

15 SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

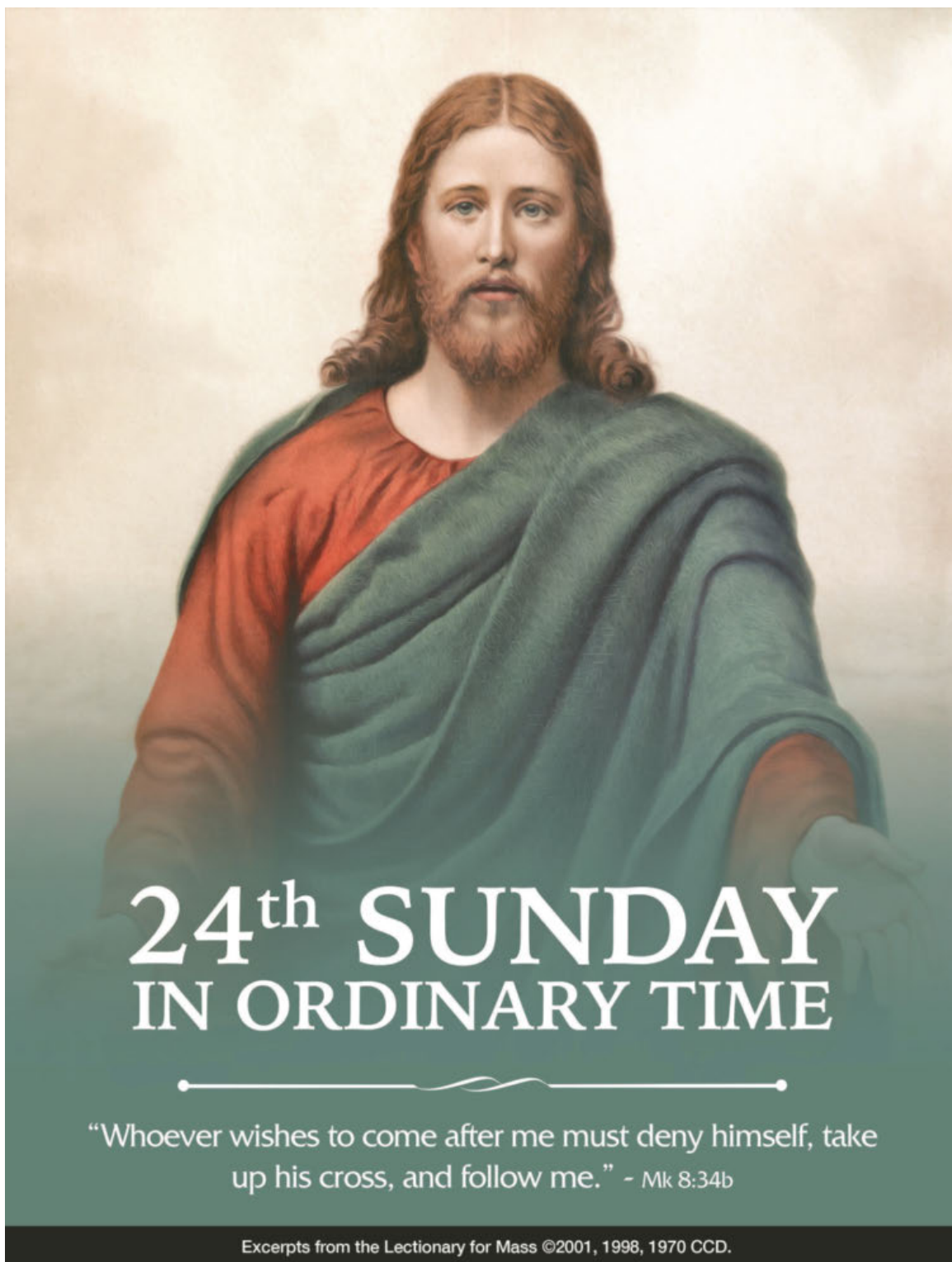
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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



*This week, we light the
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of
The Pollet Family
By Gary & Carrie Carlson*

Monday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
8:30 a.m. Mass for Michael Contestabile by wife, Agostina Contestabile

Tuesday, September 17

Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mass for Grace & Sony by Mrs. Jessy John

