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## *A Thanksgiving Prayer*

Heavenly Creator,

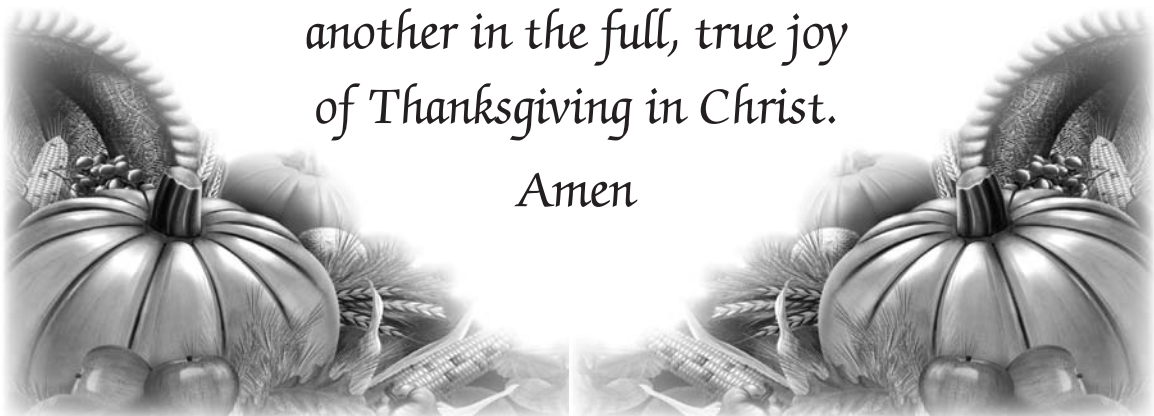
In this season of gratitude and abundance,  
we give You thanks for our many blessings  
as we pray for all who struggle  
with hunger and want.

Be with them in the dark of night,  
when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

And let Your goodness flow through our  
hearts and hands as we reach out to one  
another in the full, true joy  
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen



28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



AS I WRITE this, much of the world is in social isolation due to COVID-19. Like lepers of old, we are all acting as though we are unclean: masking, social and physical distancing, and taking purifying baths at our sinks or hand-sanitizing stations to protect each other from a deadly virus. For the first time perhaps, the majority of the members of our society know the devastating impact of social isolation. COVID-19 also exposed other kinds of isolation and marginalization in our world that have been hidden in plain sight. The dynamic of foreigner/insider, marginalized/included, unworthy/worthy, privileged/disadvantaged has been made clear.

Jesus upended those dynamics, healing and outsider. Jesus welcomed the former leper, but I wonder whether the broader community welcomed him. He was, after all, still a Samaritan.

What are the dynamics of marginalization/inclusion in our contemporary religious communities? Who seeks healing? Who is isolated, for what sins or sicknesses, ethnic or gender identities, personal histories? Pope Francis makes clear. “The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak” (*Evangeli Gaudium*, 47). If we’re honest, that’s all of us. We all need this medicine that forms “true bonds of solidarity” (Pope Francis, Twitter, 14 June 2020). Come. Give thanks. Eat. (*Reflection of Bernadette Gasstein of Living with Christ*)



**R.C.I.A.: For Those Wishing to Become Catholic**

The course for those wishing to become Catholic is held every Wednesday evening from 7 – 9 p.m. in the parish hall. For more information, contact Sr. Eva Janning at 647-542-3309, or email: [eajanning@gmail.com](mailto:eajanning@gmail.com)

**Vocations**

“Increase our faith.” Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**  
Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**Senior Residence Masses in October 2022**

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

**Monday, October 10, 2022**

8:30 a.m. + Elfe Gama

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Multi-intention**

8:30 a.m. + Giuseppe Fornasier & Family

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022**

8:30 a.m. + Ken Cox

**Thursday, October 13, 2022 Multi-intention**

8:30 a.m. + Francisco Moraes

**Friday, October 14, 2022**

8:30 a.m. + Antonietta Bumbaca

**Saturday, October 15, 2022 Multi-intention**

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Joseph Matthew

4:30 p.m. Special Intention of Sr. Theresina Kim

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Yuan Yung Fu & Maria Cheung Kee Sau

9:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Theresa Braimah

11:00 a.m. + Jozef Faltyn & Parents

**MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL COLLINS ON HOSTING A UKRANIAN FAMILY**

***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

**Parishioner Attendance Count**

The weekends of Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>, we ask for your cooperation as we conduct a Parishioner Attendance Count to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese. The ushers will assist in this, and it should not disrupt the Mass. Thank you

*A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day*

Loving God,  
We turn our hearts to you on this  
day for giving thanks, mindful of  
your many gifts.  
For each one, we are grateful.  
For each one, we are blessed.  
For each one we are opened to the  
abundance of your love.  
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a  
reminder to be generous with others,  
as you are with us.  
We praise you.  
We rejoice in you.  
We give you thanks.  
Amen.



**Pakistan Floods – Humanitarian Relief**

Devastating floods in Pakistan have displaced hundreds of thousands, at one point leaving a third of the country inundated with water. More than 1,500 people have died following record rainfall with 33 million throughout the country affected by this disaster.

Since June, Pakistan has experienced three times more rainfall than an average monsoon season. Flooding and landslides have destroyed homes, crops, health centres, roads and bridges.

There is an elevated risk of the spread of malaria, dengue fever and other diseases. Priorities include clean water, shelter and health care for those directly affected by this tragic situation.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada – Development and Peace as well as the Archdiocese of Karachi) to support relief efforts underway. Please note that these organizations are **not** subject to the government matching funds program.

**Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:**

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website –  
[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

-By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411

-Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Name of Parish – Pakistan Floods – Humanitarian Relief

**Registrations for the Sacraments of  
First Communion and Confirmation**

**First Communion Parent Registration:**

**Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Church**

(Parents need to bring a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate)

**Confirmation Registration:**

**Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Church**

(Parents need to bring a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate)

Registration Forms will be provided at the meeting, following a brief talk by Msgr. Pat.

**Registration Forms will NOT be provided on line, as the Parent Meeting is necessary in order to review the process.**



**FIRST COMMUNION MASSES**

Each school will have specific dates for First Communion at the Church.

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**  
(For Students attending St. Edward's School)

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**  
(For Students Attending St. Cyril School)

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**  
(For Students attending St. Antione-Daniel and  
Public/Private Schools)



**CONFIRMATION MASSES**

Each school will have specific dates for Confirmation at the Church

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**  
(For Students attending St. Edward's School)

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**  
For Students attending St. Antione-Daniel and  
Public/Private Schools)

**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**  
(For Students attending St. Cyril's School)

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