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



Mass for Intentions Week

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

For the Intentions of the Filippi Family

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

Urbano Tobo

Requested by Iseult Hayden and Family

Thursday, October 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Requested by

Friday, October 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – 11AM

Children currently in JK, SK and Grade 1 are welcome to join in our weekly program. No registration is required. While elevator construction continues, the group will meet at the top of the stairs leading down to the parish hall.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Applications for 2026 are now being considered for boys Grade 7-12. Open House evenings will be held October 16 and 21 beginning at 7:00pm. Please register at applySMCS.com

GOOD SHEPHERD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting non-perishable food items to help the Good Shepherd Refuge stock their pantry ahead of the cold winter months. Necessary items include: pasta, rice, dried/canned beans, canned tuna/chicken, canned vegetables and tea bags/coffee.

Please drop off your donations in the bin in the Millwood lobby this weekend. Thank you for supporting the Good Shepherd!

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE CASSEROLES

GROUP "B"

Group "B" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Provide-A-Meal program will be collected NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th from 4:00-5:00pm in the church parking lot. Pans and lids are available and the simple recipe is provided. Are you considering joining the parish casserole program? We need your help! Each month, our parishioners provide frozen casseroles to the Good Shepherd Refuge. Each casserole feeds TEN hungry individuals. As the weather gets colder, more and more people will seek a warm, nutritious meal. This program runs across several Toronto parishes. For more information, please contact the parish office.

ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING – SEEKING DONATIONS

The upcoming Angel Foundation for Learning Gala on November 28th supports Toronto children with nutrition programs, essentials for learning and more.

As the official charity of the Toronto Catholic District School Board, they are looking for new Silent Auction donations such as cookware, experiences and gift cards.

For more information, please call or email Marguerite Thomson 416-209-1574

Marguerite.thomson@gmail.com.



"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

Thanksgiving Monday is October 13th.

This is an occasion in which we gather with others to give thanks for a good "harvest", health and community.

As we celebrate our blessings, let us also remember those who lack sufficient food to sustain healthy living. Food insecurity, malnutrition and persistent hunger, are serious problems across CANADA. According to the 2024 Ontario Hunger Report, workers are among the fastest-growing demographics visiting food banks in ONTARIO. Many new visitors report they are forced to choose between paying rent and buying groceries. Carolyn Stewart, CEO of Feed Ontario, explains: "People only turn to food banks after they've exhausted all other options – and yet over one million Ontarians still needed our help. This is the highest number of people on record, and is occurring at a time when donations are declining, as more individuals can no longer afford to give. As a result, food banks are being stretched beyond their capacity and running out of resources at a time when people and families need them the most." <https://feedontario.ca/hunger-report-2024/>

To check for a registered food bank near you: feedontario.ca/find-a-food-bank/

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – BUNDLE UP WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 8-9

The truck will be in our lot November 8 and 9 to accept your gently used clothing and footwear, as well household linens (towels, bedding, drapes). New toys will also be gratefully accepted.

2 Kings 5:14-17 Ps 98

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

GOD'S MERCY AND LOVE



We know this story only too well. Jesus healed 10 lepers. One, a Samaritan, came back to thank him. It's all about gratitude, right? Listen again, it's not quite that simple.

When the Samaritan returned, Jesus, like a shepherd worried about the nine on the road instead of the one in front of him, asks, "Where are the others?" The answer is that they were doing exactly what Jesus told them to do. They were going to show themselves to the priest. It's an odd story. Ten lepers, guarding the proper distance from healthy people, asked Jesus for mercy. They didn't specify what mercy meant. Was that their normal cry to any passersby? Were they asking for food, or alms, or did they think he could heal them? Did they know who Jesus was? Without touching or even coming near them, Jesus sent them to show themselves to the priest. Mysteriously, without any additional action on Jesus' part, without any other words or action, "as they were going, they were cleansed." Considering it carefully, it seems that their cure came not from a touch or a word, but from obedience - which is a kind of faith. Their journey toward fulfilling the law brought them healing. Only one of them discerned something more. The other nine seem to be ordinary religious people, doing what they were told to do. Certainly, they were happy, but we know nothing more about them, not even if they were Jews or Samaritans. Then there was the one. This Samaritan realized that he was offered more than a cure. He had not only received the mercy he had requested, but he discerned that something more was in the offering. Instead of going to the priest, he returned like someone crazed with delight, shouting God's praises. And what did Jesus do? Instead of dancing with him, Jesus asked, "What about the rest?" Was he honestly wondering what had happened to them? He said, "Ten were cleansed, were they not?" Was that a statement or a question? Was Jesus lamenting that the deeper message, the mustard seed, reign-of-God grace, had reached only one of the group? Did he see one out of 10 as the poor grade his

ministry was earning at that point? Did he find it hard to rejoice over the one who understood what he offered while the rest would just go on living a normal life? Finally, Jesus bent over the healed believer at his feet and said, "Rise up. Your faith has saved you." As Luke tells this story, three distinct things happened to the various lepers. First, as they went to the priest, they all were cleansed, that is, the signs of their disease disappeared. Secondly, one realized that he had been "healed," another way of saying he had been "made whole." Finally, Jesus tells the one, your faith has saved you, a word which has more religious than physical connotations. The man who was saved fell at Jesus' feet, singing loud praises, demonstrating that he recognized God acting through Jesus. This man had already received more than a simple cure. Like Naaman the Syrian, whose healing in the waters of the Jordan led him to worship the God of Israel, this one had undergone a metanoia, a revelation had changed his life. In the words of Pope Francis, he had encountered the joy of the Gospel, the joy that "fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness." He had learned that "with Christ joy is constantly born anew". That this story encourages us to give thanks to God is a very good thing, but that moral sells the story short. Ten people with leprosy asked to be cleansed. Nine received their health and presumably returned rejoicing to the life from which they had been cut off. The 10th man somehow realized that there was more available than he had imagined. He was more than restored; his interaction with Jesus brought him into God's healing presence, the joy of the Gospel. This incident, told as a story, becomes a parable about prayer. We can ask for what we need and rejoice when we receive it. We can live as ordinary religious people, grateful for what we have. Or, taking Naaman and this believer as our patrons, we can make the subtext of every prayer a plea that we may recognize and be ready to receive the joy God wants to give us. As St. Paul assures us, we are constantly being offered more than we could ask or imagine. That's the breadth of the mercy and love of God. Thanks Be To God!

We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. The offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations.

You may enrol in our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program or make a secure one-time or recurring donation online by visiting <https://stanselmsto.archtoronto.org> and clicking on "Donate" to support the parish offertory fund on a regular basis, even when you can't attend in-person.

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