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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 25, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

† SUNDAY 10:00 AM

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS

† MONDAY & TUESDAY 6:30 PM
† WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY 9:30 AM

SENIORS HOMES MASS

† COLONEL BY TUESDAY 11:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

SEE FR. TIM BEFORE & AFTER *ALL* MASSES
BY APPOINTMENT DURING THE WEEK.

• SATURDAY AM 10:15 - 10:45 AM

DEVOTIONS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday to Saturday 8:30 AM

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Sunday in the church 9:30 AM

THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

Tuesdays after Mass ~ 7:15 PM

REPARATIONS DURING MASS

1st Friday Sacred heart of Jesus
1st Saturday Immaculate Heart of Mary
1st Wednesday ... Chaste Heart of St. Joseph

PARISH OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

CLERGY

FR. TIMOTHY P.V. NELLIGAN, PASTOR
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DCN. DAVID MULCAIR
Currently on sabbatical studying at
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

1 ST READING	EXODUS 22: 21-27
PSALM	Ps 18
2 ND READING	1 THESSALONIANS 1: 5-10
GOSPEL	ST. MATTHEW 22: 34-40

PHRONTISTRY

What Does It Mean to Love?
To Biblically &
Eucharistically Love!

Biblical love is defined not as a fleeting emotion, but as a selfless, action-oriented choice to seek the well-being of others, modeled ultimately on the character of God (1 John 4:8) and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Key Hebrew Words (Old Testament)

✙ **Ahavah** (אהבה): The primary term for love, emphasizing deep affection and devoted covenantal commitment rather than just warm feelings (Deuteronomy 6:5).

✙ **Hesed** (חסד): Translated as "steadfast love" or "mercy," it reflects loyal, persistent care and faithfulness even when people falter (Exodus 34:6).

✙ **Rachamim** (רחמים): Derived from the word for "womb," it denotes deep parental compassion and tenderness that moves to action (Isaiah 49:15).

✙ **Rayah** (רֵיחַ): Describes close, trusted companionship and friendship.

Key Greek Words (New Testament)

✙ **Agapē** (ἀγάπη): The highest, divine form of love—unconditional, self-giving, and sacrificial, as shown in John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13.

✙ **Philia** (φιλία): Brotherly affection and warm friendship built on shared trust and closeness.

✙ **Storgē** (στοργή): Quiet, steady familial love found in family and close relational bonds.

✙ **Eros** (ἔρως): Romantic and physical desire, designed by God to be honored and protected within the covenant of marriage.

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NEWS & EVENTS

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

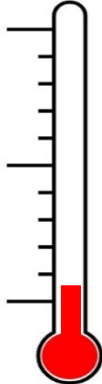
2026
CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your
donations for our 2026
fundraiser

♦ We have much to offer
both to our parish and
to the world around us.

\$50,000

\$1,350



SAMARITANS PURSE

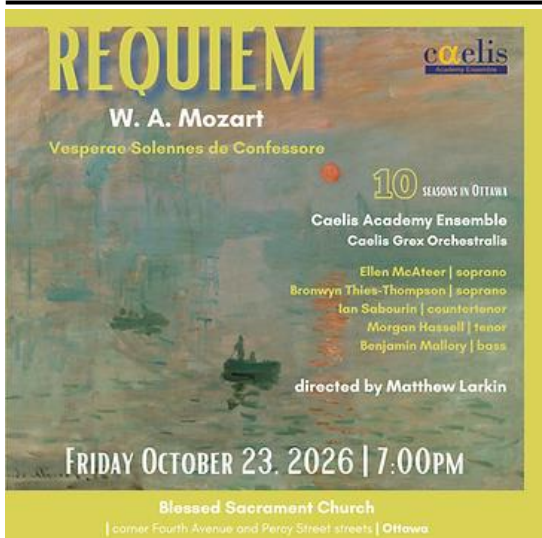


OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2026

Boxes are now available in the **narthex**. Please pick up a shoebox after Mass this weekend and follow the instructions included in each box. It is **very important** that boxes be returned to the office OR to the narthex, **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 22nd!!!** All boxes will be sent to Samaritan Purse on **Sunday, November 22nd** immediately following Mass. Boxes are then grouped and prepared for shipment to their destination country. They depart on the backs of mighty and swift reindeer beginning Monday, November 23rd, to ensure delivery by Christmas. For more information, please reach out to Frank Deehan.

