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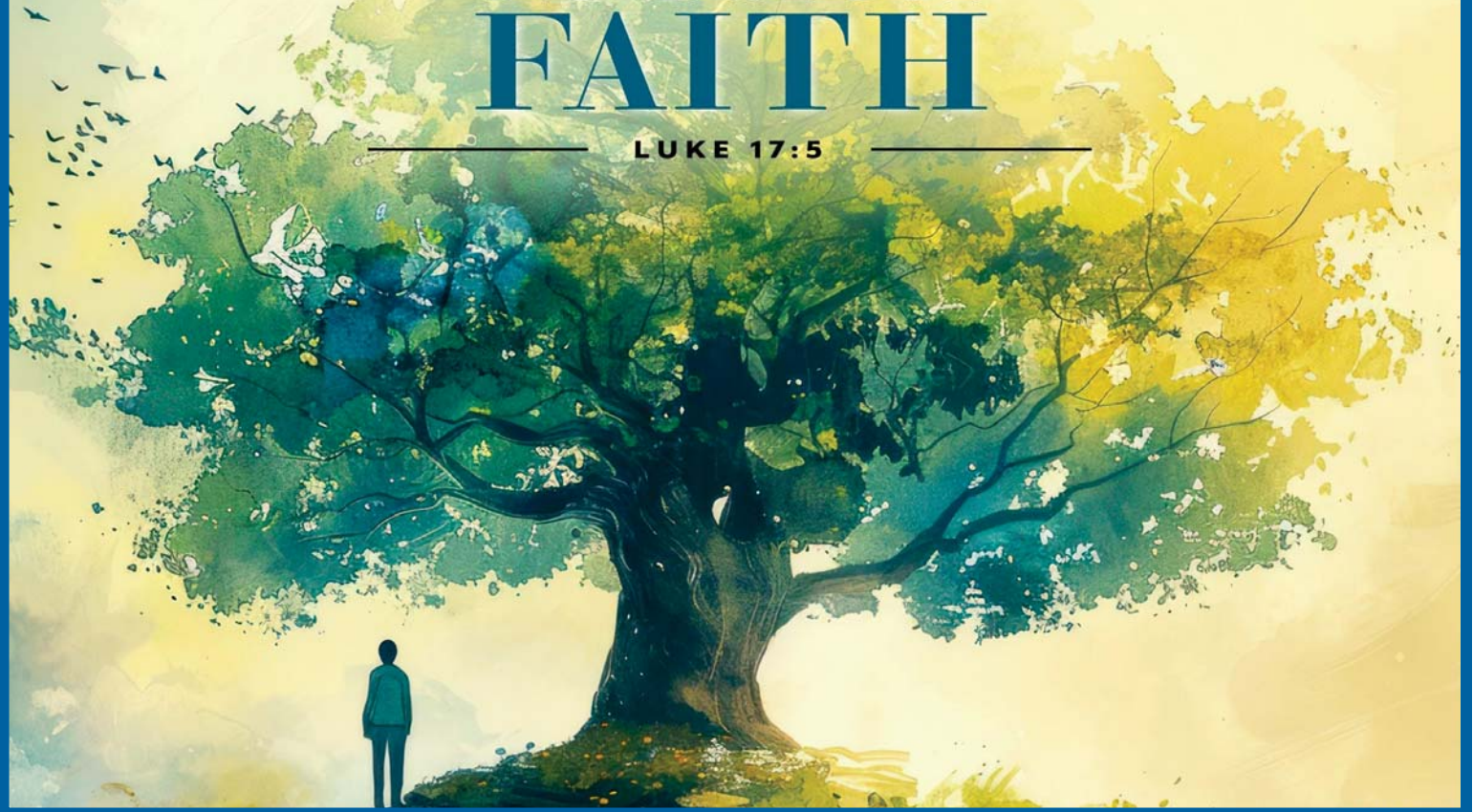
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INCREASE OUR FAITH

LUKE 17:5



Mass Schedule

Daily Mass ~ Monday-Saturday 9:00am,
preceded by **Daily Rosary** at 8:30am

Weekend Masses ~ Saturdays 4:00pm
Sundays 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm & 5:00pm

~ **Church Open for Prayer** ~
Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm

Bereavement Support Ministry ~ For support, please
Contact Deacon Dan Nelson at dcn785@aol.com

Staff Directory ~ Find our staff directory on page 6.

