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Thanksgiving

*For wealth and plenty in the land,
For faith in God's sustaining hand,
For every blessing great and small
We thank the giver of it all.*



1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13
 Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 *Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers*

Cultivating Generous Gratitude

All of us since our childhood were raised to say thank you when someone has done something good for us. While this is undoubtedly a positive act, it can lead us to developing the mentality that thanksgiving is a mere matter of politeness. The deeper sense of gratitude exemplified by the one leper who returned to thank Jesus in the Gospel surpasses mere kind manners. The Gospel recalls that he “prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him.”

The act of returning to Jesus and prostrating himself cost something to the leper, it required his effort, time and humility. We can learn from his example and learn to go out of our way in order to express our profound gratitude to God and our neighbor.

With respect to God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank the Lord for the abundant gifts He graciously lavishes on us. When thanking our neighbor, perhaps we can include a physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation or express our thanks by spending time with them. Let us ask ourselves this Thanksgiving weekend, how are we moving past mere politeness to sincere acts of gratitude towards God and neighbor. In this way, we can practice generosity even while expressing our gratitude.

Summary: The one leper who returned and prostrated himself before Jesus shows us the true model of gratitude towards God and neighbor because it required his effort, time and humility. When thanking God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank Him for the abundant gifts He lavishes upon us. When thanking our neighbor, perhaps we can include a physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation or express our thanks by spending time with them.



RESERVATIONS

CHURCH

Tue	Oct 15	Adult Choir Practice 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct 15	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Oct 17	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	Oct 18	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Tue	Oct 15	Marriage Preparation 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct 16	Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm
Wed	Oct 16	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Oct 17	Marriage Preparation 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Oct 18	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm
Sat	Oct 19	Rosary Apostolate 9:30am-12:00pm
Sat	Oct 19	CFCFFL 7:00-10:30pm

NESSINGER HALL

Tue	Oct 15	Baptism Class 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct 16	CIC 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	Oct 16	Knights of Columbus 7:30-9:30pm
Thurs	Oct 17	Rosary Apostolate 6:00-8:00pm
Fri	Oct 18	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm
Sat	Oct 19	Prime Time Club 3:00-11:00pm

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Oct 14	Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32
Tue	Oct 15	Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41
Wed	Oct 16	Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46
Thurs	Oct 17	Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54
Fri	Oct 18	2Tim 4:9-17a; Luke 10:1-9
Sat	Oct 19	Romans 4:13,16-18; Luke 12:8-12
Sun	Oct 20	Exodus 17:8-13; 2Tim 3:14-4.2; Luke 18:1-8

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,
 we turn our hearts to you on this day
 for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts.
 For each one, we are grateful.
 For each one, we are blessed.
 For each one we are opened to the
 abundance of your love.
 May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder
 to be generous with others as you are with us.
 We praise you.
 We rejoice in you.
 We give you thanks. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	Oct 13 10am	For the soul of Frank Mooney, requested by Paula and Pat Nolan
	4pm	1. For the soul of Francisco L. Villanueva, requested by Cecilia Villanueva 2. For the soul of Victor Schembri, requested by Beatrice Schembri
Wed	Oct 16 7pm	For the conversion of Cleve Kenny, requested by Ena Barrett
Thurs	Oct 17 9am	1. For the soul of Irene Galang, requested by Lito 2. For the soul of Michael Harrison, requested by the Harrison Family
Fri	Oct 18 9am	For the souls of Teresa, Maurice, & Phillip Christopher, requested by Maureen D'Silva & Family
Sat	Oct 19 9am	For the soul of Anthony Cunha, requested by Samantha
	5pm	1. For the soul of Ana-Maria and Joao-Manuel D'Souza, requested by Raqule Memello 2. For the soul of Bernadette Arasaratnam, requested by Bernadette Anandarajah 3. For the souls of Victor M. D'Souza & Steven Fernandes, requested by Kavita Sequira 4. For the soul of Walter R. Sequeira, requested by Kavita Sequira
Sun	Oct 20 10am	For the soul of Mario Rocha, requested by Michael & Brenda Barretto
	4pm	1. For the soul of Victor Schembri, requested by Beatrice Schembri 2. For the soul of Mario Rocha, requested by Sandra Rocha and Family

SHARELIFE UPDATE:

The Parish Goal was \$74,500.00
As of July 2019 update, the parish raised \$73,945.32.
Thank you for your generosity!

OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is holding a Fall Food Drive this month. Bins are set up at both entrance of the church to drop off your food items. Non-perishable food items needed include: Kraft dinner, tuna, cereals, soup, peanut butter, snacks, oatmeal, etc.



For parents with children preparing for Confirmation:

A RITE OF ENROLLMENT for all Confirmation Candidates will be held in all masses on the weekends of October 19/20 and October 26/27.

Candidates are asked to come in one of these masses and participate in the Rite.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

October 15, 22, and 29
7:00-8:00pm in the church
Must be at least in Grade 5 to join.
For more info, contact Alice Pinder,
905.785.7097



YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Next EDGE Night: Mon Oct 28th - Masterpiece
Next LIFE Night: Fri Oct 25th - Kickoff
Schedule & Registration @ www.jcym.ca



Toronto Argos Faith and Family Night, Oct 26th.
More info @ www.jcym.ca/argos

Why be somewhere else to have fun on Halloween Night when you can be in the light of Jesus in the comfort of the Church and have **more** fun?

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS invites you to a



NIGHT OF LIGHT

Thursday, October 31, 6:15pm

Games, Treats, Food, and Giveaways for all ages after the Eucharistic Celebration and Adoration.

Come dress as your favourite saint or as a laity.
Register at the Parish office for free.

Spread the word!



Next weekend is Parish Coffee Sunday hosted by the Youth & Altar Servers.

Come, enjoy a cup of coffee, cookies and juice and get to know a parishioner in our community.

Mix & Mingle



The Parish Office is closed on Monday, October 14th for Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be Mass at 9am.

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