Pack a box online:

<https://secure.samaritanspurse.ca/virtualshoebox>



Mozart Requiem and Tenth Anniversary Concert
Friday, October 23, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

TICKETS AVAILABE AT THE DOOR

PARISH MINISTRIES

PASTORAL COUNCIL

pastoralcouncil@blessedsacrament.ca

EXECUTIVE

Ex Officio Fr. Timothy Nelligan
Chair Jaqui Cadieux
Vice-Chair Blaine Duffley
Secretary Fiorella Padowin-Castillo
Treasurer
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Thomas Bauer
Marie-France Lapierre
Ani Monday
Jake Oakes
Roderick Young

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Dcn. Dave Mulcair

Contacting The Pastoral Council

Do you have any suggestions, ideas, comments or questions for the Parish Pastoral Council? Two ways you can communicate these are:

- 1. Via our Suggestion Box (located in the Narthex)
- 2. By e-mail feedback@blessedsacrament.ca
- 3. Of course, you may always approach any member of the pastoral council.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair Paul Giacomini, CPA
Member.....Dorn Roche, CPA
Member Michael Tate

MASS MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Altar Servers..... Volunteer Needed
Children’s Liturgy Volunteer Needed
Lectors.....Anne Gilbert
Music Richard Bethell (613 232 4891)
Sacristan Volunteer Needed
Ushers Fiorella Padowin-Castillo

OTHER MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Baptism Jason Morin
Centretown Social Action Frank Deehan
Cursillo Volunteer Needed
Evangelization
Hall Manager Frank Deehan
Hospitality Katherine Caine
Hospitality Volunteer Needed
Inner City Ministries.... Volunteer Needed
Pro-Life Shauna Healey
R.C.I.A. Maximilien Vachon
Sacrament Preparation ...Ann-Louise Revells
Safe Environment Frank Deehan
Welcoming Committee ..Ann-Louise Revells
Welcoming Committee Marilyn O’Neil

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

THANK YOU!
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

OCTOBER WEEKLY COLLECTION

OCTOBER 4	\$642.20
OCTOBER 11	\$696.00
OCTOBER 18	\$739.00
OCTOBER 18 (PAD)	\$6066.00
OCTOBER 25	
OCTOBER TOTAL:	\$8,143.20

PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS (* PAD)

Did you know ... Once-a - month Pre-Authorized Donations (PAD) is the same as a cash or cheque offering for the collection basket! It helps us by providing a regular, dependable flow of contributions.

To sign-up, please pick-up a form in the Narthex, or download it HERE → place the completed form in the collection basket, and we'll set it up for you!

To those who already donate through PAD, your generous support is greatly appreciated. To help the parish meet its growing needs, please prayerfully consider making an increase to your monthly donations.

Bequests: Please remember Blessed Sacrament Parish in your Will. To make arrangements, please contact the parish Office:613-232-4891.

Our Registered Charitable Tax Number
12896-7353-RR-0092

Scan for Tip Tap Tax Receipts



Centretown Community Food Centre

The Food Centre provides each client with a 3-to-4-day supply of groceries, allowing clients to browse and select their food much like any grocery store.

For suggested items to donate and items in great demand, please follow this link.

Need a Hot Meal?

Centre 507 at 507 Bank Street offers meals 3x/day every day except Monday (2x only, no lunch). For more information call 513/233-5626 or click the link:

https://www.centre507.org/

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



SCHEDULING A BAPTISM OR WEDDING?

CALL: 613 232 4891
OR
click the links above for more information.



