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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.*





Dear parishioners,

Many of us are happy to welcome the Thanksgiving Day long weekend. In addition to an extra day of rest from work or school, this is a time to gather with family and friends. We are also well aware that there are many in our own community who struggle with difficulties and needs. They must also be kept in mind and assisted in whatever way we can.

There is a beautiful prayer that is recited at every Mass, called the **Preface**. It takes place between the Offertory and the Holy Holy Holy. Very often, it begins with the following words addressed to the Heavenly Father: *"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father."*

Are we able to give thanks to God **"always and everywhere"**? This is neither easy nor obvious. We typically give thanks to God for the good things and the blessings that we have received: good health, well-being of our family, comforts and security in life, good weather, success at work and at school. It is very important to do this. Yes, we often work hard and put in our own sacrifices to earn these gifts. But, as people of faith, we also recognize that it is also by the loving hand of God that we are able to receive these blessings.

When things are difficult, though, it is not as easy to give thanks. It does not even seem normal to be grateful for suffering or hardships. Yet, somehow, we are asked to be drawn into that prayer at every Mass, giving thanks **"always and everywhere"**.

What does it mean to give thanks to God when it seems that we have nothing to be thankful for, only perhaps to complain? For sure, we can recognize and acknowledge our pain, even expressing that to God. Then, we can ask God for the strength to endure and persevere, and the insights to understand why these things are happening. And finally, we can even beg God for the grace to accept and offer up our sufferings. When we can offer and unite our sufferings to Jesus on the Cross—which we do at every Mass—then in a mysterious and powerful way, God can transform these very sufferings into sources of blessings.

It certainly is not easy, but with God's gracious help, we can indeed give thanks **"always and everywhere"**.

Fr. Eric



Mon. October 13th
12:05 pm: **In Thanksgiving for Healing
In Thanksgiving (Myrna)
Manuel De Lima +
Mary Wilkinson +
Flavie Maala +**

Tues. October 14th
12:05 pm: **For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan**
Wed. October 15th

12:05 pm: **Felix & Teresa Katigbak +**
Thurs. October 16th

12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
Fri. October 17th

12:05 pm: **Mae Bradley +**
Sat. October 18th

5:00 pm: **Filomena De Lima +**
Sun. October 19th

12:00 pm: **Constancio Gonsalves +**

**READINGS FOR
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday, October 19th, 2025**

1st Reading: Exodus 17.8-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.2

Gospel: Luke 18.1-8



SANCTUARY LAMP

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The Catholic Register, a publication of the Archdiocese are available at the entrances of the church. Please pick up a free copy to take home. There past issues also available on back table. Thank you.

HOLY NAME CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, November 29th

9 am – 3 pm

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Sacrament of Confirmation 2025/2026

Parents/Guardians of **Grade 7 and up students**,
who wish for their child to receive the sacrament of
Confirmation in 2026.

There will be a Registration/Meeting with Parents on
Tuesday, November 4th, 2025 at 7 pm in the
church.

Classes will be on **Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 am.**
January 17th, February 7th, March 7th, March 28th
and April 25th.

Retreat Day: **Saturday, May 23rd 9:30 am – 12:30**
pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation: **Saturday, May 30th at**
5 pm Mass.

For more information contact the: Parish Office 416-
466-8281 or **holynameto@archtoronto.org**



Welcome to Our Parish Family

Baptized
Saturday, October 11th, 2025

Isidore Pax Rosario
son of Neil & Arielle

Baptized
Sunday, October 12th, 2025

Priya Elisa Armstrong
daughter of Martin & Shivani

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 19, 2025

**Theme: “Missionaries of Hope Among
All Peoples”.**

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.

**ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH.**

Parish Attendance Survey

The Archdiocese is requesting our
participation in its annual parishioner
attendance survey for all parishes on
the weekends **October 18/19 and**
October 25/26. Thank you for your
cooperation.

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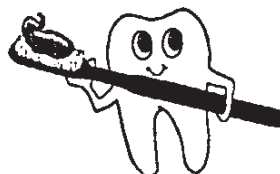
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