Wednesday, September 18

Weekday
8:30a.m. Mass for Ron Latacki by Elaine & Bob Mayer

Thursday, September 19

Weekday
8:30 a.m. Communion Service, prayer for Priestly Vocations

Friday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang,
Companions & Martyrs
8:30 a.m. Mass for Deacon Jim & Mary Chatterton by her brother,
Gerald Connor

Saturday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
4:00 p.m. Mass for Rosanne Melita by Scott & Nancy Stephany

Sunday, September 22

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Mass for Anna Rotoli by her family
10:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Readings for the week of September 16, 2024

Monday, September 16: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday, September 17: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday, September 18: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday, September 19: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
Friday, September 20: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday, September 21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Sunday, September 22: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/ Mk 9:30-37

Attendance Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 2024
Total-832
Attendance September 7 & 8, 2024
Total-858

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 2024 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$17,156.75.00	\$14,423.00	\$2,733.75
General Maintenance	\$767.00	\$865.00	\$(98.00)
School Support	\$407.00	\$442.00	\$(35.00)

September 7 & 8, 2024 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$13,929.78	\$14,423.00	\$(493.22)
General Maintenance	\$1,474.00	\$865.00	\$609.00
School Support	\$204.00	\$442.00	\$(238.00)

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am
 10:00 am

Mon - Wed, Fri 8:30 am
 Thu Communion Service 8:30 am.

Holy Days of Obligation
 Please see bulletin.

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Please call us if you or a family member wish to be anointed.

Baptism

Parents should contact the Parish Office at the rectory as soon as they know they are expecting.

Marriage

Engaged couples should contact us at least **one year** in advance of their desired date.

Office Hours

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WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, September 16

CYO Cheer - School 2:30p.m.
CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 6:00p.m.
Human Development Mtg. - Deacon Hall 6:15p.m.

Tuesday, September 17

CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 6:00p.m.
ROC Mtg. - Deacon Hall 6:30p.m.
Faithful Voices - Church 7:00p.m.

Wednesday, September 18

Finance Council Mtg. - Rectory 10:00a.m.
CYO Cheer - Deacon Hall 2:30p.m.
Brownies - Deacon Hall 4:30p.m.
Parent Info Night - School 6:30p.m.
Song Prayers - Church 7:15p.m.

Thursday, September 19

CYO Cheer - School 2:30p.m.

Friday, September 20

Saturday, September 21

Sunday, September 22

Confirmation - Deacon Hall 11:00a.m.

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Our St. Lawrence Community September Share Sunday collection will be for Mary's Outreach Place.

Mary's Place serves the Rochester community by providing food and hygiene goods to people in need weekly.

The following items are most needed at this time:

Hygiene: Shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, feminine hygiene products.

Baby Items: Diapers Size 1-6 and baby wipes.

Please drop off your donations at our church by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 22. Thank you for your kindness in supporting St. Mary's Place for our September Share Sunday.

The Human Development Committee"



ST. LAWRENCE PARISH FAMILIES

September 2024



Dear Parents,

Sacraments are celebrated at the home parish where parents are registered and regularly attend Mass. Baptized children in Grade 2 or higher, who are participating in their second year of Religion, are invited to begin preparation for *First Penance and First Holy Communion very soon*.

If you have a child in 2nd grade eligible to begin preparation for First Penance and First Communion, **please attend one of the following information sessions.**

Children are welcome to come to the information meeting. Meanwhile, please make sure you are a registered and supportive member of St. Lawrence parish. Contact Maura Spencer (Maura.Spencer@dor.org) if you need registration forms or if you have any questions/concerns.

Monday, September 23, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Deacon Hall

OR

Wednesday, September 25, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Deacon Hall

During the info session, parents will be able to pick up a packet to work with their children at home, general expectations will be shared, and we will address Sacrament Prep related questions. Maura, Anna, and I are looking forward to working with you and your children as they learn to grow closer to Jesus, Our Good Shepherd.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Amanuel Malik

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Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS)



Lord, what's in it for me?

For anyone who asks, receives; and anyone who seeks, find; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. - Matthew 7:8

The beautiful truth is that Jesus Christ suffered, died and rose from the dead for you and me. Do you know of anyone who *could and would* do this for us?

Amazing, isn't it? The Son of God came so that, in forgiving our sins, we are able to receive the gift of new and eternal life. *Jesus came that we might have life and have life more abundantly* (John 10:10). Have you asked Jesus for this life that only He can offer and give?