Children’s Preparation for First Confession & First Holy Communion

Registration for children intending to have their First Reconciliation and receive First Holy Communion in 2027 is here! Click this link for more information and to download the new registration form. Contact the office for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

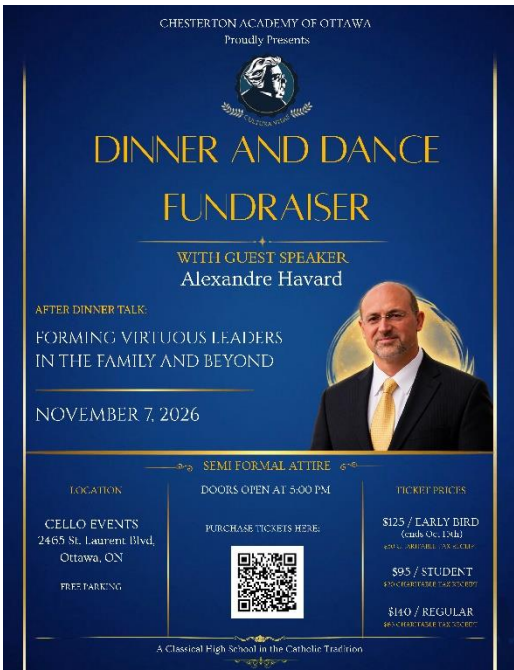
Would you like to join the Catholic Church, or do you know someone who might be interested? Are you a Baptised Catholic but have not yet received First Holy Communion or Confirmation?

The RCIA is a faith formation programme to develop a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith and so preparing an individual to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

This is not merely a series of classes, but a journey involving in-person learning, personal study, and prayer. RCIA classes to join the Church begin this Fall, start date to be confirmed next week.

Classes are Sundays at 11:30 AM in the Pope Pius X Room. To register click here. For more information, contact:

Maximilian Vachon:
maximilianusmagister@gmail.com
or
Autumn Potvin:
autumn.potvin01@gmail.com



PRO-LIFE CORNER



The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil.”

Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE!

Thank you to everyone who made their way downtown last Saturday during our parish’s assigned vigil time in support of 40 Days for Life.

Thank you especially to Shauna Healey who organized this for our parish and for being there for the full three hours.



ONE WEEK LEFT!

September 23–November 1, 2026

In the early 2000’s God spoke to the hearts of co-founders, David Bereit, Shawn Carney and their wives about His grave concern for His precious gift of life, and how it is being abused. Abortion, once considered by society as a serious error, is now considered a woman’s right and is being used as a form of birth control.

The four of them prayed outside their local abortion facility for 40 days, giving rise to the first campaign. Word spread and more and more communities joined to pray outside of abortuaries for the little ones dying inside. 40 Days for Life came to Ottawa in 2008 and has since expanded to Canadian cities from coast to coast. This year 600+ locations worldwide are participating. In 2017, Ontario Bill 163, the Safe Access to Abortion Services Act, came into effect and, by provincial law, we are not allowed within 50 meters of the abortuary.

We gather daily, between 7 am to 5 pm, on the southwest corner of Queen St. at Bank St. from Sept 23 to Nov 1. We come together to witness to life and pray silently for the little ones who have lost, or will lose, their lives at Ottawa’s main abortion facility (located at 65 Bank St). We also pray for the moms who have suffered abortions; the dads who have lost their children; family members and others impacted by abortion. We pray for those who commit, promote and support abortion – that their hearts will change.

We pray for a Culture of Life in Canada.

- Prayer, fasting and peaceful witness at 600+ abortion mills world-wide
- Thousands of babies’ lives saved since the first campaign in 2004
- Moving society from a Culture of Death into a Culture of Life

For information: 40 Days for Life Ottawa, 40 Days for Life (Facebook), or call 613-299-2515

MONTHLY DEVOTION

October is Dedicated to The Holy Rosary

This is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary and on October 7th the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Why October 7th?

