

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 19

5:00 p.m. ✠ Gavino & Tomasa de Ocampo & Family *by Minia Family*

✠ Kathleen Helen Milne Day *by Kathy Milne Day*

✠ William Bache & S.I. of Muriel Bache

Sunday, Sept. 20 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)
S.I. of Suzett Calaramo *by Suzett Calaramo*

11:00 a.m. S.I. of Joseph & Luisa Casciano *by Casciano Family*

S.I. of Marina Cameron *by Barbara Gamble*

S.I. of Allan & Alice Gamble *by Barbara Gamble*

Tuesday, Sept. 22

7:00 p.m. S.I. of Angie Brooks *by Mary Theresa & Randy Hiltz*

Wednesday, Sept. 23

9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 24

7:00 p.m. S.I. of Sam & Heather Finnie *by Kathy Milne Day*

Friday, Sept. 25

9:00 a.m. S.I. of Carol Cyr

Saturday, Sept. 26 Feast: St. John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues

5:00 p.m. Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)
S.I. of Allan & Alice Gamble *by Barb Gamble & Family*

✠ Minerva Aquino Zavaleta *by Mary Culleton*

Sunday, Sept. 27 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **World Day of Migrants & Refugees**

9:00 a.m. S.I. of Maira Fatima Minia *by Minia Family*

11:00 a.m. S.I. of Rina Casciano *by Casciano Family*

✠ Minerva Aquino Zavaleta *by Linda & Keith Clubbe & Family*

LITURGY OF THE WORD 2025-2026

SUNDAY: YEAR A WEEKDAY - YEAR 1

First Reading: (*Is 55:6-9*).

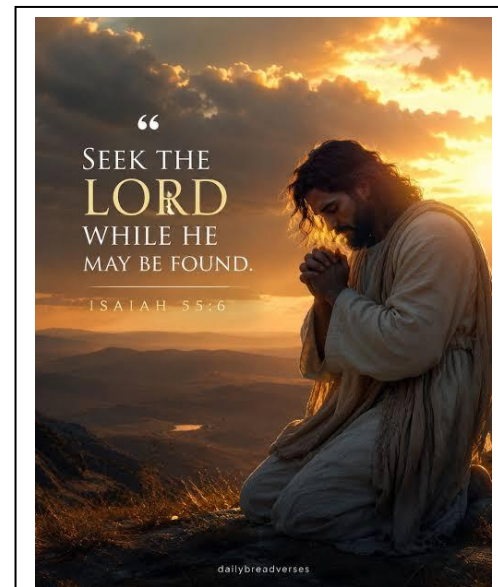
As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are God's ways above our ways.

Second Reading: (*Phil 1:20-24,27*).

Writing from prison, Paul is thinking of his death, and longing for complete union with Christ.

Gospel: (*Mt 20:1-16*).

This is a story about the generosity of God which soars above human standards.



WORK FOR THE GENEROUS REWARD OF ONE 'DENARIUS'

Isaiah 55.6-9; Psalm 145.2-18; Philippians 1.20-27; Matthew 20.1-16

The parable of labourers in Matthew 20: 1-16 is in the context of the land and labour in Palestine. The land belonged to a few people and the rest of the population depended on those few for their livelihood. Those who want to work would gather early in the morning in the village square for landowners to come and hire them. This could be the harvest time and the work started at first hour (6-9 a.m.) according to their calculation of time. In the parable we see the landowner looking for more labourers at third (9-12), sixth (12-3p.m.), ninth (3-6 p.m.) and even at eleventh hour (5 p.m.), working only for one hour. At the end of the day, the landowner paid the agreed wage of one denarius to all workers "beginning with the last and then going to the first" (3.62).

For us, it is unfair, unjust, and difficult to grasp its reasoning. The parable of the labourers is not about justice or money. It is about mercy and generosity of God. This rationale is clear from the statement of the owner of the vineyard: "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous."

In our church family situation, God did not call everybody at the same time in the church. Some were called early in life as the early labourers were called, having received their baptism as infants. Some were called as teenagers. Some were called during their married life and others, much later in life. The Lord God is just and fair in all His dealings with His children. No one will ever go unrewarded for the works of charity and mercy done for the glory of God and the people.

