni della mia vita passata. E per ogni giorno trascorso apparivano sulla sabbia due orme: le mie e quelle del Signore. Ma in alcuni tratti ho visto una solaorma. Proprio nei giorni più difficili della mia vita. Allora ho detto: “Signore, io ho scelto di vivere con te e tu mi avevi promesso che saresti stato sempre con me. Perché mi hai lasciato solo proprio nei momenti difficili?”

E lui mi ha risposto:

“Figlio, tu lo sai che ti amo e non ti ho abbandonato mai: i giorni nei quali c'è soltanto un'orma nella sabbia sono proprio quelli in cui ti ho portato in braccio”.

~ Anonimo brasiliano