On October 7, 1571, a great victory over the mighty Turkish fleet was won by Catholic naval forces primarily from Spain, Venice, and Genoa under the command of Don Juan of Austria. It was the last battle at sea between "oared" ships, which featured the most powerful navy in the world, a Moslem force with between 12,000 to 15,000 Christian slaves as rowers.

The patchwork team of Catholic ships was powered by the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Knowing that the Christian forces were at a distinct material disadvantage, the holy pontiff, St. Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory.

This victory [was significant because] it prevented the Islamic invasion of Europe and evidenced the Hand of God working through Our Lady.

At the hour of victory, St. Pope Pius V, who was hundreds of miles away at the Vatican, is said to have gotten up from a meeting, went over to a window, and exclaimed with supernatural radiance: "The Christian fleet is victorious!" and shed tears of thanksgiving to God. What you may not know is that one of three admirals commanding the Catholic forces at Lepanto was Andrea Doria.

He carried a small copy of Mexico's Our Lady of Guadalupe into battle. This image is now enshrined in the Church of San Stefano in Aveto, Italy.

Not many know that at the Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Spain, one can view a huge warship lantern that was captured from the Moslems in the Battle of Lepanto.

At Lepanto, the Victory over the Moslems was won by the faithful praying the Rosary. Even though they had superior numbers, the Turks really were overmatched. Blessed Padre Pio, the Spiritual Father of the Blue Army, said: "The Rosary is the weapon," and how right he was!

The Battle of Lepanto was at first celebrated liturgically as "Our Lady of Victory."

Later, the feast of October 7th was renamed "Our Lady of the Rosary" and extended throughout the Universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1716 (who canonized Pope Pius V in 1712).

And with that we are back to Fatima, Portugal where Our Lady, when asked her name, said: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." At Fatima, Our Lady taught us to pray the Rosary every day.

Heaven presented its peace plan at Fatima and truly gave us hope for the world.

Conversions were promised at Fatima: the conversion of sinners; the conversion of Russia; and what also appears to be the conversion of Islam.

Source: HolyRosaryPasaaic.org.

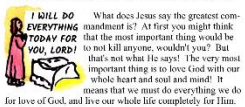
FAMILY CORNER

The Kids’ BULLETIN

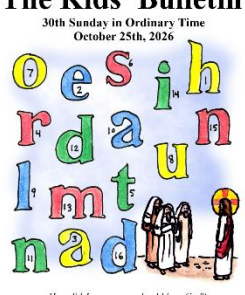
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 25TH, 2026

The Greatest Commandment



The Kids' Bulletin



Click to Download the Kids’ Bulletin



PICK OF THE MONTH:



This film tells the story of St. Thérèse’s life and message, intertwined with the personal stories of twelve people from around the world who testify to the great impact Thérèse has made on their lives. Including very rare footage of the inside of her monastery at Lisieux, we also meet a taxi driver in Rome, a famous radio priest in the Netherlands, a wedding dress designer in Paris, a teenager in Lebanon, a Protestant professor at Harvard Divinity School, a mother of twelve children in Nigeria, a stockbroker on Wall Street, and others, who share their moving personal stories of how Thérèse, and her "secret," has changed their lives.

HOW TO USE FORMED:

- Go to: <https://formed.org>
- Click ‘Find Your Parish Subscription’
- Enter email to be assigned to our Parish
- Search for **Blessed Sacrament Parish Ottawa**
- It should be the 1st or 2nd result, click it
- If prompted to create a password, create one
- At this point one should be auto-logged in

Subsequent use: click “Sign In” at the top of Formed.org and follow the instructions.



LAUDATE is a fantastic FREE Catholic tool that has everything about our Faith that could ever be hoped for in a single app and Fr. Tim has contributed to its content! On AppleOS & Android.

