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✠ **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ✠

October 12, 2025

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME: to all family, relatives and friends who have come "home" for this Thanksgiving Weekend!

THANKS BE TO GOD! Do you and your family say "Grace" before meals? Thanksgiving Weekend provides a wonderful opportunity to be renewed in practice of saying a short prayer of blessing and thankfulness before every meal.

THANKSGIVING DAY (WEEKEND): in Canada is a national statutory holiday celebrated on the second Monday in October since 1957. Its origins are rooted in ancient forms of celebrating the harvest and giving thanks for a plentiful crop. It is a natural form of festivity imbued with religious gratitude. It has become a day for people to express gratitude to one another and to God for the good things in their lives, including family, friends, and other blessings.

HEALING SERVICE WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Bancroft on Thursday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m.

EVENING OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: (On Thursdays) is **CANCELLED THIS WEEK**

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION: Here is a simple Act of Thanksgiving that can provide a pattern of prayer after receiving Holy Communion:

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I love You.

Jesus, I hope in You.

Thank You for the Gift of Your Presence: Your Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

October 13 – October 18

Tuesday (with *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
9:00 a.m. + Ambrose Recoskie by *Rosemarie Recoskie & Family*

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Theresa Yantha by *Arthur & Lillian Shulist*

+ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 19, 2025

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Larry Trader by *Eric & Susan Coulas*
+ John Hildebrandt by *Jennifer Huestis*

Sunday 10:30 a.m. *Rite of Confirmation with Bishop Brehl*
Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	October 18	October 19
Readings	<i>Sean Conway</i>	<i>Judy Fillion</i>
Communion	<i>Neil O'Reilly</i>	<i>Terry Recoskie</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>Greg Kelly</i>
	<i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>Paul Rivett-Carnac</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Jean-Paul Patenaude, Ray Vananburg, Carmel Rumleskie, Linda Pilgrim.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Shirley Towns, Shaun O'Malley, Bailey Susan Kubuskeskie, Kenny Kedroskie.*

The Rosary will be led by the Catholic Women's League before each Sunday Mass.

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Bruno, priest & Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin
Tuesday - Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday - St. Denis, bishop & Companions, martyrs & St. John Leonardi, priest
Saturday - St. John XXIII, pope

BIBLE STUDY: The Gospel of John (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Fr. Francis Martin). Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. For more information contact John Morris, 613-729-6647.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL presents Jesus healing 10 lepers, of whom only one, a Samaritan and therefore a foreigner, returned to thank him (see *Lk 17: 11-19*). The Lord said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well" (*Lk 17: 19*). This Gospel passage invites us to a twofold reflection. It first evokes two levels of healing: one, more superficial, concerns the body. The other deeper level touches the innermost depths of the person, what the Bible calls "the heart", and from there spreads to the whole of a person's life. Complete and radical healing is "salvation". By making a distinction between "health" and "salvation", even ordinary language helps us to understand that salvation is far more than health: indeed, it is new, full and definitive life. Furthermore, Jesus here, as in other circumstances, says the words: "Your faith has made you whole". It is faith that saves human beings, re-establishing them in their profound relationship with God, themselves and others; and faith is expressed in gratitude. Those who, like the healed Samaritan, know how to say "thank you", show that they do not consider everything as their due but as a gift that comes ultimately from God, even when it arrives through men and women or through nature. Faith thus entails the opening of the person to the Lord's grace; it means recognizing that everything is a gift, everything is grace. What a treasure is hidden in two small words: "thank you"!

Jesus healed 10 people sick with leprosy, a disease in those times considered a "contagious impurity" that required ritual cleansing (see *Lv 14: 1-37*). Indeed, the "leprosy" that truly disfigures the human being and society is sin; it is pride and selfishness that spawn indifference, hatred and violence in the human soul. No one, save God who is Love, can heal this leprosy of the spirit which scars the face of humanity. By opening his heart to God, the person who converts is inwardly healed from evil.

~ Pope Benedict; October 14, 2007

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,870.05 (Envelopes: \$2,252.00; Loose: \$98.05; Visitors: \$130.00;

E-transfer: \$320.00; Needs of the Canadian Church: \$30.00; World Mission: \$20.00;

Building Fund: \$20.00).

CWL TICKET DONATION: Members and parishioners are invited to consider making a monetary donation towards prizes for our fundraiser, the "Pot O'Gold" raffle. Any amount is appreciated. Please place your donation in an envelope marked **CWL – ticket donation** and drop off in the collection basket or Maureen at the church office or give to Maxine Smaglinski (756-0194) before **October 31st**. If you are donating \$100 or more and wish to be recognized on the ticket, please make note of that along with your donation. Thank you.

IN GOD, GIVE THANKS !

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Today, I would like to focus on the prayer of thanksgiving. And I take my cue from an episode recounted by the Evangelist Luke. While Jesus was on the way, ten lepers approached Him, begging: “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” (17:13). We know that those who had leprosy suffered not only physically, but also from social marginalization and religious marginalization. They were marginalized. Jesus did not back off from meeting them. Sometimes, he went beyond the limitations imposed by the law and touched the sick — which was not permitted — he embraced and healed them. In this case, there was no contact. From a distance, Jesus invited them to present themselves to the priests (v. 14), who were designated by law to certify any healings that had occurred. Jesus said nothing else. He listened to their prayer, he heard their cry for mercy, and he sent them immediately to the priests.

Those 10 lepers trusted, they did not remain there until they were cured, no: they trusted and they went immediately, and while they were on their way, all 10 of them were cured. The priests would have therefore been able to verify their healing and readmit them to normal life. But here is the most important point: only one in the group, before going to the priests, returned to thank Jesus and to praise God for the grace received. Only one, the other nine continued on their way. And Jesus points out that that man was a Samaritan, a sort of “heretic” for the Jews of that time. Jesus comments: “Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” (17:18). This narrative is touching.

This narrative, so to speak, divides the world in two: those who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The *Catechism* says: “every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving” (n. 2638). The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us. We were thought of before we learned how to think; we were loved before we learned how to love; we were desired before our hearts conceived a desire. If we view life like this, then “thank you” becomes the driving force of our day. And how often we even forget to say “thank you”.

For us Christians, thanksgiving was the name given to the most essential Sacrament there is: the *Eucharist*. In fact, the Greek word means precisely this: *thanksgiving*. Eucharist: thanksgiving. Christians, as all believers, bless God for the gift of life. To live is above all to have received life. All of us are born because someone wanted us to have life. And this is only the first of a long series of debts that we incur by living. Debts of gratitude. During our lives, more than one person has gazed on us with pure eyes, gratuitously. Often, these people are educators, catechists, persons who carried out their roles above and beyond what was required of them. And they stirred gratitude within us. Even friendship is a gift for which we should always be grateful. Above all, let us not forget to thank: if we are bearers of gratitude, the world itself will become better, even if only a little bit, but that is enough to transmit a bit of hope. The world needs hope. And with gratitude, with this attitude of thanksgiving, we transmit a bit of hope.

~ Pope Francis; December 30, 2020