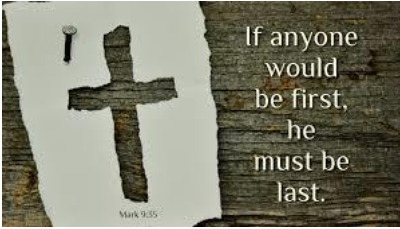



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Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time (4)

Date <small>September</small>	Place	Time	Liturgy	Intention/Donor
SAT 21	SHJ	5pm	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 	Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family
SUN 22	SJM	9am		Gord Pregioso [RIP] <i>Jo Vanattan</i>
	SFA	11am		Private Intention <i>Kateri Bamford</i>
TUE 24	SFA	9am	Ferial	Bill Higgins [RIP] <i>Mary and Wayne Raybould</i>
WED 25	SFA	9am	For the Forgiveness of Sins (1296) Exposition/Confession	Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory <i>Jules Hubert</i>
	SJM	3:30pm	LW&C	
THR 26	SFA	9am	SS Brebeuf & Jogues	Gary Maingot [RIP] <i>Maingot Family</i>
FRI 27	SJM	10am	LW&C	
SAT 28	SHJ	5pm	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 	Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family
SUN 29	SJM	9am		Jack Dinis [RIP] <i>Victor Dinis</i>
	SFA	11am		Liane Zafiropoulos [RIP] <i>Mary and Wayne Raybould</i>

Lay Ministers

Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Sept 21 Sun, Sept 22	Lector – T. O’Shea	Lector – D. Kerby Usher – B. Kerby
Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Sept 28 Sun, Sept 29	Lector – A. Bourgeois	Lector – J. Gosson Usher – J. Forestell

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

How often does ambition get in the way of holiness? In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells His death and the Apostles respond by arguing over who among them is more important. But the Apostles' aspirations and motivation stand in stark contrast to the humility necessary for discipleship; their lack of understanding signals a need for instruction. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all," Jesus explains. Those who follow Him are to be humble peacemakers who serve others instead of seeking power and accolades. We are to model Jesus, Who humbled Himself to the point of death on a cross! (Cf., Phil 2:8) Having goals and ambitions is not a bad thing, but they must grow from the seeds of virtue (humility, charity, faith, and hope) rather than as spores of sin (pride, opportunism, and greed). As James wrote in our second reading, "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits." Seeking to serve, rather than be served, then, is the hallmark of faith well-lived. "Whoever receives one child such as this in My name, receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but the One Who sent Me." The path of humility which Jesus models for us is not just one of compassion and kindness but one which allows us to grow in relationship with the Lord. As we serve and attend to each other, we embrace God who dwells within each of us and in Whose image we are made. We become more like Him in following His example. If we cultivate the virtues of humility, charity, faith, and hope in ourselves by practicing them with our families and friends, we will become souls steeped in God's peace. Furthermore, our peace will be unshakeable because it will not be based on our emotions but on our faith in God's love. "Behold, God is my helper," our responsorial psalm declares. "The Lord sustains my life." If I am convinced that God sustains my life, what do I have to fear? We can't live in peace if we don't turn to God to guide us in peace. This week take 15 minutes every day to pray for peace – in your life, in your family, in our nation, and in the world. When you hear news of war and conflict, take a minute to recite a prayer for peace in the hearts of all those involved.

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Parish Income AUGUST 2024

SPIRITUAL: 660 persons attended Mass in the month of August 2024
FINANCIAL: \$8140.05 were received towards Parish Upkeep in the month of August 2024.

Cemetery News

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Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus hold their General Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Parish rectory at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome to attend.

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CWL – Important News!

The St. James the Minor CWL met this past Sunday for our first meeting of the new year. 18 women attended the meeting and there was lively discussion about our plans for this year! As many of you know - our council has for years, supported many worthwhile community causes such as a monthly donation to Birthright, the Stirling Festival of Sacred Praise, a bursary for a graduating student of St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School, the many charities that our Archdiocesan, Provincial and National Councils ask us to support and most of all - we support our parish with two annual donations as well as gifts at Christmas and Easter for our parish priest. Historically we have raised money from the proceeds of Loonie Brunches, The Sales Barn at Hoards Station, an Artisan Sale, Trunk and Yard Sales, provision of hot lunches for Nicholson student retreats and even back in the day through fashion shows and other parish events.

In the past couple of years, fundraising has shifted to be more parish centred and much effort has gone into our parish dinners, our parish run Sales Barn events etc.. We truly understand that our whole parish needs to benefit from these efforts as costs for utilities, insurance, snow removal, grass cutting etc. continue to rise. Our small group of active members can only do so much! We cannot give our energy to these parish fundraisers and continue to expend our energy and resources on CWL fundraisers. Hence we are asking you - all 30+ members and any other women in the parish to consider the following invitations:

1) Contributing to a "Bakeless Bake Sale". We aim to hold this event in early October. We would ask that you put a donation of the amount that you would normally spend on ingredients in an envelope marked Bakeless Bake Sale and put it in the collection plate on any Sunday in October. For example - if you would normally spend \$20 on ingredients for a coffee cake - then simply donate that \$20 directly to the CWL.

2) We are changing the name of Loonie Brunch to Toonie Brunch and we are asking folks to double what they would normally put in the jar at Loonie Brunch. Some folks already give more than a loonie - we often see \$5 or \$10 bills in the jar. Again this invitation is voluntary in sensitivity to those who cannot manage to give more than a loonie.

3) In November our memberships are up for renewal. We are technically keeping the membership cost at \$40 but if you are able, please consider giving an additional amount with your renewal! Perhaps \$45 or \$50 instead of \$40?

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During the pandemic, when we could not raise money, our members were extremely generous in donating to the CWL so that we could continue to honour our annual donations. We are again asking for your help as our time and energy and resources are stretched to assist in parish fundraising as well as those usual fundraisers that we will continue to do such as Toonie Brunch, Hoards Station etc.. Thank you for your support and help us to stay strong and supportive of the many good causes in our parish, community, diocese, province and country!

God Bless

Joanne Belanger, CWL President.

St. James the Minor,

Ladies of Sacred Heart

The Ladies of Sacred Heart “Apple Pie Fest” begins September 20th. Last day for orders is Oct 6th. Pie-making begins October 7th, 8th and 9th. The pies are 9 inch deep, three kinds of apples, 7 cups of apples, not baked, for the freezer. Cost: \$15.00. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Anne Marie at (613)-849-1972).

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