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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator,

*In this season of gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle with hunger and want.
Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.*

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

*And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one
another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.*

Amen

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Thanksgiving Weekend: October 12, 2025



Saturday, October 11, at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, October 12, at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, October 13 at 8 a.m. Mass
Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday, October 14 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, October 15 at 8 a.m. Mass
Saint Teresa of Jesus (M)
Simeona & Antero Agnaer – +

Thursday, October 16 at 8 a.m. **No Mass**
St Marie-Marguerite D'Youville (M)

Friday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour, 07 p.m.
Mass,
St. Ignatius of Antioch (M)
Mavic and Manny Galicia – Mass for Philippines

Saturday, October 18, at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, October 19 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*
World Mission Sunday

Sunday, October 19, at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 neighbour.

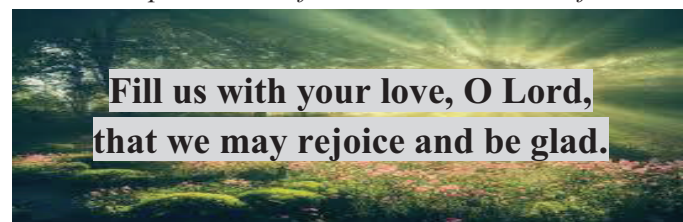
With respect to God, we can set aside time in prayer

to intentionally thank the Lord for the abundant gifts He graciously lavishes on us. When thanking our neighbour, 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 neighbour. 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 neighbour 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 neighbour, perhaps we can include a physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation or express our thanks by spending time with them.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collection

Weekend of **October 4/5**

Envelopes (52) **\$ 863.88**

Loose **\$ 420.00**

PAG **\$ 524.25**

Special Collection: Indigenous

Healing & Reconciliation **\$ 370.00**



ShareLife: From the heart of the Church – Food Security Grants to fight hunger

As food insecurity worsens across the GTA, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto (CCAT), and two generous anonymous donors have pledged a combined \$800,000 in Food Security Grants for 2025—building on previous commitments of \$500,000 in 2023 and \$750,000 in 2024.

Living the Gospel means caring for those who are hungry and vulnerable every single day. This is why we need your help to reach our parish goal. Please help fight hunger through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your kind generosity!

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Pope's Prayer Intention 2025

The Pope's prayer intention for 2025 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. These intentions serve as principles guiding our lives and mission. In **October**, let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

All Souls Day



We will start the yearly tradition of remembering the deceased family members and friends. You can begin to write the deceased's names on the memorial book at the entrance of the church. This year, **All Souls Day** falls on the weekend, and so we will remember all the deceased in all the masses on **Nov 01, at 5 p.m. and on Nov 02 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

You can purchase a candle before the mass, and the suggested donation is \$ 5 for a candle. You can buy any number of candles, and during the mass you will be given an opportunity to think of your loved ones, especially and bring the candles in procession and place them in front of the altar.

You can begin writing the names of your deceased family members in the book of remembrance who have **died this past year only**.

Women's Silent Retreat – The Wisdom of Henri Nouwen: Insight to Guide One's Spiritual Journey

Women Ignatian Retreat: Henri Nouwen was a Dutch-born Catholic priest, a professor, and a psychologist, as well as a spiritual guide and writer. He wrote with great openness about faith, spiritual development, prayer, and other aspects of our journeys with God. One of his greatest gifts was his ability to help people connect with their vulnerabilities in order to grow in trust and intimacy. This retreat will provide prayer support for some of the common themes in Nouwen's writing: being the beloved of God, giving and receiving forgiveness, growing in hope, and accepting one's limitations. The focus will be on providing concrete ways to incorporate these ideas into our prayer lives.

This SILENT retreat begins on Friday, October 24, 2025, 6:30 P.M. - Sunday to October 26, 2025, 1:00 P.M. The suggested offering is \$270 per person, which includes two nights' accommodation, meals, spiritual direction and retreat program. Facilitated by: Fr. Kevin Kelly, SJ. Register at

manresaregistration@outlook.com or call 905-8392864

Altar Servers

We invite parents to encourage their children in **grade 4 or above** to volunteer as altar servers. **Training will be provided on November 9th after the 10:30 am mass** – no experience needed, just a willing heart to serve. Ask us how to sign up!



Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit at St Dustan's Parish

Please join us as we host the Vatican-approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit, which was designed and created by St. Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

On Saturday, October 25, 2025 and Sunday, October 26, 2025, the relics of St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati will come to our parish for blessing and veneration. Contact: St Dustan's Parish Office, 416-6942811. Email: stdunstanssc@archtoronto.org

Special Collection

World Mission Sunday is October 19, 2025. This is a worldwide collection to support mission dioceses globally through prayers and financial donations, with funds collected assisting vulnerable communities, funding missionary work, and helping to spread the gospel worldwide. Thank you for your support in this important work.



Happy Thanksgiving

I pray that all hearts be filled with peace, love, laughter, and joy today. May we all be grateful and give thanks for all the blessings we've received. Wishing you and your family an abundance of blessings this Thanksgiving and throughout the year.



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