

MASS SCHEDULE
WEEK OF OCTOBER 25TH, 2026

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 2026

4 :30 P.M. Teresa Dolce

Rocco & Stefani

SUNDAY OCT. 25 TH, 2026-30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 :00 A.M. Rudyard Spence

The Maenz Family

11 :00 A.M. All Parishioners

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2026

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2026

7:00 P.M. Thaveethu Jeyaseelan

The Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th, 2026-ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE

9:15 A.M. Feliciana Castro

The Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 2026

9:00 A.M. Ray Brousseau

Louise

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 2026

9:00 A.M. Dec' d members of the Ferrie/Daley Family The Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 2026

4 :30 P.M. Julian Ireland

Fr. Tom

SUNDAY November 1st, 2026-ALL SAINTS

9 :00 A.M. Jeannette & Sabatino Difilippo

The Family

11 :00 A.M. Memorial Society



30th Sunday Year A – October 25, 2026

One Love ... Two Directions

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest. His answer is at once simple and profound: **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."** Immediately he adds: **"You shall love your neighbour as yourself."** These are not to be seen as two separate commandments, but two expressions of the one Love to which God calls us.

Our relationship with God cannot be separated from our relationship with the people around us. To love God is to let God's love shape the way we see and treat others. To love our neighbour is to recognize that every person, created in God's own image, is cherished by God. The two loves belong together.

Sometimes it's easier to speak about our love for God than to actually love a difficult or complicated fellow-creature. Prayer, worship and devotion can give us a sense of closeness to God, but patience, forgiveness, generosity and compassion to a neighbour can be much more demanding. Yet Jesus reminds us that authentic love of God always takes flesh in the way we love one another.

Christian life is not a choice between **vertical love—our relationship with God—and horizontal love—our relationship with others.** They form, you might say, a single cross: our love reaches upward toward God and outward toward our neighbour. The two vectors meet in the heart of Christ.

Jesus' commandment gives us a challenge for the week ahead: **Where is God inviting me to love more fully?** It may be through a patient word, a generous gesture, a willingness to forgive, or taking the time to notice someone who feels unseen, unheard, or unloved.

When we love our neighbour, we are taking anything away from God. We are discovering God already present there. When we draw closer to God, we are being drawn more deeply into the lives of others. **Love of God and love of neighbour are one Love: received from God, and shared with the world. Let us love!!**

Reflection for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In these weeks, we are at a stage in Matthew's Gospel where Jesus is being challenged by various leading groups among the Jews. Now it is some Pharisees who approach him with their own question, a question much debated among themselves: *Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?* There were over 600 different laws, and much time was spent in arguing over trivial details of observance. This question is about getting to the very heart of the matter. Among so many laws, was there any one law which touched the core of people's relationship with God? Was there one law which summed up what the other laws were trying to say?

Just to let you know that for the next two weekends (Oct. 31/Nov. 1 and Nov. 7/8) you will find in your pews "bake slips" for the upcoming **St. Veronica's CWL Bazaar**. Be prepared with your baking ideas. We need lots of baked goods to make it a success. The "craft" table is also looking for donations at any time (you can call Huguette at 514-428-9835). All 100% of the proceeds from the Bazaar go to local and/or national charities.



Video Divina We're pleased to announce the first film in our 2026–27 series: *All Saints*, on **Friday, October 30 at St. Luke's Parish**. *All Saints* tells the true story of Michael Spurlock, a newly appointed Episcopal priest who, with the help of a group of Karen refugees from Burma, takes on an unlikely challenge: saving a struggling rural church by creating a farm and a new community. **Registration opens Friday, October 2.** <https://stl.breezechms.com/form/allsaints2026> Welcome all!!!



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The **SEPTEMBER** edition of our newsletter, St. Veronica's Voice, is now available on the St. Veronica's Parish website, so be sure to check it out and stay connected with all that's happening in our church family!

You may also access the Parish website by scanning the QR code, on the left, with the camera on your smart phone or iPad