Prayer For My Future

Heavenly Father, I place my future in Your Hands. Darkness has tried to bring delays and close doors, but You are the God who makes a way. I Declare: My destiny belongs to You! Open doors no one can shut! Remove every obstacle that blocks my steps and lead me into Your Perfect Plan. Surround my journey with Your Light, and let no curse, no attack, and no scheme succeed against me. Lord, I promise to share this prayer with at least one person.

Amen!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24 — OM: St Anthony of Mary Claret
9:30 AM • For Alice Deehan and the intentions of her family

Sunday, October 25 — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM † For the soul of Jean Bourguignon, by Rosemary & John Poggione
10:00 AM † For the soul Fr. Joe LeClair, by Ann O’Gorman
10:00 AM † For the soul of Kevin O’Neill

Monday, October 26 — Ferial
6:30 PM • For Charlie Harris & the intentions of his family

Tuesday, October 27 — Ferial
6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 28 — St. Simon & St. Jude
9:30 AM † For the soul of Maria DiSaverio, by Rosina DiSaverio
9:30 AM † For the souls of William & Stan Campbell

Thursday, October 29 — Ferial
9:30 AM

Friday, October 30 — Ferial
9:30 AM

Saturday, October 31 — Ferial
9:30 AM † For the repose of the soul of Leonard Morin

Sunday, November 1 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM • Pro Populo

OUR PRAYER LIST

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING, ESPECIALLY:

Alice Deehan & her Family, Joseph & Ludmilla Grabetz, Christina Lange, The LeClair Family, Dcn. Chris Moffat, The O’Neill Family, The Olusola Family, Lorraine Pryce, and our Parishioners who are suffering economic hardship.

Our prayer list will reset November 30th. For additional prayers, to retain someone on the list or to add someone to the list, please contact the parish office.



ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX
PERPETUAL NOVENA

WE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS, THEIR INTENTIONS, AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY

NOVENA LINK

October 22, 2026 – October 30, 2026

Little Flower, we love you! Thank you for all your prayers for us! The young people of today face huge challenges and many are wandering aimlessly, addicted to many things of this world that are destructive for their bodies, minds and souls. Therese, you see this. Please pray for all those who suffer from addiction and ask the Lord to give them all a moment of clarity within the chaos of their minds so that they may reach out for the help they so desire and that which so many yearn to give them.

October 31, 2026 – November 8, 2026

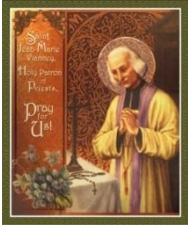
St. Therese, this is the month in which we pray for our dearly departed in an extra special way. Please ask the Lord to release any holy souls in Purgatory who are related to us in any way, all souls of beloved priests, and those of the most forgotten.

St. Therese, please, please, please, pray for humanity! We have strayed so far. Please pray that all people, all family members and friends, will receive the spiritual benefits of a proper Catholic funeral EVEN IF the remaining family members are not practicing their faith. Please pray for the awakening of ALL baptized Catholics!



Fr. Timothy Nelligan
Fr. John Hayes
Fr. Paul Mwalongo
Fr. Thomas Skaja

PRAY THIS PRAYER EVERY DAY ALONE,
AS A COUPLE OR AS A FAMILY!



Saint John Vianney, we pray you to bless and help our pastor so that he may love dearly in this life and be richly rewarded in the next. Obtain for him the grace always to be kind and generous, self-sacrificing, and zealous. Watch over the people of our parish and keep them free from all evils. Help them to be loyal and generous in the support of our pastor.

Help us particularly always to give him the respect and honor due him as a priest. Except for him we should not have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, or Your presence among us, or the other sacraments that we so dearly love and need. From his anointed hands we receive the food of our souls, the most precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From his lips we hear the word of God. By the power given to him our sins are forgiven, and we are given all blessings and it is he who will anoint us when we are dying, and will offer the Holy Sacrifice for us when we are dead. Help us, dear Saint, to see Christ in him, and to cooperate with him in all his work for the good of our souls. Amen.

