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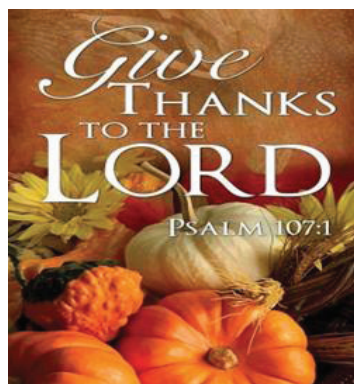
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Thanksgiving

*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.*





1st Reading:
2 Kings 5.14-17

2nd Reading:
2 Timothy 2.8-13

Gospel:
Luke 17.11-19

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.

Regular Mass Schedule **Weekday Masses:**

Daily morning mass is celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am

Weekend Schedule: Saturday (Vigil) Mass **5:00 pm**
Sunday Masses: **9:00 am, 10:30 & 12:00 noon**

<https://stmartindeporressc.archtoronto.org/eg/>

Mass Intentions for the Week of Oct 11 / 12, 2025

Saturday Oct 11th

5:00 pm + Merwyn & Eunice D'Souza
- S. I & Blessings for Rodney Edwards & Kevin Fonceca

Sunday Oct 12th

9:00 am + Victoria Brewster
+ Kyung & Chang Ho Yoon
10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP
12:00 pm + Nirmala Gomes
- Thanksgiving for the Corrado Family

Monday Oct 13th

Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday Oct 14th

8:30 am + Deceased members of the Desmond Family
+ Vival Malijan

Wednesday Oct 15th

8:30 am + Renato Dodoy Malijan
+ Elmo Emmanuel & Fema Boco

Thursday Oct 16th

8:30 am + Judy Bocala
+ Estela Encarnacion
11.00 am - Mass offered for the Feast of Our Lady of Barangay

Friday Oct 17th

8:30 am + Eleuterio Dias
+ Agnelo Savio & Ludavinha Machado

Parish Weekly *fact*

THANKSGIVING: A Holiday of Gratitude and Faith

The Christian origins of thanksgiving originate not in a harvest festival; they go back to the Last Supper. Whenever Catholics celebrate the Eucharist, they celebrate "thanksgiving"—thanksgiving that Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross, made present again here on the altar, rescued us from death and gave us the opportunity for life everlasting. Christ restored to us what Adam had lost for us. That's a lot to be thankful for. The leper in today's gospel returned to Jesus to give thanks. He embodies the real attitude of thanksgiving. So, gather your loved ones, share a prayer of thanks, and enjoy a feast filled with faith and gratitude. Happy Thanksgiving—and God bless!

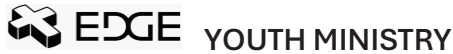


Students in Grades 2/3 – In person classes begin on the following dates:

Wednesday October 15, 2025 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
 Wednesday October 22, 2025 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
 Wednesday October 29, 2025 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
 Wednesday November 5, 2025 6:00 pm (**Rehearsal**)

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Wednesday November 12th @ 6:00 pm



Edge nights are back!

Students in grades 5—8 are invited to join us for an evening of faith, fun, and friendship! Our youth deserve a place where they can grow in their faith, learn more about Jesus, make new friends, and have a great time together. Edge will kick off on **Friday, October 24, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the church hall.**

Registration is now open! Visit the Edge volunteers at the registration table in the foyer after the weekend Masses to register your child.

Registration will close on October 19, 2025. Thank you for supporting our youth!



Knights of Columbus Council 12909

CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Bus trip to Casino Rama

Saturday, November 8th, 2025.

Donation: \$25.00

Includes: \$10 free playing credits

You must have a Player's card for Fallsview Casino Resort and valid Government ID. 50/50 Draw.. Snacks

Tickets available on the weekends after the 5.00 pm, 10.30 am and 12 noon masses

To book a seat e-mail: jason.shantz@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

A Knights of Columbus Scholarship of \$500 is available to a member of St. Martin de Porres Parish who is attending a full-time post-secondary program in the 2025-26 academic year. Consideration will include the applicant's involvement in Parish and/or Community activities, either currently or in the past. Application Forms should be requested from smithwriter@rogers.com by email. The deadline for return of applications is November 30, 2025.



All Parishioners are invited to join us in Prayer at **The Living Rosary on Saturday October 25th** after the 5.00 pm mass followed by a get-together in the Church Hall. Thank you and God Bless.



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul

Bundle up Weekend

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the church parking lot this weekend of **October 18th & 19th**. We accept gently used clothing, shoes, and household items.

Thank you for your generosity.



SMDP Christmas Bazaar 2025

Thank you to all who have donated or volunteered items towards the gift baskets for the annual Christmas Bazaar. If you still have to drop these off, please do so by October 13th at the latest.

Baskets will be on display and raffle tickets available from October 18th, 2025, after each Mass.

Don't forget to save the date and attend the actual bazaar taking place on November 15th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thank you and God Bless!



Thanksgiving Luncheon



50+ Group are hosting a Thanks Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday October 23rd from 12.30 to 3.00 pm. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members and will be on sale after all weekend masses.



Let us Pray! For the sick members of our Parish and for those who love and minister to them.

Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

Saint Carlo called the Eucharist his highway to heaven. He bridged faith and science to document over 150 Eucharistic miracles from around the world. His Vatican approved exhibition is coming to Blessed Frédéric Ozanam Parish.

Exhibition Venue: [St. Brother André Catholic High School, Markham](https://www.brotherandrecatholichighschool.com)

Dates: October 18 & 19, 2025

Hosted by: Blessed Frédéric Ozanam Parish

Parking: St. Brother André Catholic School, Markham

Event Details – Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition, Veneration of Saint Carlo's 1st Class Relic, Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Religious Goods Table (Carlo Acutis Prayer Cards, Rosaries, Statues, etc.)

Youth Rally – go to: <https://blessedoanam.ca/belikecarlo> (to register)



Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!



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