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On Thanksgiving,
Give thanks to the Lord
for His many Blessings

Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, October 11th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of Jerry Brennan
Requested by Lucy Brennan

Wednesday, October 12th, 8:15 a.m.

Basil Trace
Requested by Eva Trace

Thursday, October 13th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of the Leader Family
Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Friday, October 14th, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation
Requested by EcoAnselm

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES GROUP B

Group B casseroles will be collected in the church parking lot from 4-5pm **NEXT Saturday, October 15th**.

SAVE THE DATE! St. Vincent de Paul "Bundle Up"

The truck will be in our lot on **October 29th and 30th** to accept gently used clothing, outerwear, footwear and household textiles such as towels and bedding.

*** FIRST CONFESSIONS * *First Communion***

Please be reminded that registration forms for children who will be preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion are due by **Sunday, October 9th**. You may submit the form and accompanying baptism certificate through the collection basket at the end of Mass or by dropping it off in the parish office mailbox.



Families who live in the St. Anselm parish community are invited to an information/enrollment evening in the church on **Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00pm**. This meeting is for candidates AND parents.

Are you able to host a Ukrainian family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 80,000 Ukrainians have already arrived to Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 500,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

*We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. **Our offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations.** You can enrol in our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program or make a secure one-time or recurring donation online by visiting [ADoT Parish - Toronto East Donation Form - Archdiocese of Toronto \(archtoronto.org\)](http://ADoT Parish - Toronto East Donation Form - Archdiocese of Toronto (archtoronto.org)) and choosing "St. Anselm" from the drop-down menu of parishes. Cheques may be mailed or dropped off in the parish office mailbox at any time. Thank you for your support!*

GOOD SHEPHERD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Good Shepherd needs your help this Thanksgiving! Please help restock their pantry to provide meals for homeless and at risk individuals as we head into the colder fall and winter months. We will continue this collection until next weekend.

Items most needed include:

- Tomato sauce and canned tomatoes
- Soup and stew in cans
- Mayonnaise and mustard
- Peanut butters, jams and breakfast cereals
- Canned corn and beans such as chickpeas
- Granola bars

Should you wish to contribute to the food drive, **please place your non-perishable items in the bin located in the the Millwood lobby**. Thank you for your generosity.

HAPPY  THANKSGIVING!

2 Kings 5:14-17 Ps 98

2 Tim 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

Love and Gratitude



Even a cursory perusal of the Lucan Gospel illustrates that the evangelist intends to affirm God's all-inclusive love and universal concerns, as these are revealed in Jesus. In Luke, readers will see Jesus reaching out to the poor, to sinners, to tax collectors, to women and to foreigners. In today's Gospel,

Jesus extends himself and his healing power to people whom others took every precaution to avoid - lepers. From Luke's description ("keeping their distance"), we may safely assume that the 10 individuals who called out to Jesus for pity did suffer from Hansen's disease. Jesus' directive, "Go, show yourselves to the priests," was in keeping with the law that required priestly approval before an afflicted person could rejoin the community. All obeyed Jesus, and all were healed. But a deep, passionate gratitude compelled one of them to return to Jesus. As the healed one glorified God and honoured Jesus so reverently, his faith became obvious and Jesus acknowledged it with a promise of salvation.

Luke's narrative offers a lesson on gratitude as the proper response to God's many blessings. But that is not all. Luke's narrative also affirms that the messianic blessings of healing and salvation were to be enjoyed by all of humankind, even by Samaritans, whom the Jews did not respect. Also in evidence here is the contrast between the many Jews who rejected Jesus and those who, though they were regarded as outsiders (e.g., the Samaritans), accepted Jesus and believed in him. At work in this text as well is the distinction between being healed and being saved. The Samaritan leper's healing taught him a new way of relating to God. He became intensely aware that his life was a miraculous gift. He learned to trust God and celebrate every moment. Healing is salvation when we acknowledge God's gracious initiative and when our response to that initiative is

faith. Many who receive God's blessings only take them. Others are led by them into a life of blessedness.

At its first level of development during the ministry of Jesus, the narrative challenged his listeners to set aside their prejudices and acknowledge that God is a God for all peoples and that faith can grow and flourish even in those whom others might dismiss as unlikely believers. By the time the narrative was circulating in the Lucan community of the 80s, it helped to inspire and direct the church's *mission*. If they were to be true to his example and leadership, Jesus' disciples were to sow the seeds of the good news without discrimination. Nor could they pass judgment on the worthiness of those to whom they were called to minister.

Following his heart rather than Jesus' orders, the 10th leper was so driven by the experience of being made whole and free and newly alive that he could not help himself. He was compelled by such passionate love and gratitude that he had to return to the One who had made it so. This is the same love and gratitude that should drive us to return again and again to the great feast of thanksgiving that we call Eucharist. Gathered together each week, we hear the words of Jesus that challenge us to be healed of our pride, selfishness, anger, apathy, laziness and deceit. We are reminded to serve the needs of others, particularly the poor among us. We eat the bread of life that nourishes us and heals our brokenness. Then we are sent out into the rest of the week to witness to all that we have known in Jesus. We work, we serve, we pray, we love, we remember and give thanks for all God's gifts until we are drawn yet again to give thanks at Eucharist. **Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!**

Marian Retreat

Spend the day with Mother Mary, the mother of Jesus, and our mother too.

When: Wednesday, October 19th, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga

Cost: \$45.00 lunch included

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