Parish Prayer Wall ~ Submit your prayer requests on
our parish website.

Parish Newsletter ~ Visit parish website to subscribe.

St. Mary's Cemetery ~ For inquiries, please contact
Barbara McKenney at 781-828-0090 x 311.

Sacramental and Devotional Life

Anointing of the Sick ~ Contact the parish office.

Baptism ~ Twice a month, 2nd and 4th Sundays.
To register, visit www.cantonicatholic.org and click on
Sacraments. Contact: Barbara McKenney (781) 828-0090.

Marriage ~ Arrangements should be made six months
in advance. Contact the parish office.

Reconciliation ~ Saturdays at 3:15pm before the 4:00pm
Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~
Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am

Bible Study ~ Mondays at 9:45am in the Lower church
Hall. Contact: wwhite9999@aol.com or 617-699-8032

Catholic Men of Canton ~ 2nd Saturday of the month
8:00-9:30am in the Lower Church Hall or via a zoom link
option. Email jptjr2@gmail.com for more information.



*"Let us not tire of preaching love;
It is the force that will overcome the world."*

Dear Friends,

One can easily overlook a comment in St. Paul's Letter to Timothy from today's second reading. *"Stir into flame the gift of God that you have received through the imposition of my hands,"* is a reference to Holy Orders. At an Ordination Mass, the consecrating bishop calls down the Holy Spirit as he places his hands on the head of the deacon or priest.

An important ministry of our archdiocese is the vocation office. The priests who staff that office help young men, and some who are not so young, discern whether Our Lord might be calling them to ministry. Father Jeremy and I are happy to answer any questions potential candidates may have and to put them in touch with the vocation office. Likewise, Deacon Dan is willing to do the same for anyone interested in exploring the diaconate.



Another way to learn more about the process, and to meet others who are also discerning, is to attend one of the two upcoming retreats organized by the vocation office:

October 24 – 26, 2025 or February 20 – 22, 2026

Fathers Eric Caden and Michael Zimmerman of the vocation office can be contacted directly at 617 746-5947.

Don't be bashful about passing this information on to anyone you think might be interested. Encouragement works.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

A Mass of Healing and Hope

The *Anointing of the Sick* is one of the Church's beautiful Sacraments of Healing, offering strength, peace, and the grace of Christ's loving presence to those who are ill or aging. It is a tender moment when the Church gathers to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer and entrust them to the care of the Divine Physician.

If you, or someone you know—a friend, neighbor, or loved one—are facing illness, preparing for surgery, or in need of God's healing grace, we invite you to join us for the **4:00pm Mass on Saturday, October 18.**



During this Mass, we will pray in a special way for all who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit, as well as for their families, caregivers, and healthcare providers. The *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* will be celebrated following the Homily.

Come, and allow Christ's healing love to surround you and those you hold in your heart.

An Inspiring Morning with Justice Raya S. Dreben

You're Invited!

The Canton Catholic Women's Club is honored to welcome **The Honorable Associate Justice Raya S. Dreben** on **Wednesday, October 15, after the 9:00 AM Mass** in the lower level of the church.

Justice Dreben was born in Vienna, Austria, and emigrated to the United States with her parents when she was just 9 years old. A brilliant scholar, she graduated *magna cum laude* from Radcliffe College and *cum laude* from Harvard Law School before beginning her distinguished career in law. In 1979, Governor Michael Dukakis appointed her as Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court, where she served faithfully for 32 years. Known as a trailblazer for women in the legal profession, she continued her work with dedication and grace until her retirement at the age of 84.

Come meet this extraordinary woman and hear her inspiring story of faith, perseverance, and service. **Coffee and desserts will be served.**

All are welcome—please join us for this very special gathering!

Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates

Last weekend, our 10th-grade Confirmation candidates gathered for a retreat as part of their final preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a grace-filled time of prayer, reflection, and community as they grew deeper in their relationship with Christ and opened their hearts to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We invite our parish family to keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, October 18**. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them with wisdom, courage, and joy as they continue their journey of faith.



