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# 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 26, 2025

***"As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation..."*** (2 Timothy 4:6)

What is a libation?

Paul's Christian Community knew. They had all been at parties and dinners that began with someone "pouring out wine in honour of a god" on the floor. It was the pagan version of a prayer before meals (in this way Roman pagans were better than we moderns whose sense of entitlement leaves grace-before-meals rarely spoken – question: Do we pray before a meal in a restaurant? We should. (If we have babies I am certain that they will spill something on the floor. Does that count?))

St. Paul's final words sums his life up: he has poured out all of his energy, time, goods, and thoughts as wine splashed on the floor ... but not for just any god. His life was now an empty cup, all poured out for the Only God – whose Son the Lord Jesus had so filled Paul's life with meaning, truth, and love.

Paul had drunk from the Eucharistic Cup from which we also drink, "The cup of the new and everlasting covenant which will be **poured out** for you and for many" (the Words of Institution). How important that action: **POURED OUT**. This is the way that Christ Jesus lived, the way Christ Jesus died, the way Christ Jesus rises: pouring out an ocean of mercy, truth, and love. If it is the Lord's way then Paul made it his way. It is to be our way.

***"... the time of my departure has come."*** (2 Timothy 4:7)

Paul looks with clear eyes at his coming martyrdom. No pretending that he will live forever. He will not choose the time – that is for God alone to decide – but departure has come. Paul has left nothing in the cup. All the cups put in front of him have been filled. Have we been keeping back some wine? Are we stingy in the way we share life? Are there cups waiting for us to fill? The time of our departure is near.

***"I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith".*** (2 Timothy 4:8)

We were not duped by the Lord. He told us with utter candor that to follow Him entails a Cross. And not just a Cross, but a crowd of situations and people that will howl at us just as they did to Him on the Way of the Cross. But this is a "good fight" – literally, the "beautiful struggle." Beautiful and Good because it is the only struggle worth having: running the race to become what Jesus' has won for us – a saint's crown.

My Dad commented (as many older parents do) that he did not want to be a "burden for his children". I looked at him and said, "Dad, you ARE a burden! That is the way it is supposed to be." I was [and probably still am] a burden for him and now I have the grace to fight the beautiful struggle of love. Look at Jesus on the Cross – carrying us and our crosses, and sins, all of us – with utter strength. Trusting completely in the Father. Keeping the faith.

***"From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing."*** (2 Timothy 4:8)

As it was for St. Paul our Heavenly Patron, so it is for us. A saint's crown. Placed on our heads by the Lord just as He crowns Mary. The Appearing of the Lord that we long for is nearer than we think.

Let us pour out for God what our God has poured in.



This year Joo Min\*, a North Korean believer, got the opportunity to escape the brutal regime, but she returned as a believer, determined to share Jesus with others. She said, "I felt a calling to share everything I've learned with other secret believers in North Korea, my homeland." (From [opendoors.org](http://opendoors.org))

### MONDAY, October 27, 2025

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** († William McKerlie)  
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

### TUESDAY, October 28, 2025 St. Simon & St. Jude (F)

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Swarbrick family)  
7:00 pm - Marriage Prep

### WEDNESDAY, October 29, 2025

11:00 am - Confessions, & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Adrien Simonot)  
1:00 pm - **Eucharistic Adoration**  
7:00 pm - Choir

### THURSDAY, October 30, 2025

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Rudolph Krakowski)  
4:30 pm - RCIC  
7:00 pm - RCIA  
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

### FRIDAY, October 31, 2025

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Lisa Marchildon)  
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

### SATURDAY, November 1, 2025 All Saints' (S)

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints**

### SUNDAY, November 2, 2025 All Souls' (M)

8:00 am - **Mass**  
10:00 am - **Mass with Bishop Mark**  
12:30 pm - Eritrean **Mass**  
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**  
8:00 pm - **Mass**

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we welcome Bishop Mark Hagemoen to celebrate Mass at 10:00 am for the deceased priests and bishops of our Diocese.



### "Pilgrims of Hope Rooted in Prayer and Mission"

Find this year's video, information and online giving at [dscf.ca/baa](https://dscf.ca/baa) or contact the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation at (306) 659-5851 or [admin@dscf.ca](mailto:admin@dscf.ca)

The St. Paul's Refugee Committee will be helping a six-person family who have fled civil war in Ethiopia. To volunteer or to donate (furniture, clothing and other items), please contact Clement Ng at (306) 227-6909 or [clement.k.ng@hotmail.com](mailto:clement.k.ng@hotmail.com)

### Sisters of the Presentation of Mary

"A Day with the Sisters" girls in Grades 9-12 are invited to come hang out with the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary and get to know their charism and their Foundress, St. Marie Rivier **Saturday, Nov. 15 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm** at Mary's House.

A one-day retreat for young women will be held **Nov. 10 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm**, an opportunity for women to connect with Jesus and come to know the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary.

Registration and information for both events at: <https://presentationofmary.ca/events>

**Multi-Cultural Celebration:** St. Mary Parish, is hosting a Multi-Cultural Celebration from **11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Oct. 26** in the parish hall. In addition to performances, international ethnic food and crafts will also be available for purchase.

Admission: adult/\$10; child 6-10 years/\$5; child under 6/free. Proceeds go to radiators to heat the church.

### OFFERING for October 19, 2025

Cash Donations	\$ 1,012.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,100.00
Evangelization of the Nations	\$ 715.00