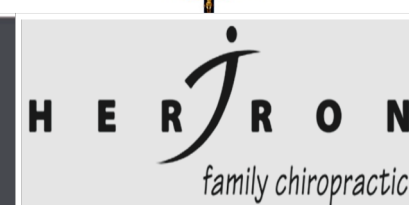


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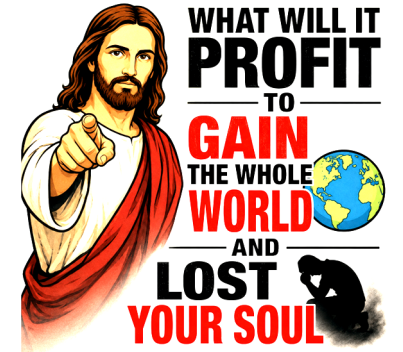
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intention today Aug. 30: +Colleen Lawson

August 31, Mon (NO MASS)

Sept 1, Tues 9am

Sept 2, Wed 9am - Living & deceased members of Auger family

Sept 3, Thurs 9am (St. Gregory the great, pope, doctor)

Sept 4, Fri 8:30am (First Friday Devotions) Int. for Danny di Benedetto by Maria Marszal

Sept 5, Sat 9am

Sept 5, Sat 4pm (23rd Sunday) +Darren Fleming (memorial) by Tina Mullin

Sept 6, Sun 10am (23rd Sunday) For all families in St. Mary's parish by St. Mary's CWL

SEPTEMBER 5- 6, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

	4 pm	10 am
LECTORS:	Michael Mullin	Kathleen Ancker
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ST. AUGUSTINE: FROM SIN TO SAINTHOOD (Feast Day – August 28) Though he was one of the



ST. AUGUSTINE

most intelligent men who ever lived and had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. He spent many years searching for truth while struggling with sin, pride, and false beliefs. Through the prayers of his mother, St. Monica, and the preaching of St. Ambrose, his heart gradually opened to God. One day, in a moment of deep struggle, Augustine heard a child's voice saying, "Take up and read." He opened the letters of St. Paul and read words calling him to leave his sinful life and follow Christ. That moment changed everything. Augustine was baptized, became a priest, bishop, and eventually one of the greatest theologians and saints in the history of the Church. His life reminds us that no one is ever too far from God's mercy. Conversion can happen at any time when we sincerely open our hearts to God.

"Our hearts are restless until they rest in You." - St. Augustine

DATES TO REMEMBER

*September 14, 9:30am: CWL Meeting / *Sept 23, Wed 9:30 - Parish Council Meeting /

*September 24, Thurs 1pm - SVDP Meeting

PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Lexter Mendez, Patrick King, Helen Dettman, Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR JAMES MANLEY- We are blessed and proud that our own parish



community member, James Manley, has entered St. Augustine Seminary in Toronto to pursue his vocation to the priesthood. This is certainly a great joy for his family and our entire parish community. We are asking our Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, parish organizations, and individual parishioners who are able and willing to support

James financially during his years of seminary formation. Financial assistance will help cover room and board and the formation fees associated with his seminary program. All donations will be sent to the Diocese and these funds will be used exclusively toward James' seminary expenses. For individual donors: Please mark your envelope "James Manley" and place it in the collection basket. A tax receipt will be issued for your donation. Thank you for your generosity and support of James as he prepares to serve God and His Church.

FEAST DAY FUNDRAISING PROCEEDS - Sponsors & Donors — \$4,440.00, Memorial Candle Mass — \$555.00, Euchre — \$350.00, 50/50 Draw — \$55.00, Raffle — \$545.00, Golf Green Fee — \$475.76, Total of \$6,420.76. Net raised for our parish — \$5,770.76.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND WOMEN OF FAITH (Prepared by Kathleen Ancker) - Dr. Cathy Holtmann's research reveals rates of domestic violence (DV) in religious families are similar to the general population, but there are 'unique vulnerabilities' that contribute to women of faith taking longer to recognize, name and seek safety from domestic violence, including: the 'sacred nature' of the family which must be preserved at any cost, the promotion of forgiveness for the perpetrator, the misuse of sacred scripture to justify the domination of women.

Holtman says women of faith struggle to understand how they should respond, needing guidance in interpreting what their religious beliefs are saying in the aftermath of domestic violence. She warns, however, that 'premature' forgiveness of the perpetrator may trap women in a cycle of abuse. Dr. Cathy Holtmann warns that reconciliation should never be attempted unless the perpetrator provides proof that he is undertaking 'the real work of change' with professional counselling to end the domestic abuse (DV). She warns that the healing process is a long-term process for both perpetrator and victim. Sadly, a woman may never feel safe again, the damage being too deep for reconciliation to take place. Dr. Cathy Holtmann is the academic lead on the Religion and Violence Research Team at the University of New Brunswick. (Part 3 Of 4, to be continued)

CWL NEWS - The next CWL meeting is September 14 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. A special thank you to Tina & Michael Mullin for all their planning and work to make St. Mary's special celebration on August 14, 15 & 16 such a wonderful success. The CWL wishes all students a successful year as they head back to school for 2026 - 2027. The work on the septic system at St. Mary Elementary School has been completed. The school gym will once again be available as our church hall.