
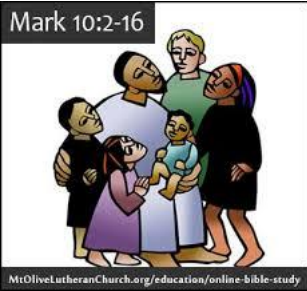


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**Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (5)**

<b>Date</b> <small>September</small>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Liturgy</b>	<b>Intention/Donor</b>
<b>SAT 28</b>	<b>SHJ</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family</b>
<b>SUN 29</b>	<b>SJM</b>	<b>9am</b>		<b>Jack Dinis [RIP]</b> <i>Victor Dinis</i>
	<b>SFA</b>	<b>11am</b>		<b>Liane Zafiropoulos [RIP]</b> <i>Mary and Wayne Raybould</i>
<b>October</b>				
<b>TUE 01</b>	<b>SFA</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>St. Therese Child Jesus</b>	<b>Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory</b> <i>Jules Hubert</i>
<b>WED 02</b>	<b>SFA</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Holy Guardian Angels Exposition/Confession</b>	<b>Anne and Patricia Nicholson [RIP]</b> <i>Nicholson Family</i>
	<b>SJM</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>LW&amp;C</b>	
<b>FRI 04</b>	<b>SJM</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>LW&amp;C</b>	
<b>SAT 05</b>	<b>SHJ</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory</b> <i>Jules Hubert</i>
<b>SUN 06</b>	<b>SJM</b>	<b>9am</b>		<b>John Fennel [RIP]</b> <i>Jo Vanattan</i>
	<b>SFA</b>	<b>11am</b>		<b>Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family</b>

**Lay Ministers**

Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Sept 28 Sun, Sept 29	Lector – A. Bourgeois	Lector – J. Gosson Usher – J. Forestell
Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Oct 05 Sun, Oct 06	Lector – A. Bourgeois	Lector – N. Forestell Usher – L. Forestell

## **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Experience, education, and brainpower give parents wisdom and foresight. They can see the bigger picture and determine, for example, that eating an entire box of cookies will make their child sick – no matter how appetizing the cookies *appear*. God, likewise, has a perspective that is infinitely broader and deeper than our own. This divine perspective is the lens through which we must understand the strong language used by Jesus in today’s Gospel. God is a Father who loves us unconditionally and who, like the parent who refuses a child unlimited sweets, knows the harm which sin causes His children in this life and in eternity. “If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.” These words, meant to drive home a point for Jesus’ disciples, remind us that God desires our good infinitely more than we do, and that this good is ultimately to be united with Him for eternity. God *hates* sin in our lives because He *loves* us. If we believe this, no sacrifice will be too great for us as we strive to root out sin, grow in virtue, and follow Jesus with undivided hearts.

Moses’ exclamation in the first reading, “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!” remind us of the mission, given to us at baptism, to permeate the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by our words and example. This is what it means for us to be “prophets.” But how do we *become* prophets? And how do we accomplish our task effectively? We begin by engaging in the process described above: leaving sin behind at all costs and embracing lives of virtue. As this process brings us closer to God – especially through prayer, but also through works of mercy – we become increasingly capable of seeing as God sees, making judgments according to His wisdom, and ordering the world around us according to His desires. Our words likewise become more powerful in leading others to Christ because they flow from our ever-deepening friendship with Him.

What corner of your life have you hesitated to give to God? What attitudes or habits have you been reluctant to invite Him to transform? Ask Him for the courage and perseverance to give these things over to Him and, if needed, to bring them to confession. If you allow Him, God will draw you closer to Himself and you will become a “prophet” for others in the true sense of the word.

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### **Ladies of Sacred Heart**

The Ladies of Sacred Heart “Apple Pie Fest” begins September 20<sup>th</sup>. Last day for orders is Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. Pie-making begins October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. 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).

### **Knights of Columbus**

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

### **Cemetery News**

The cemeteries of St. James, Stirling and St. Francis, Frankford are operated by volunteers in our Parish.

Incomes sources for the cemeteries come from the sale of plots and fees for the opening and closing of graves when there is a burial. 40% of each plot sale goes into a trust fund of which only the interest is received annually for the upkeep of the cemetery, as mandated by the Provincial government. The costs include grass-cutting and payment to persons who open and close graves when there is a burial. Due to the lack of sales of plots, no burials recently, low interest rates and the increase need for grass-cuttings this year, St. James Cemetery has not enough resources to cover the grass-cutting for the rest of this season.

If you have been considering purchasing a plot, now would be a good time to do that. Packages containing a Price List and Contract information are now available. If you would like to support the cemetery in a different manner, there are Cemetery envelopes available at each Church. Charitable tax receipts are available for all donations.

For further information, to make a donation or to purchase a plot at either Cemetery, please contact a Board Member: Terry O’Shea, Brian Kerby or Donna Kerby at: [assisicemetery@gmail.com](mailto:assisicemetery@gmail.com)