Source: Rural Life Prayerbook by Alban J. Dachauer, S.J.
National Catholic Rural Life Conference, 1956



PAPAL INTENTION FOR OCTOBER
FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS



When: Every Tuesday, immediately following the 6:30 PM Mass

Where: In the church in the presence of our 1st Class Relic!

Why: Jesus requested the devotion take place at least one Tuesday/Month, as revealed to Sister Marie de Saint Pierre.

The purpose is to unite in prayer and in adoration of the Holy Face of Jesus in reparation for sins against the first three Commandments, concerning idolatry, blasphemy and irreverence, and to offer the wounded Face of Jesus, the emblem of the Godhead, as an object of adoration and prayer in union with the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face to save souls and restore Christendom in Canada and throughout the world.

Core Characteristics of Biblical Love

Scripture outlines practical, behavioral traits of love—most notably in **1 Corinthians 13:4–7**

- ✚ **Patience and Kindness:** Enduring hardship with grace and actively showing goodwill.
- ✚ **Humility:** Not arrogant, boastful, rude, or insisting on one's own way.
- ✚ **Selflessness:** Putting the needs of others ahead of personal desires
- ✚ **Truth and Forgiveness:** Refusing to rejoice in wrongdoing, keeping no record of wrongs, and rejoicing instead in the truth.
- ✚ **Endurance:** Bearing, believing, hoping, and persevering through difficult circumstances.

Eucharistic love is the theological term used to describe the self-giving, radical nature of love modeled by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper and on the Cross, which is uniquely perpetuated in the sacrament of the Eucharist. While biblical love (*agapē*) provides the baseline for Christian charity, Eucharistic love specifically focuses on absolute self-emptying, complete vulnerability, and intimate communion.

1. Gratuitous and Unconditional

Eucharistic love is entirely unearned. It does not assess the worthiness of the recipient before giving. Just as Christ offers His presence freely to all who approach, this love prompts believers to extend kindness, care, and mercy to others without expecting a return or waiting for them to "deserve" it.

2. Total Self-Giving (*Kenosis*)

In the Eucharist, Christ holds nothing back; He gives His entire body, blood, soul, and divinity. Therefore, Eucharistic love is marked by **total surrender and complete self-emptying**. It is a love without limits or calculations, calling individuals to give of their time, resources, and energy for the well-being of others.

3. Radical Humility and Vulnerability

One of the most striking elements of the Eucharist is how Jesus manifests Himself: hidden under the humble appearances of ordinary bread and wine. He makes Himself entirely defenseless and approachable. In human relationships, Eucharistic love translates to laying down emotional defenses, abandoning pride, and meeting others with gentleness, patience, and a willingness to be vulnerable.

4. Communitarian and Unifying

The word *Eucharist* is synonymous with "Holy Communion". Unlike an individualistic affection, Eucharistic love is inherently social. It assimilates those who receive it into a singular body, breaking down dividing walls and building a global community. It actively drives believers outward to seek reconciliation and care for the marginalized, mirroring the unity of the Church.

5. Empowered by the Divine

Unlike standard human affection, which can dry up or grow weary, true Eucharistic love acknowledges human limitation and relies entirely on divine strength. It recognizes that "apart from God, we can do nothing". It is sustained through prayer, contemplation, and active connection to the divine source, transforming the believer's heart into a vehicle for Christ's own love.

Summary Comparison: Biblical Love vs. Eucharistic Love

Cipriano Vagaggini, a key figure in the liturgical renewal of the Second Vatican Council, described our worship as a *Patre, per Filium eius, Iesum Christum, in Spiritu Sancto, ad Patrem* (from the Father, through His Son, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit – back to the Father). The Eucharist is the heart of the Church's life because it is the privileged place where the baptized are enveloped by and participate within the eternal circulation of the Triune God who "is love" (1 Jn 4). At every Mass, we re-present the Sacrifice of Christ, we *do not repeat* it. We enter by grace into the once-for-all offering of the Son to the Father, in the Spirit. Thus, the dialogue, the small dialogue, which culminates the Offertory of the Mass, declares this astonishing claim.

