Liturgies for the week of October 5, 2026



Tues. Oct. 6	4:30 p.m.	***Increase in Vocations*** *Devotions to St. Anthony of Padua*
Wed. Oct. 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*	8:00 a.m.	***Estelle & Ted Crowley***
Thurs. October 8	8:00 a.m.	***For the parishioners***
Fri. October 9	8:00 a.m.	***Living & deceased members of the McDonald & Jankowski families***
Sat. October 10	8:00 a.m.	***Vernal & Pearl Yott*** *Devotions to Our Blessed Mother*
	4:30 p.m.	***Deceased members of the Laudanski family***
Sun. October 11	8:30 a.m.	***Daniel, Veronica & Brian O'Neill***
	10:30 a.m.	***In Thanksgiving***

Those requesting our prayers this week: Sharon Asselstine, Tom Coulter, Terry Lively, Maria Dias



The Sanctuary Lamp

If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burn for your intention please speak to Fr. Ajeesh. The offering is $6.00

Offertory Collection

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026: $3,175.00
Needs of the Church: $1,180.00
Thank you for your generous financial support.

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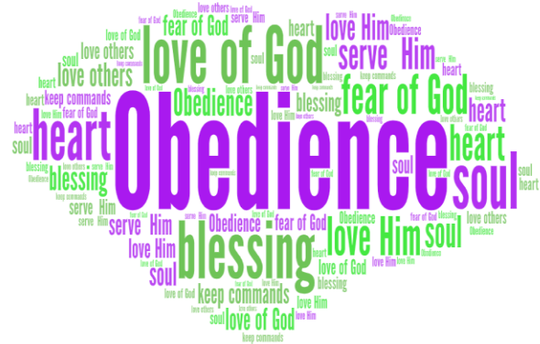
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Sunday, October 4, 2026
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacramental Services

Eucharist
Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays:
Mon. (no Mass) Tues: 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday to Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00 – 4:20 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 – 8:20 a.m.
and
10:00 – 10:20 a.m.
or by appointment

Other Sacraments you may require:
Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick.
Note: Marriages must be arranged six months prior to the date of the wedding.
Please contact Fr. Ajeesh Jose, OSB Administrator 343-333-4150

The Care of Creation – New Life and New Hope



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

If we want to understand how precious life is, we only need to look at water. Where there is water, there is life. Where water disappears, life begins to disappear. That is why water has such an important place in the Bible. From the waters of creation in Genesis, to the waters of Baptism, and to Jesus' promise of **"living water,"** water becomes a powerful sign of God's life, renewal, and new creation.

Today, as we celebrate the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, we remember his deep love for God's creation. He saw creation as a gift from God and called the earth **"our sister and mother."** His life reminds us to respect, protect, and care for our common home.

We also have a special example in our own Vallombrosan Benedictine tradition: **St. John Gualbert**, founder of the Vallombrosan Benedictines. He had a profound love for forests and worked to protect and nurture them around Vallombrosa. Because of his commitment to the care of forests, he is honoured in Italy as a **patron of forests**.

Here in Canada, we are blessed with beautiful forests, lakes, rivers, and natural resources. But every gift carries a responsibility. What God has entrusted to us, we must protect and pass on to the next generation.

But there is another creation that needs our care: **our family and our parish family.** A parish, like creation, needs to be nurtured. It needs **prayer, forgiveness, unity, participation, and love.** It needs people who are willing to say, *"This is my parish, and I will do my part."*

Perhaps we have experienced difficulties, misunderstandings, or disappointments in the past.



But the past is a place to **learn from, not a place to live in.**

Today, Christ gives us an opportunity for a **new beginning**.

Let us forgive one another. Let us leave bitterness behind. Instead of asking only, *"What happened yesterday?"* let us ask, **"What can we build together tomorrow?"**

Our parish needs each one of us—**spiritually and materially**. We need your prayers, presence, talents, time, encouragement, and generous support according to your ability.

Let us participate in our parish activities. Let us encourage rather than discourage, build rather than criticize, and **unite rather than divide**.

My dear parish family,

St. Francis teaches us to love creation. St. John Gualbert teaches us to nurture and protect it. And Jesus teaches us to build a community of love.

So today, let us make a new beginning.

Let us forgive. Let us support one another. Let us work together. Let us leave the bitterness behind. And let us build a parish filled with faith, unity, generosity, and hope.

The future of our parish is not only in the hands of the priest.

The future of our parish is in the hands of all of us.

May God give us the grace to become **a new creation**, and may our parish truly become a family where **everyone belongs, everyone is valued, and everyone has something to contribute.**

Amen.



October – Month of the Holy Rosary

October is traditionally dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**, one of the most beloved prayers of the Catholic Church. The Rosary is, above all, a **Christ-centred prayer**. With Mary, we contemplate the mysteries of Jesus' life, from His birth and public ministry to His Passion, Death, Resurrection, and glory.

What is Mary's role in the Rosary? **Mary does not take the place of Jesus. She leads us to Him**. Just as she brought Jesus into the world and stood faithfully beside Him at the Cross, she accompanies us in prayer and teaches us to listen to her Son. Her words at Cana remain her message to every Christian: "Do whatever he tells you."

The Rosary helps us place our lives, families, joys, struggles, and intentions in God's hands through Mary's loving intercession.

St. Padre Pio called the Rosary *"the weapon for our times."* **St. John Paul II** described it as a prayer that helps us contemplate Christ with Mary.

During this month, let us renew our love for the Rosary. Let us pray it daily together for our families, parish, vocations, peace, the Church, and the whole world.

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us and lead us to Jesus!