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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.





Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 11

5 pm + Gerald Ayling

Sunday, October 12

9 am Parishioners

11 am Stephanie Gomes

Tuesday, October 14

8:30 am Thanksgiving

Wednesday, October 15

8:30 am + Ramona Udasco

Thursday, October 16

8:30 am Norah De Cuyper

Friday, October 17

8:30 am Parishioners



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 5.14-17

Psalm: Ps 98.1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-13

Gospel: Luke 17.11-19



Sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp signifies the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns for the greater glory of God. Parishioners are invited to become monthly sponsors of the Sanctuary Lamp. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate. Doing so becomes an opportunity for friends and families to pray at the Tabernacle, knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in October for the intentions of: --

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"...your faith has made you well."

Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus.

We hear this same story in the First Reading. Following the instructions of the prophet Elisha, Naaman, a Syrian general and outsider, is cured of his leprosy. There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed. He returns to Elisha to give thanks. So grateful is Naaman for a cure that he requests permission to take some earth from the Holy Land, Israel, back to his own homeland, so that he might properly worship the God of Israel, based on the notion at that time that no god could be honoured outside that god's own land.

In the Gospel, the one who returns is a Samaritan, also a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

The Greek word used to describe the Samaritan's "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist." These lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life. We too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent for our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus. The physical cures Jesus worked during his public ministry are profound reminders of the deeper and lasting healing Christ has come to bestow by rising from the dead and opening the gates of Paradise. There could be no better form of healing than this. (Excerpts from: *Loyola Press; Scott Hahn Reflects; Monastery of Christ in the Desert.*)

PARISH NEWS

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

Saint Carlo called the Eucharist his highway to heaven. He bridged faith and science to document over 150 Eucharistic miracles from around the world. This Vatican approved exhibition 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 exhibition is coming to various parishes around Toronto. The next will be Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Church (1225 Rebecca St., Oakville) this weekend, October 11-12, from 9 am on Saturday to 1 pm on Sunday. On Sunday, October 12, 2025, the relics of St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati will come to that parish for blessing and veneration. The exhibit will then move to Blessed Frédéric Ozanam Parish at St. Brother André Catholic School in Markham on October 18-19.

Preparation for Liturgical Year A

The Office of Formation for Discipleship is launching a new initiative for parish leaders to assist in preparing for the upcoming liturgical year and the Gospel of Matthew. Each webinar will introduce relevant resources for Year A. Join in for any or all the following parish ministry formation opportunities: Adult Faith (October 14), Music (October 15) and Family Life and Liturgy with Children (October 16). Contact: formation@archtoronto.org or 437-524-8669, or see the poster in the foyer.

Lay Pastoral Visitors Training

The annual archdiocesan formation and training for Lay Pastoral Visitors will be offered online on Thursdays, from October 23 to December 4 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion on behalf of the parish to the sick, elderly and homebound. The program is open to both new and experienced volunteers. Register early as capacity is limited. <https://bit.ly/LPVT-Register2025>.

Vocations – Come and See Retreat!

The Office of Vocations of the Archdiocese is holding a Men’s Weekend Discernment Retreat at St. Augustine’s Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd.). The retreat will take place on October 31 to November 2, 2025, for single men aged 18+ who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. The retreat will start on Friday evening at 6:30pm and end on Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm. Meals & accommodation will be provided. Register at: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

Second Collection

This weekend, October 11-12, there will be a second collection for the Parish Building Fund.

Next weekend, October 18-19, a second collection will be held for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Vocations

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? In gratitude, ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, sister, brother or deacon? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, at 416-261-7207 x 801 or see www.vocationstoronto.ca.



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