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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.

# THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : OCTOBER 08, 2023



## *From the Pastor's desk...*



Giving thanks with a grateful heart.

God's Word calls us to be people of thanksgiving. To be truly thankful is to set aside our concerns—to set aside our fears and anxieties, our mistrust and anger, our feelings of envy, jealousy or pride, and even our daily distractions. To be filled with the spirit of thanksgiving is to realize who God is and to acknowledge him as the giver of all good gifts.

May you experience the spirit of thanksgiving during this season & throughout the year! "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart!"

The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy." - Henri Nouwen.

Have you ever noticed that gratitude often come in when we are deprived of things we are accustomed to having? Like when a storm knocks out electricity and we grumble "I want my power back on" Did we ever stop the 364 other days of the year we had power and say "I am grateful I have power? Or like now when we are on stay at home order and might be grumbling "I want to get out of this house. I feel cooped up. " We might be feeling ungrateful that we can't do the things we normally do in the ways we normally do them.

We have so much to be grateful for in this life, every single day. But reality is that sometimes constant life demands, battles, and worries gives more room to defeat than to a heart of thanks. Or we forget in the midst of busyness and pressures, just a pause and give thanks for all that God has done and continues to do in our lives. Sometimes it really is a sacrifice to offer praise and thanks. We may feel like it. We're struggling. We're weary. Or maybe, we feel like He let us down. We think God seems distant, like he's far away, or doesn't really care about what's troubling us. Painful life blows and losses might have recently sent us spiralling. But here's what can make a lasting difference. We have a choice, everyday, to give him thanks. And with a heart of thanksgiving, we realize that no matter what we face, God doesn't just work to change our situations and help us through our problems. He does more. He changes our hearts. His power, through hearts of gratitude and focused minds of Him, releases the grip our struggles have over us. We're strengthened by His peace, refueled by his joy. No matter what our current situation or struggles we may be facing here's what choosing to be thankful does. It gets our eyes off ourselves, and helps us to focus back to God.

It reminds us we're not in control but that we serve a Mighty God who is. It keeps us in place of humility and dependency on Him, as we recognize how much we need Him. I helps us to recognize we have so much to be thankful for, even all the little things which often we may forget to thank Him for. It takes our attention off our problems and helps us instead to reflect on the goodness of His blessings.

It reminds us that God is the giver of all good gifts. We were never intended to be fully self sufficient in this life. A grateful heart reminds us that ultimately God is our Provider, that all blessings and gifts are graciously given to us by His hand.

A heart of gratitude leaves no room for complaining. For it is impossible to be truly thankful and filled with negativity and ungratefulness at the time

God bless

**Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC**

## The Week Ahead :

Oct 09: Memorial: St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs  
St. John Leonardi, Priest

Oct 11: Memorial: St. John XXIII, Pope

Oct 14: Memorial: St. Callistus 1, Pope & Martyr

Oct 16: Memorial: St. Hedwig, Religious  
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Oct 17: Memorial: St. Ignatius Antioch, Bishop & Martyr



**Archdiocese of Toronto**

**World Mission Sunday Special Collection, October 22, 2023**

Since 1922, the Pontifical Missions Societies through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has supported the temporal needs of missions as well as created awareness of the work of the missions throughout the world. Some examples of projects include: building churches, pastoral centres, cathedrals damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, religious houses of formation, homes for the clergy, formation programs for lay missionaries, radio and television production, audio-visual materials for remote mission areas as well as support of pastoral work in various rural dioceses

Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 4 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 All are welcome!

**Renew Toronto** is a conference for all young adults ages 19-39 taking place on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Canada Christian College, Whitby Ontario.

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## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For October 2023: For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## CHILDRENS' LITURGY: I am pleased to announce that the Liturgy of the Word with Children has resumed during the Sunday 10.00 a.m. mass each week. This ministry is for school-aged children 4 years old and up.



Special thanks to coordinators and volunteers who are returning to this important ministry for our children. Our trained leaders help the children to understand the readings of the day through prayers, discussions and activities. Children return to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with their families.

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## International Food Festival:

October 29, 2023

after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass.



## Light a candle for your dearly departed this All Souls' Day:

November 2, is All Souls' Day. We humbly implore you not to let this day pass unmarked. Please remember your dearly departed on this day. Please include your intentions for your dearly departed.



## WEEKEND COLLECTION:

October 7-8, 2023: \$1,120.05

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commitment and to our benefactors for your continued support. Kindly contribute through Pre Authorized Giving. Forms are available in the foyer. Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079 for their continued support.



# † MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, October 08

10:00 am : For the Intentions of Nicole Plach

Req. Audrey Weiss

† Gilberto Oliveira

Req. Alda Oliveira

† Eldeberto & Maria Aldina & Birthday Family Intentions

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

## Monday, October 09 : No Mass

## Tuesday, October 10

9:00 am : † Jeffrey Tan & Thanksgiving Intentions

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

## Wednesday, October 11

7:00 pm : † For the Unborn

Req. Toni Muise & Marilyn Roberts

## Thursday, October 12

9:00 am : Thanksgiving Intentions

Req. Toni Muise

## Friday, October 13

7:00 pm Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life to Megan Montifar

Req. Myrna Montifar

## Saturday, October 14

5:00 pm : For the Intention of



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