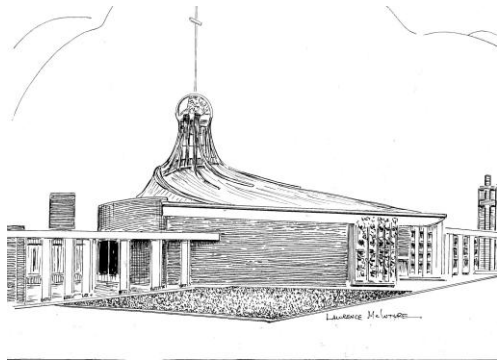




Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

St. George Catholic Parish

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for the Month of August

For evangelization in the city – Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Please pray for the sick of Our Parish Family

Kathleen Elliott, Bill MacPhee, Joanne Pierroz, Herman Bodde, Don Willwerth, Aline Buck, Dave Willwerth, Ruby Noordende, Mary Lindberg, Bill Pastorello, Bob Levar, Jennifer Brough, Laura Stevens, Melvyn D'Sousa, Flo Ferraton, Megan Koabel, Cole Anno, Leo Gauthier, Sandra Pooler, Amelia Foresi, Rosemarie Morrison, Irene Overmeyer, Elizabeth McCafferty, Susanne Griffis, Mannette Brown, Stan and Bob Waszynski, Carole Elfner, Christine Morrow, Gloria Trombley, Lucero Restrepo, Jurgen Deheus and John Cooperman

Summer Mass schedule

Weekends (Doors open 30 minutes prior to Mass)

Saturday 4:30pm (and 9:00am First Saturday of the month)

Sunday -8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays (Doors open 15 minutes prior to Mass)

Tuesday Adoration and Benediction from 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm

Wednesday 9:30am

Thursday 8:30am

Friday 8:30am (First Friday of the month Mass is followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction)

Confessions will be heard on Tuesday Evenings during Adoration, as well as by appointment.

Weekend Liturgy, August 22/23

Saturday 4:30pm ✠Eric Latimer {Allanagh Latimer}

Sunday 8:00am Pro Populo {All Parishioners}

Sunday 10:00am ✠Helen & Raymond Plato {Andrea & Rick Plato}

Weekday Liturgy, August 25-28

Tuesday 7:00pm Health & Blessings for Caitlin & Adam Townsend {Allanagh Latimer}

Wednesday 9:30am Health & Blessings for Allanagh Latimer {Judy Learn}

Thursday 8:30am ✠Mary Ellen Scherer {Judy Learn}

Friday 8:30am Health & Blessings for Jill S. Meilander {Beth McDonald}

Weekend Liturgy, August 29/30

Saturday 4:30pm Pro Populo {All Parishioners}

Sunday 8:00am ✠Gerald Glynn {Allanagh Latimer}

Sunday 10:00am ✠Florence Latimer {Allanagh Latimer}

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit from Sunday, August 23rd through Saturday, August 29th for the repose of the soul of Mike Opatovsky at the request of the Opatovsky Family.

Report for Last Week (with Interac)

Weekly Offertory Total \$ 3,627.40

Catholic Missions in Canada \$ 50

Maintenance/Parking Lot Repair Fund Raiser

We apologize for the error in the bulletin last weekend.

The total as of the weekend of August 1/2 should have been **\$22,108**, not **\$22,378**.

Therefore, the Grand Total after the inclusion of the donations for the weekend of August 8/9 should have been **\$24,082**, not **\$24,352**.

Total as of last weekend August 8/9 \$24,082

August 15/16 weekend donations \$2,060 (Rounded from \$ 2,060.49)

Dollar-for-dollar match \$2,060

Grand Total \$28,202

THANK YOU for your continuing support of our Parking Lot Repair Fund! Last week, with our dollar-for-dollar match, we added **\$4,120** to our total. The 'temperature' on our thermometer chart has risen to an amazing **\$28,202!!**

Remember that any Maintenance/Parking Lot Repair donations made between the monthly Maintenance/Parking Lot Repair Second Collections are also **eligible for dollar-for-dollar matching**.

Love for the Pope

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven. The keys signify power: *I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David*, we read in today's First Reading, the reference being to Eliakim, the steward of the royal palace. The power promised to Peter, which will be conferred on him after the resurrection, is immensely superior to this. He is not given the keys of an earthly kingdom, but of the Kingdom of Heaven, that Kingdom which is not of this world but which is nurtured here and which will last forever. Peter has the power to *bind and loose*, that is to absolve or to condemn, to gather or to exclude. This power is so great that whatever he decides on earth will be ratified in heaven. To exercise it, he counts on a special help from the Holy Spirit.

From the first day he met Jesus he will be forever known as *Cephas, Petrus*, the Rock. *And I tell you, you are Peter, on this rock I will build my church.* By changing his name Our Lord wished to underline the new mission his Apostle Simon has been given: that of being the firm foundation of the new edifice of the Church. *It is as if Our Lord had said to him—writes Saint Leo the Great—I am the unbreakable stone, I am the cornerstone ...the foundation apart from which no one can build. But you are also the 'rock,' because through my power you have acquired such firmness that you, by participation, share with me the power which I have by right.*

From the very beginnings of Christianity the faithful have venerated the Pope. The Prince of the Apostles is everywhere mentioned before the others, and makes frequent use of his special primary and authority over the rest: he proposes the election of a new Apostle to replace Judas; he is the one who speaks to the crowd on Pentecost, and makes the first converts; he replies to the Sanhedrin on behalf of all; he punishes Ananias and Sapphira with full authority; he admits Cornelius, the first Gentile, into the church; and he presides at the Council of Jerusalem and rejects the attempts of the Jewish Christians to impose circumcision on the Gentile converts, laying down that salvation is to be had only through faith in Christ.

These great spiritual powers are given to Peter for the good of the Church, and since the Church has to last until the end of time, these powers are handed down throughout history to those who take Peter's place.