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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 5, 2025

### Message from Fr. Shaiju

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, I invite you to reflect on the parable of the mustard seed and its connection to praying the Rosary. Over the centuries, the Rosary has been like a strong and sheltering tree, offering comfort, strength, and hope. Though composed of simple and repeated prayers, like the "Hail Mary", each prayer may seem small, like a tiny seed, easy to overlook. Yet, when prayed with love and faith, these small seeds have the power to move mountains: healing wounds of unforgiveness and helping us overcome spiritual struggles. Like the mustard seed that grows into a great tree, each "Hail Mary" carries immense spiritual power. When we pray the Rosary, we are planting seeds of grace in our hearts, in our families, and in the world around us. Let us become joyful promoters of the Holy Rosary, seeking refuge and strength in the powerful protection of our Blessed Mother. May the Rosary become a driving force in our spiritual journey, drawing us closer to God and empowering us to face our daily battles. Let us participate in the weekly rosary and support our parish's Rosary Apostolate as it works to strengthen personal faith and nurture the spiritual lives of the children. Have a blessed week.

*Cari Fratelli e Sorelle, mentre celebriamo la Festa della Madonna del Rosario il 7 ottobre, vi invito a riflettere sulla parabola del granello di senape e sul suo legame profondo con la preghiera del Rosario. Nel corso dei secoli, il Rosario è stato come un albero forte e rifugiante, offrendo conforto, forza e speranza. Sebbene composto da preghiere semplici, come l'"Ave Maria", ogni preghiera può sembrare piccola, come un seme, facile da trascurare. Eppure, quando pregato con amore e fede, questi piccoli semi hanno il potere di fare meraviglie: guarire le ferite del perdono e aiutarci a superare le difficoltà. Come il granello di senape che cresce in un grande albero, ogni "Ave Maria" porta con sé un immenso potere spirituale. Quando preghiamo il Rosario con fedeltà, stiamo piantando semi di grazia nei nostri cuori, nelle nostre famiglie e nel mondo che ci circonda. Diventiamo allora promotori gioiosi del Rosario, cercando rifugio nella protezione della nostra Madre. Che il Rosario diventi una forza propulsiva nel nostro cammino spirituale, dandoci la forza per affrontare le nostre sfide quotidiane. Vi auguro una settimana benedetta.*

*Fr. Shaiju Ponmalakunnel*

### Clergy Appreciation Night

Everyone is invited to attend the **Clergy Appreciation Dinner Dance on Saturday October 18, 2025 at 6pm in the parish hall**. Don't miss this chance to express your appreciation for our clergy who guide, serve, and pray for us daily. This evening of celebration will include dinner, dancing, fellowship, and a special presentation by Fr. Eugene. Tickets are available in the parish office at the cost of \$60.

*Siete tutti invitati ad una **Serata di Apprezzamento del Clero con cena e ballo, sabato 18 ottobre 2025 nella sala parrocchiale**. Non perdetevi questa occasione per esprimere la vostra gratitudine al nostro clero che ci guida, serve e prega per noi ogni giorno. La serata includerà cena, ballo, momenti di convivialità e una presentazione speciale di P. Eugene. I biglietti sono disponibili in ufficio parrocchiale al costo di \$60.*

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

On behalf of our Family Outreach Committee and the Friends of Fr. Monti, we kindly ask for your help with this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive, running from **September 22 to October 10, 2025**. Every contribution of non-perishable food helps.

*Il Comitato Outreach della Parrocchia e Gli Amici di Padre Monti organizzano una raccolta di cibo in occasione della Festa del Ringraziamento dal **22 settembre al 10 ottobre 2025**. Ogni contributo di alimenti non deperibili è prezioso.*

### Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection

**Today** there will be a second collection to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund.

**Oggi** si farà una seconda colletta per il Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund.

## Upcoming Baptisms

Our parish is delighted to welcome the following children to the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism:



Gia Sarah Amato  
Amaya Chaves Almeida  
Alessio Pasquale Lombardi  
Matteo Candito  
Thylane Clare Huertas Gonzales  
Antonio Junior Silvani  
Marcus Salvatore DiVittorio  
Sofia Rocca

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

## This Week's Marriages



Daniella Pascarella & Julian Cimadamore  
Erica Aranha & Rocco Maringola

## 2026 First Holy Communion & Confirmation Registration

Registrations will close on **October 8, 2025**. A fee of **\$50.00 for Communion** and **\$60.00 for Confirmation** (cash or cheque only) will be applied to cover the expenses. A copy of the Baptismal certificate of the candidate is required at the time of registration.

### Parent/Pastor Meeting

The meeting for **parents/guardians and candidates** who have registered for **First Holy Communion** will be held on **Wednesday October 15, 2025 at 7pm** in the parish hall. **Attendance is mandatory.**

The **parents/guardians and candidates for Confirmation** are invited to a meeting on **Thursday October 16, 2025 at 7pm** in the parish hall. **Attendance is mandatory.**

## Evening Rosary

We will be praying the rosary in **English every Monday at 7:30 pm**. As October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we will pray for those currently battling breast and other cancers and a cure for this disease.

During the month of October, we will be praying the rosary in the Chapel in **Italian from Tuesday-Friday at 7:30pm**.

*Durante il mese di Ottobre, pregheremo il Rosario in cappella in **italiano dal martedì al venerdì alle 19:30**.*

*Pregheremo il Rosario **in inglese ogni lunedì alle 19:30**. Poiché ottobre è il Mese della Sensibilizzazione sul Cancro al Seno, pregheremo per coloro che stanno attualmente combattendo contro il cancro al seno e altri tipi di cancro, e per una cura per questa malattia.*

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Monday October 6

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| 7pm | Bruno & Antonio Alviani |
| 8pm | Rosaria Palma           |

### Tuesday October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

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| 7pm | Maria Spinosa                                                                            |
| 8pm | Sr. Lilian Kapongo, Sr. Nerina DeSimone,<br>Sr. Damaris Matheka, Sr. Stellamaris Muthini |

### Wednesday October 8

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| 7pm |                 |
| 8pm | Famiglia Caputi |

### Thursday October 9

7pm

### Friday October 10

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| 7pm | Ines Pizzardi |
| 8pm | Maria Sansone |

## Children's Liturgy is Resuming

Children's Liturgy resumes the **weekend of October 11 & 12, 2025 at the Saturday 5:00pm Mass and the Sunday 9:30am Mass**. Children will hear the Sunday readings and Gospel explained in a fun and simple way! No registration is required.

## Community Litter Cleanup

Join the Friends of Father Monti on **Saturday, October 25th, from 1:00–3:00pm** for a **Parish Community Litter Cleanup Day**. Volunteers will meet in the *Chancellor Community Centre back parking lot* and focus on cleaning up the surrounding areas, including the soccer field, park, and nearby spaces. Litter bags and gloves will be provided by the city, and **everyone is welcome**—kids and teens too! Feel free to dress up in fun costumes or themed outfits (as long as you can move and clean safely) to make the day extra special. Refreshments will be provided. This event is weather permitting, so please stay tuned for updates if the forecast changes.

## Carmelite Missionary Sisters Memorial Mass

The Carmelite Missionary Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus invite you for a Memorial Mass in memory of *Sr. Lilian Kapongo, Sr. Nerina DeSimone, Sr. Damaris Matheka, Sr. Stellamaris Muthini* on **Tuesday October 7, 2025 at 8pm**.

## Festa di San Gerardo Maiella



*Solenne Messa e Processione*  
**Domenica 19 ottobre, 2025 alle ore 2:30pm**