

September 13th, 2026: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, which is sometimes called the “discourse on the Church” or the “church order” discourse. In this part of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today’s reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew’s Gospel. In Matthew’s record of Jesus’ teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the “discourse on the Church” (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community’s concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples’ question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these “little ones” astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those “little ones” who have strayed.

In today’s Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God’s assistance.

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AFTER-MASS SOCIAL:

On Sunday, September 20th, we will start our after-mass social. Bring a dish you wish to share, sandwiches, cookies, cakes, etc... We look forward to seeing you there.

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A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Diocesan website: rcchurch.com

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10:00a.m.

BAD WEATHER – please call the office to verify if mass is cancelled & office closed.

Lohnes Complex* First Friday of each month at 2pm. *Sept. to June
Reconciliation: Before Mass or by request.
Marriages: Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.
Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
Family Connections: At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.
St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS September 5 & 6, 2026	
Regular Sunday	1345.00
Loose Offering	55.00
Building Fund	220.00
Votive Candles	40.00
Mass Stipends	180.00
Oil Furnace Donation	20.00
Living with Christ	9.00

MASS INTENTIONS Sept. 15 - 20, 2026	
Sept. 15 - Tues.	The Late Cameron Carew
Sept. 17-Thurs.	The Late Augustine & Isabel Barry
Sept. 18 - Fri.	The Late Jackie Griffin
Sept. 19 - Sat.	The Late Brian Griffin The Late William Myles
Sept. 20 - Sun.	The Late Nellie, Joe & Jim Hayes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Sept. 19 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Joan Penney	Joan Penney
Sept. 20 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Mike Leonard	Marie Pennell
Communion to the Sick – Barbara Neville	

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
The next meeting of Parish Council will be on **Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026, at 6:30pm** in the church meeting room.

50/50 TICKET DRAW & VOLUNTEERS:
We will be holding a 50/50 ticket draw on **December 20th, 2026** during bingo. The tickets are **\$5.00 each** and are available at the office. If you wish to volunteer to sell tickets at the stores, please sign the form at the back of the church. Thank you.

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA:
Update from Bishop Bart van Roijen:
Though all Catholic dioceses function independently, they are bound together by a common faith, their unity with Rome, liturgical norms and ways and means of operating set out in Cannon Law. In order to foster unity between dioceses and within particular regions, bishops come together in order to collaborate on common concerns and ministries. In early September and early April, the bishops of Atlantic Canada come together in Halifax for two days. In late September, the bishops of Canada come together in Montreal for five days. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops also has a small staff to work on common issues ranging from the Offices of Faith Formation, Family Life and Liturgy, to the offices of ecumenical relations, indigenous ministry and communications with the government. Though, in the day to day running of things, the Church follows the rule of subsidiary: “a decentralized model” (i.e. enabling the person/family/parish/diocese in what is in their capacity to do), there are certain things that no single person/family/parish/diocese could do alone. By contributing to the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada, each person gives what they can to help support the work, ministry and collaboration that needs to take place on the regional and national level.

WALK-A-THON: September 19th, 2026:
Dig out your walking shoes and join the walk-a-thon next **Saturday, 10:30 a.m., September 19th, 2026**.
You can still sign up at the back of the church and grab a sponsor sheet.
After the walkathon, please return your sponsor sheet with pledges to the office or drop in the collection plate. Thank you.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT de PAUL - NEXT MEETING:
The next monthly general meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 15 at 1:30** at the Cathedral. Members are asked to make every effort to attend as there will be a number of topics on the agenda to discuss. As always, we welcome anyone interested in finding out about SSVP to come along to the meeting.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK/OUTREACH:
As you know we bring communion to the sick and we are always looking for volunteers to help with this worthy endeavour. If you have about **an hour to spare once a week on Thursdays** that would be a big help to us. You can contact the office or speak with Father Lainey if you would like to help us out.
Also, if you or someone you know wishes to receive communion, please contact our office (709-785-5025).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:
The Bishop O’Reilly Assembly 0624 will be meeting at All Hallows Parish Humber Road Corner Brook on **Wednesday September 16th at 7:45 P.M.** We ask that all Sir Knights please attend.

SEPTEMBER BINGO:
The Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be holding bingo on **Sunday September 27th, 2026, at 2-4pm.** at the **Sacred Heart Elementary School** in the cafeteria. Doors open at **1pm**. Remember this is a scent free area. Thank you.

CHURCH INFORMATION – EXPENSES:
In August we received our yearly property insurance. The amount is \$12,707.00, with \$10,824.00 for the church & cemetery liability and \$1,883.00 is for the house. We are providing this information to give you an idea of the type of costs we incur as a parish.

REFLECTION: *Forgiveness*

When we forgive, we free ourselves of the burden of bitterness, and we free the other person of the burden of guilt.

But our forgiveness must come from the heart, which means it must be true, sincere, and warm.

A cold forgiveness is not much use.
Forgiveness should start now.
Putting it off only deepens the wound, prolongs bitterness, and postpones happiness.

Life is short, time is fleeting.
Today is the day to forgive.

Lord, deliver us from the poison of bitterness, and give us the grace to forgive from the heart those who have offended us.

Then we will know the warmth of your forgiveness.