God Still Speaks Today—A Reflection on Psalm 95



“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” These words are both an invitation and a challenge. God speaks to us each day—in the stillness of prayer, in the beauty of creation, in the needs of those around us, and in the quiet movements of our own hearts. But how often do we allow the noise of the world, our worries, or our stubbornness to harden us against hearing Him?

This psalm reminds us that our God is not distant. He is our Creator, our Shepherd, the Rock of our salvation. He longs for us to come before Him with thanksgiving and joy, to bow down in humility, and to trust in His loving guidance. When we listen with open hearts, we begin to notice His voice calling us toward peace, mercy, forgiveness, and deeper faith.

Today, let us not turn away or close ourselves off. Instead, may we soften our hearts, remain attentive, and allow God’s voice to shape our lives. If we listen closely, we will discover the Lord leading us gently, as a shepherd guides his flock, into the fullness of His love.

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7

The Rosary is more than a string of beads—it is a lifeline of prayer, a gentle rhythm that draws us closer to Jesus through the loving heart of His Mother. When we pray the Rosary, we are invited to walk with Mary as she guides us through the mysteries of Christ’s life: His birth, His ministry, His suffering, His death, and His glorious resurrection.

Our Lady of the Rosary reminds us that prayer is powerful. History has shown us how the Rosary has brought peace in times of war, strength in times of trial, and consolation in times of sorrow. In our own lives, the Rosary has the power to calm our restless hearts, deepen our trust in God, and open us to the quiet whisper of the Holy Spirit.

On this feast day, let us take Mary’s hand and rediscover the beauty of this prayer. May we find in the Rosary not just repetition, but meditation; not just words, but a pathway into God’s love. And may Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, always intercede for us and for our world, leading us ever closer to her Son.



Charity Fund Tootsie Roll Drive

Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll" Drive

After all Masses on **Columbus Day Weekend (October 11& 12)**, the Father John J. Flatley Council No. 2095 of the Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual *"Tootsie Roll" Drive*.

This cherished tradition supports the **Massachusetts State Council Charity Fund**, which helps individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities live with greater joy, dignity, and independence. To learn more about the impact of this effort, visit: masskofc.org/charity-balls and scroll down to *"It's More Than a Tootsie Roll."*

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 4

9:00am~

4:00pm~Ida Hanlon, Memorial

Sunday, October 5

8:00am~People of the Parish

10:00am~Sophie & Joseph Wolanin, Memorial

12:00pm~Timothy Dubois, Memorial

5:00pm~

Monday, October 6

9:00am~Baby Stuart

Tuesday, October 7

9:00am~Mesomachi Nwosu, Living

Intention—Birthday

Wednesday, October 8

9:00am~John J. & Thelma Maloney,

Memorial

Thursday, October 9

9:00am~Virginia Hagerty, Memorial

Friday, October 10

9:00am~

Saturday, October 11

9:00am~

4:00pm~John Hutchinson, Sr, Memorial

Sunday, October 12

8:00am~

10:00am~Francisco Andrade, Memorial

12:00pm~Agustin Iglesias, Memorial

5:00pm~

Prayers and Sympathy

Carol Romanelli

*Please remember in your prayers
all those who have entered into eternal life.*



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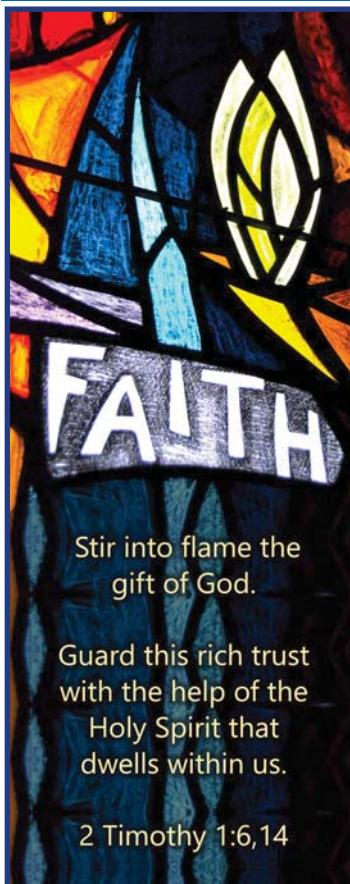
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2 Timothy 1:6,14



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