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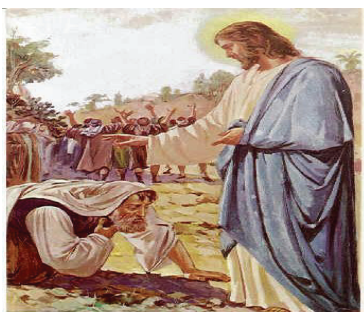
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Thanksgiving

*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.*





Gratitude is the Memory of the Heart

(Jean Baptiste Massieu)

Being thankful is much more than saying "Thank you" because we have to. Being thankful is being aware, it is a way to perceive. As someone once said, "Thankfulness is having open eyes and a short distance between the eyes and the heart."

Jean Baptiste Massieu, the famous deaf educator, made a statement that is now considered a French proverb. He said, "Gratitude is the memory of the heart." True appreciation comes when you feel grateful from the depths of your heart. I heard it said that the head keeps an account of all the benefits you received and gave. But the heart records the feelings of appreciation, humility, and generosity that one feels when someone showers you with kindness. It is to take no one and nothing for granted. I like to share this prayer with you.

A Prayer of Gratitude by Sr. Joyce Rupp (Adapted)

We are grateful for eyes that can see and ponder, for taste buds that know the sensuous pleasures of eating and drinking, for hands that hold and touch and feel, for ears that can delight in music and the voice of a friend, for a nose that can smell the aroma of newly mown grass or delicious food, and can also breathe the air that gives us life.

We are grateful for the treasure of loved ones whose hearts of openness and acceptance have encouraged us to be who we are.

We are grateful for their faithfulness, for standing by us when our weaknesses stood out glaringly, for being there when we were most in need and for delighting with us in our good days and our joyful seasons.

We are grateful for the eyes of faith, for believing in the presence of God, giving us hope in our darkest days, encouraging us to listen to our spirit's hunger, and reminding us to trust in the blessings of God's presence in our most empty days.

We are grateful for the ongoing process of becoming who we are, for the seasons within, for the great adventure of life that challenges and comforts us at one and the same time.

We are grateful for the messengers of God—people, events, written or spoken words—that came to us at just the right time and helped us to grow.

We are grateful for God calling us to work with our gifts, grateful that we can be of service and use our talents in a responsible and just way.

We are grateful that we have the basic necessities of life, that we have the means and the ability to hear the cries of the poor and to respond with our abundance.

We are grateful for the miracle of life, for the green of our earth, for the amazing grace of our history; we are grateful that we are able to affect the world by our choices and our actions.

God, Creator of all that is, help us to appreciate the goodness and beauty you have lavished upon us. Amen

May we continue to be truly mindful of and grateful for the many blessings in our lives. Happy Thanksgiving.

Antoinette

There is no story in the scriptures, which so poignantly points out human ingratitude as that of the **Ten Lepers** who came to Jesus desperately longing to be cured of their loathsome disease. They begged for mercy but when the crisis passed, they saw things differently. Jesus was tapping deeply into ordinary human emotions when he uttered those heartbreak words: "Were not ten made clean?" The other nine, where are they?" He was obviously troubled by their lack of appreciation. We might well wonder what the reason for such a display of ungratefulness was. Why is saying "Thank you" such a problem? Maybe the lepers were so excited at being back in society that they forgot the one who heard their cry of distress and cured them. Perhaps they thought that Jesus was just doing his job as a healer and took their cure for granted. Whatever the reason, their display of ingratitude diminished them as individuals. They also missed the deep inner peace and joy that comes from giving thanks.

**O God, you have given so much to me;
Give me one thing more, a grateful heart.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Arturo Suero
Tuesday	Soul of Amanda de Cediel Soul of Jacinta Alde Souls of Carmena & Saviour Fenech Souls of Tom Fernandes & Tressy Lobo Soul of Hermigilda Penoso
Wednesday	Soul of Jesse Pedro
Thursday	Soul of James Johnson
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

Please pray for the sick in our community

That they may experience the healing touch of Christ, especially: **Ave Warren, Brian Dorrian, Tony da Camara Jr., Tracey Hutchinson, Kevin Arcand, Jairus Papio, San Hu and Elona**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250



2nd Annual

**Parish Ministry Conference
Saturday, October 19, 2019**

This year's Parish Ministry conference will address the reality of being Catholic in today's world.

Register Now - Tickets are ½ price!

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

If anyone attending can accommodate additional passengers, please contact Natalie Doucet at x235.



**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL
Bundle Up Weekend**

A Saint Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot this weekend to collect household linens, clothing, footwear, bedding, draperies/towels, toys and small household goods to support the needy in our community. **Please ... no books, video/audio cassettes, furniture or dishes.**

The container will be open all day Saturday until 5:30 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass. **THANK YOU!!!**

OUT OF THE COLD

Out of the Cold will be starting up again November 21st and we urgently need:

VOLUNTEERS: Sign up sheets will be in the narthex starting next weekend. We are looking for food preparers, kitchen help, servers, clothing support & a clean up crew. Thank you.

CLOTHING: We are ready to receive your excess winter clothing for both men and woman (no children's clothing please). The clothing may be dropped off in the hall anytime. If you have any questions please call Natalie at 905 881-2786 ext. 235.

FEAST OF ST. LUKE

Please join us Friday, October 18th for morning mass as we celebrate our patron saint – Saint Luke, the Evangelist.

7:30 am – Pray the Rosary

8:00 am – Mass followed by refreshments in the narthex.



This year we will be celebrating the Feast of All Souls on **Friday evening, November 1st at 7:00 p.m.** It is a time to remember and make present our deceased family members and once more entrust them into the loving care of God.

The names of those who have died since last November 1st 2018 will be mentioned in a special way.

If a family member or friend has passed **within the past year**, and you would like them remembered, please call the parish office at ext. 221 or e-mail their name to st.lukesparish@rogers.com by Thursday, October 31st.

All Souls envelopes will be available in the pew pockets for intentions, following which they will be placed at the altar during the month of November.

Friday, November 1st is also the first Friday of the month. **Please join us for Adoration and Benediction immediately following our All Souls mass.**

MOSAIC INTERFAITH

Sunday, October 20

Come and celebrate Simchat Torah with our Jewish community at Temple Har Zion.

This Jewish holiday celebrates the beginning of a new cycle of Torah readings. For more information please see the bulletin board or call Natalie at ext 235

EDGE YOUTH PROGRAM KICK-OFF SOCIAL

When: Friday, October 25th at 7:00 pm

Where: St. Luke's Church, 39 Green Lane, Thornhill, ON.

Registration: Opens at 5:00 pm in parish hall

Fee: 50.00 for the year!

Contact: Alan Lee Hoy - stlukesthy@gmail.com

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to attend our first Edge youth night of the year. For more info on Edge, please visit the website at stlukesth@archtoronto.org



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