The Priest says: "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father." And the people respond: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His Name, for our good and the good of all His Holy Church." Here, in a few words, the whole meaning and mystery of the Holy Eucharist is unveiled before us. We are not an audience or passive spectators. We are not gathered merely to remember a past event from which we remain absent; nor admire something holy from a distance. We are drawn into the living and life-giving sacrifice of Christ, "the Lamb though slain" – "for the praise and glory of His Name," and therefore "for our good and the good of ALL HIS HOLY CHURCH!" (excerpt taken from CCCB Leaflet – 'Lift Up Your Hearts')

FR. TIMOTHY NELLIGAN



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October 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we conclude the Thanksgiving season with its beautiful days of meditation, prayer, and festive meals, we also reflect with gratitude on the many blessings in our lives. Among these blessings is our beloved **Blessed Sacrament Parish**, guided faithfully by Fr. Tim, and sustained by the devotion of our community.

As this year comes to an end, we remember the turmoil, devastation, and uncertainties that surrounded us in our immediate vicinity and across the globe. Armed conflicts, economic challenges, political tensions, ideological polarization, and a general decline in civil discourse have shaped 2026.

Blessed Sacrament Parish has been, and continues to be, a steadfast place of hope, worship, community, and Catholic faith within our neighborhood. We look back and remain grateful for the many sacraments that were celebrated and for the time we spent together growing in our faith, keeping Christ always at the center of our lives. We are truly thankful for the many devout and holy Priests that called Blessed Sacrament Parish their temporary home, whilst studying Canon Law at St. Paul University. We remember our loved ones that passed in the hope of resurrection.

Soon, snow will befall Ottawa, reminding us that we are preparing for yet another important time in our Catholic faith – the birth of Jesus Christ!

This season of celebration is also the most important period for charitable giving, with some of you donating to food banks, homeless services, or animal shelters. May God bless you!

We are grateful for your regular donations throughout the year. Blessed Sacrament Parish, like any other charitable institution, also depends on your generous contributions during our annual year-end fundraising campaign.

With the grace of God, this faith community stood together and gave generously during our campaign in previous years. Our memories and encounters at daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Parish social functions, provide spiritual development, growth,

Parish Vision Statement

Through dynamic evangelization, Blessed Sacrament Parish seeks to intentionally invite all people into an initial encounter with Jesus, and an ongoing conversion to Him. We are a Eucharistic and Marian Parish that is a home for vibrant worship, reconciliation, and prayer as well as a catalyst for spiritual growth. We support each other on the journey to maturity and reach out to people in need. We actively strive to live by Our Lord's words – **"You Give Them Something to Eat!"** [Mark 6:37]

and guidance – this church is our primary place for our souls' nourishment, and it is dependent on these acts of benevolence.

Therefore, on behalf of Fr. Tim and as Chair of the Finance Council, I am reaching out to you to support our:

2026 ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH.

This annual fundraising campaign is imperative for the sustainability and longevity of our beautiful beacon of hope.

Please spend some time in prayer and spiritual reflection considering making a generous donation to Blessed Sacrament Parish to reach this year's target of ***\$50,000.***

EVERY SINGLE DOLLAR YOU SHARE MAKES A DIFFERENCE AND IS HIGHLY APPRECIATED!

Donations can be made via:

- 1) E-transfer to account@blessedsacrament.ca with '2026 Blessed Sacrament FR Campaign' in the message. Please also include your contact information.
- 2) A donation envelope with your name, address, and '2026 Blessed Sacrament FR Campaign' clearly marked for tax receipt purposes. Cash or Cheques are accepted. Please make cheques payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish.
- 3) Personal visit to the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office during office hours. Cash and cheques are accepted.

God bless you for your generous support!

Paul Giacomini

Paul Giacomini
Chair Finance Council

Parish Vision Statement

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