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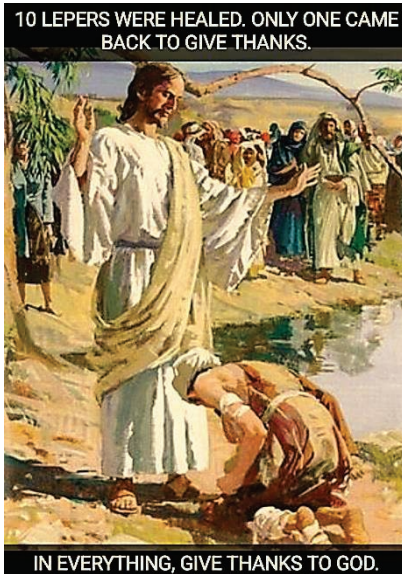
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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*



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 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 Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday October 13th

12:05 pm † Eutilia Joan Attidore on her 3rd death anniversary
requested by Sheryl Ambrose & family

Tuesday, October 14th

12:05 pm Intentions of Anthony Mapp on his birthday and Eulalie Rosetta Mapp on her 3rd internment anniversary
requested by Anthony Mapp

Wednesday, October 15th

12:05 pm † Gienia Tkaczyk
requested by her sister

Thursday, October 16th

12:05 pm † Mariano & Maximina Luzano
requested by Virgie & Leo Luzano

Friday, October 17th

12:05 pm † Felicidad Galase
requested by the Galase family

Saturday, October 18th

9:00 am † Jenilen Vargas
requested by the Sevilla Family

5:00 pm † Lena & Matteo D’Agnello
requested by The D’Agnello family

Sunday, October 19th

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00 am † Candido del Rosario
requested by the Llarenas family

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

Sunday, October 19th

There will be a second collection next weekend 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!

THE ROSARY AS A FAMILY PRAYER

“The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.” ~ Pope Saint Pius X

Why is it important to pray the Rosary as a family?

The Rosary serves as a tool for home catechesis, helping families grow in faith by contemplating the lives of Jesus and Mary. As children and family members participate in this devotion, they learn patience, discipline, and the importance of setting aside sacred time.

What are the advantages of praying the Rosary as a Family?

- **Unity and Strength:** The Rosary brings family members together, fostering solidarity, communication, and forgiveness as they share the same prayer and reflection.
- **Spiritual Formation:** It provides a pathway to home catechesis, helping children and adults grow in faith by contemplating the lives of Jesus and Mary.
- **Peace and Calm:** The rhythmic and meditative nature of the Rosary can create a peaceful home environment, reduce stress, and offer a healthy way to cope with life's challenges.
- **Protection:** According to tradition, faithfully praying the Rosary offers special protection for the family.



How to Start and Sustain the Family Rosary

1. **Start Small:** Don't feel pressured to pray a full five-decade Rosary initially. Begin with a single decade, or even just a few prayers, to build the habit.
2. **Be Flexible:** Accept that children may be wiggly, ask questions, or get distracted. Focus on consistency and intention rather than perfection.
3. **Create a Prayer Space:** Find a quiet, distraction-free area to pray, perhaps with a crucifix or a picture of Mary.
4. **Use Engaging Tools:**
 - Special Rosaries: Get each child their own rosary to foster ownership.
 - Images: Use rosary books with images, especially for younger children.
 - Edible Rosaries: For the youngest, create a simple "edible" rosary using snacks.
5. **Give Everyone a Job:** Assign roles, such as leading prayers, to involve all family members.
6. **Make it a Habit:** Pair the Rosary with other family routines, like before bedtime or while on a walk, to make it a natural part of your day.
7. **Just Start!:** The most important step is to begin, even if it's imperfectly.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

The office of Admission of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2026. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only Independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Thursday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 21 beginning at 7:00 pm.



Please register at <https://stmichaels.openapply.com/>

St. Michael's College School offers a generous Financial Assistance Programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

All Souls' Day Mass

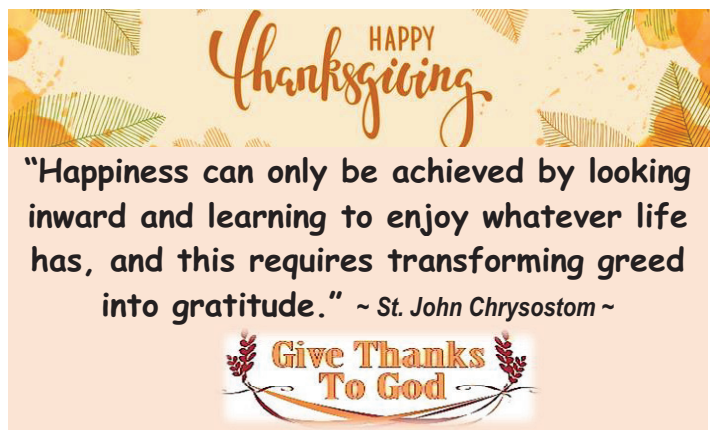
All Souls' Day, also called The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the Faithful Departed. Through prayer, intercessions, alms and visits to cemeteries, people commemorate their loved ones that have passed.

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 8, 2025 at 2 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

More information can be found here: <https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/all-souls-day-mass-saturday-november-8-2025-at-200-pm/>

All are welcome!



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