All I have to do is ask?

Yes! In John's Gospel, is not Jesus' first question to those who followed him, "What are you looking for?" (John 1:38) After his resurrection, Jesus even fine-tuned his question to, "Whom are you looking for?"

Our hearts are yearning for Jesus Christ who alone gives us the Holy Spirit, by whose gifts we live the life in the spirit. One of the ways we receive these gifts is through the **Life in The Spirit Seminar**, also referred to as LSS.

What do I need to do to participate in the LSS?

Jesus is calling you to encounter Him more deeply, heart to heart. Depending on our life circumstances, to respond to Him may be easy or more challenging to do. Through prayer and perseverance, ask God to make the way for you because He will.

The LSS is facilitated by members of the Rochester

District of the **Bukas Loob Sa Diyos (BLD)** or *Open in Spirit to God*, a Roman Catholic Charismatic Covenant Community, based on Saint Anne Church on 1600 Mount Hope Avenue, Rochester NY 14620.

Each LSS weekend is unique. The program follows a general outline that you might be familiar with: (i) a period of preparation through praise, worship and reflection, that leads to (ii) a spiritually intense encounter with the Lord, from late Friday afternoon to Saturday evening, that is, October 25-26, 2024.

How is LSS related to Baptism & Confirmation?

Through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit are given to us. In time, through our life experiences, we gain a level of maturity that enables us to better appreciate these valuable gifts. The LSS,



through teachings and powerful witness talks, allows us to prayerfully reflect on our own lives, and appreciate the positive and transformative power Jesus has given us in the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts. The LSS is an instrument where we, as adults, can renew and strengthen our

commitment to the way of Christian living.



Does it take courage to participate in the LSS?

It is better to say that it takes *trust*. Therefore, put your trust in the Lord and place the time of preparation and the weekend in His hands. Jesus extends to you the invitation; you only need to respond in child-like faith.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." (John 14:1)

Lives in the Spirit...

Stories about the LSS are best told through the lives of those who have been powerfully transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Marriages have been saved: couples who had considered their married lives ended have seen a fresh reason for a new beginning.

Lives have been saved: people who thought that the Lord abandoned them are transformed into incredible witnesses of the power and purpose of life in Christ.

Many are reconciled: people who could not speak with others without anger and resentment have been reunited, through the love of God, with their neighbor.

Many experienced freedom: those who spent the much of their lives struggling with oppressions – addiction, violence and sin – are set free to start anew, with a genuine 'yes' to God.

And faith is rekindled: timidity in the expression of our Christian faith is replaced by peaceful and prayerful courage to live our discipleship in mission both in private and in the public spheres of life.

But now, it is your turn! Are you willing to be surprised by the Holy Spirit to work in your life?

"Come and see."
- John 1:39

Next steps...

Spend time with the Lord in prayer. He has already stretched out His hands for you on Calvary, now he reaches out to you, offering you, once more, the gift of the life in the Spirit.



Important Dates:

- Invocation Mass on Friday, September 20 at 7 PM at Saint Anne's Church at 1600 Mount Hope Avenue, Rochester NY.
- Shepherding Sessions on September 27, and October 4, 11 and 18 at 7 PM at Saint Anne Church.
- LSS Weekend: October 25-26, from late Friday afternoon to Saturday evening, Saint Patrick's Church, 115 Maple Avenue, Victor NY.

Contact Person

- Deacon Manny Asis emmanuel.asis@dor.org (585) 737-3361

2025 St. Lawrence Mass Book Opening will be on September 26, 2024 In Deacon Hall from 9:00 –1:00 p.m. Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

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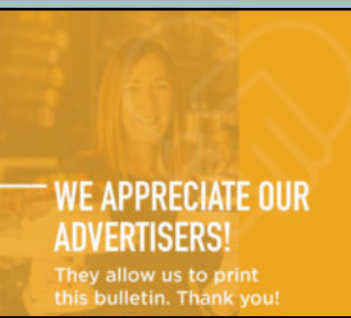
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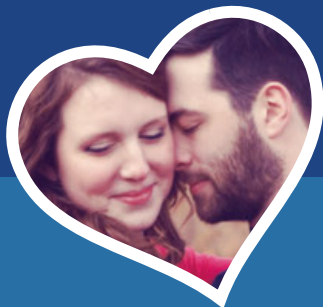
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