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Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. **Pastor** Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday **Deacons** Deacon George Newman 11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes** Confessions **Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration Christine Buckley Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



October 9, 2022 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life. Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God who offers us salvation.



We see the power of gratitude on display in the Gospel passage from Luke after Jesus heals ten lepers. "And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned." Only one of the ten recognized the tremendous blessing he had received from Jesus and returned to thank him. While it's easy to feel indignant at the failure of the nine others to return and thank Jesus, how often do we fail to recognize the blessings, answered prayers, and healings (both physical and spiritual), that the Lord showers upon us, day and night?

The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gift to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth. The Samaritan reacts to his gift of healing with the proper response to our loving God. Recognizing what he had just received from the Lord, he "returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." He was grateful for what God had done for him and this gratitude led to worship. And because of this response, Jesus offered him a far more precious gift that physical healing; He offered him the gift of salvation. "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Too often we hear the phrase, "Count your blessings," and write it off as nothing more than a trite saying. Today's Gospel shows us otherwise. Gratitude is powerful. It deepens our faith in God and leads us to fitting worship of Him. .

Stewardship Reflections by <u>Catholic Stewardship Consultants</u>

Parish Calendar

Monday, October 10 - Thanksgiving 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Johanna Miles † Jonathan, Dereck & Melanie Nogueira †

Tuesday, October 11

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Richard Juszczak † Georgeo Gaudet † 7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, October 12

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Souls in Pergatory †
Special Intention

Thursday, October 13 - No Mass

Friday, October 14

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Christine Sauriol †

Saturday, October 15 - Coffee Social

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Fran Novak † | Jason Pace † Special Intention for Jennifer & Edward Murphy

Sunday, October 16 - Coffee Social 9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Carl Van Belle † | Len Spitters † Fr. Rheal LeBlanc †

Are You Being Called?

"But the word of God is not chained."

Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the word of God as a priest or consecrated religious?

Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

Special Collection

A special collection for World Mission Day will be held next weekend. October 16 & 17, 2022, We thank you for your continued support.



Retrouvaille: Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille – a program for married couples facing difficulties in their relationship.

The next Retrouvaille weekend is October 21 – 23, 2022. For more information call Angelo and Chiara at 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.retrouvaille.org

An Old Irish Blessing this Thanksgiving

May love and laughter light your days and warm your heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours wherever you may roam.

May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.

May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.

Happy Thanksgiving





Catholic Women's League Corner: October 9, 2022

"Happy Thanksgiving from the ladies of our Catholic Women's League."

IT'S SOCK-TOBER

Please bring new socks to the basket in the narthex



Forgiveness – What is It and Why Is It So Hard



Saturday October 22, 2022 Cost: \$70 (includes lunch)

Have you experienced deep disappointment, hurt or betrayal in an important relationship?

Do you continue to suffer from a conflict or trauma that occurred long ago?

Are unresolved issues affecting your health, finances or relationships?

This interactive Workshop identifies the stumbling blocks to forgiveness, and then provides positive, practical methods to work through the anger, blame and resentment.

Forgiveness is about letting go of the past, understanding and moving on. Forgiveness is one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself!

Presenter: Anna Racine, adjunct faculty at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, ministers on the St. Thomas More Parish Bereavement Team. She was given the 2015 Niagara Catholic Award of Distinction for her 20 years of service in Church Ministry and with the Niagara Catholic District School Board.



Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for



"Faith and Revelation"

at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 11th in our Divinity Hall.



Take Out Pasta Night Returns

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Includes: Penne Pasta & Sauce, Meatballs, Caesar Salad, Roll & Butter Cost: \$15.00

Advance Ticket Sales only. Ends at noon, Monday, October 17.

Pick up times:

(must be selected at time of sale): 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

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