When Jesus narrated this parable to the crowd, he had the Pharisees in his mind. He was telling them to give up the idea that God is calling only the Jewish people for salvation. God's heart is far large to include everyone in His Kingdom and Jesus invites out of sheer love the non- Jews, sinners, Gentiles, pagans, latecomers, and all of us to work in his field and enter His Kingdom eternal peace and joy. Jews have no right to complain or being jealous. "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" What Jesus says to his people is that God was offering the Kingdom to sinners and Gentiles on equal terms with the Jews. There is no preferential treatment.

Together with the mercy and generosity of God there is also another lesson in today's gospel. If we want to shine like stars forever and ever, we should ask what we can do for the Church, for the people around us and beyond. Jesus did not place His angels on earth to evangelize. He placed us here in our own communities as lights to shine in the world so that His glory may be manifested through each of us.

May God bless all of us

Father Thomas Manninezhath, CMI

That denarius clearly represents eternal life, a gift that God reserves for all. Indeed, those who are considered the "last", if they accept, become the "first", whereas the "first" can risk becoming the "last". The first message of this parable is inherent in the very fact that the landowner does not tolerate, as it were, unemployment: he wants everyone to be employed in his vineyard. Being called is already the first reward: to be able to work in the Lord's vineyard, to put oneself at his service, to collaborate in his work, is a priceless recompense that repays every effort. Yet only those who love the Lord and his Kingdom understand this: those who instead work only for the pay will never realize the value of this inestimable treasure. (*Benedict XVI, Sunday, 21 September 2008*)



Thank you for your support OFFERTORY September 13, 2026

Envelopes: \$1,585.00, E-transfer: \$1,160.00, non-envelopes: \$335.60

Please continue to support the parish by dropping the collection envelopes in the **PARISH MAILBOX** at the front door of the **Rectory** OR You may use **Online banking (e-transfer)**. The money you transfer will directly go to our BMO parish account. For this purpose, please use our parish email: stanthonykincardine@hamiltondiocese.com OR You may consider **pre-authorized giving**. Authorization Form is available on our website: www.stanthonykincardine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRINT YOUR INFORMATION ON ENVELOPES

Those who use 'OFFERTORY' and 'MASS INTENTIONS' envelopes from narthex, kindly PRINT your name and address for acknowledgment and tax receipt purposes.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Come and serve the Lord and your church community as an altar server. Training will be provided for all interested candidates in Grade 4 and up. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the parish office 519-396-2505 or contact Jove Gabor, jovegabor@gmail.com

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATON

Sunday of the First Week of each month, we shall celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries. The celebration will be in the Parish Hall immediately after the 11 a.m. Holy Mass. If you would like to participate in this jovial programme of our parish family, kindly register by completing the registration form available in the narthex and return to the office.

We shall announce those names on the first Sunday of every month and pray for their intentions during the Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We have resumed this program and warmly welcome and encourage our parishioners to consider volunteering to this ministry. Workshops and mentoring available. For more information, please call 519-575-2748 or email donnamarieward50@gmail.com.

RCIA: The rite of Christian initiation of adults is a process through which adults become members of the Catholic Church through Baptism, the Eucharist and Confirmation. Our preparatory sessions will begin at the end of September. If you or someone you know would like to become a Roman Catholic, please contact the parish office. The sessions are also open to any parishioners who wish to grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith and deepen their spiritual life.

THE NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURH

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend. When you give, your offering begins in our parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada.

Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone - from providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person and accompanying migrants and refugees.

Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Please give prayerfully and generously next weekend. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

FREEDOM OF BABIES AND COMFORT OF THEIR PARENTS

Wonderful to see more parents and babies with 'angelic voices' and young children for Holy Mass. Please feel free to use the Cry Room whenever your little ones need attention. You are welcome to continue participating in Holy Mass from the Cry Room. Thank you for helping to keep our church prayerful and peaceful.

*Welcome to all our visitors and guests.
We wish you fruitful and relaxing days during your stay with us.*

St. Anthony of Padua Church

"Sharing Our Faith in God Through Service to Our Neighbour"

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



Parish Staff

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Parish Secretary: Mrs. Maggie Lutz
Parish Bookkeeper: Rene Renaud
Custodian: Mr. Wayne Brownrigg

Sunday Mass

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass

Tuesday and Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor to plan.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the Parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor to plan **at least 1 year** prior to the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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Catholic Women's League

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Knights of Columbus

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Elementary School

St. Anthony's - 519-396-4330

High School

Sacred Heart - 519-881-1900



Welcome to St. Anthony's

Kindly remember our St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Kincardine, Ontario, in your BEQUESTS AND WILLS for the benefit of the parish and its pastoral activities.