

# St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

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On Thanksgiving,  
Give thanks to the Lord  
for His many Blessings

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCT. 10<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING DAY  
10:00 A.M. +Benjamin D. Fabunan  
Req. Brenda & Delia Gonzales

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Paul, +Willie & +Malachy Kelly  
Req. Patrick Morrison

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. Joseph Wood  
Req. K. Kaszuba

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Sean Costello  
Req. Patrick Morrison

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. Living & Deceased Members  
of the Jarguz Family  
Req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. +Deceased Members of  
the Cushing Family  
Req. Kathleen Mullrooney



The First Friday Adoration will take place on October 7, 2022, from 7 pm to 8 pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST (FRFE) REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is open to all students who have not received their First Reconciliation (Confession) & First Eucharist (Communion). The registration form and schedule are available through the parish website: [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org). Registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022.



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR RCIA 2022-2023!

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you are already Catholic but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation & receiving Eucharist for the first time).

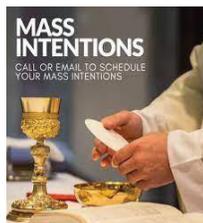
SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP COLLECTION

The Bundle Up Collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be held on the weekend of October 29-30, 2022. A truck will be parked outside the church to receive gently used clothes and household linens.



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to Offer a Weekday Mass, please call the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or send an email to [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



We need VOLUNTEERS to serve as Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Garden Volunteers! If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513, or by email at [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time –**  
**Oct. 9, 2022**



How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? In gratitude, ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, sister, brother or deacon? If God is calling you, contact, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997, [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org), [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).



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***CULTIVATING GENEROUS GRATITUDE***

All of us since our childhood were raised to say thank you when someone has done something good for us. While this is undoubtedly a positive act, it can lead us to developing the mentality that thanksgiving is a mere matter of politeness. The deeper sense of gratitude exemplified by the one leper who returned to thank Jesus in the Gospel surpasses mere kind manners. The Gospel recalls that he "prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him."

The act of returning to Jesus and prostrating himself cost something to the leper, it required his effort, time and humility. We can learn from his example and learn to go out of our way in order to express our profound gratitude to God and our neighbour.

With respect to God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank the Lord for the abundant gifts He graciously lavishes on us. When thanking our neighbour, perhaps we can include a physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation or express our thanks by spending time with them. Let us ask ourselves this Thanksgiving weekend, how are we moving past mere politeness to sincere acts of gratitude towards God and neighbour. In this way, we can practice generosity even while expressing our gratitude.

***SUMMARY***

The one leper who returned and prostrated himself before Jesus shows us the true model of gratitude towards God and neighbour because it required his effort, time and humility. When thanking God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank Him for the abundant gifts He lavishes upon us. When thanking our neighbour, perhaps we can include a physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation, or express our thanks by spending time with them.

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