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Happy Thanksgiving



LET our LIVES be FULL of BOTH
Thanks and Giving

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 8TH, 2023



THIS IS THE LANDLORD'S HEIR, COME, LET US KILL HIM.

Jesus' understanding of the sovereignty of God brought him the violent opposition of some of the Jewish leaders. Were they corrupt, or just closed to any new way of thinking, so closed that they could not see that Jesus was the promised Messiah? Anyway, Jesus used this story about the tenants of a vineyard to show that they were not leading the people as they should. Everyone would immediately understand the image of the vineyard. The prophet Isaiah – and many others after him – had used this image in a well-known poem eight centuries earlier to show that the vineyard of Israel refused to yield a good harvest to God, whatever care God lavished on it. God expected fairness of judgement and all he found was a shriek of agony (the same word in Hebrew apart from one letter). What does this mean for us? Not that we have to follow every new idea. But it does mean that we must be open to the idea that we may be wrong, that our service of the Lord may be faulty, that people we find tiresome or unacceptable may have more good in them than we credited. God's ways are not our ways, and we need to watch out for the bend in the road.

La parabola dei vignaioli omicidi è di un realismo tale che potremmo considerarla come una teologia della storia.

L'omicidio è l'apogeo di una infedeltà continua, che nasconde naturalmente ingratitudine. È la storia dell'umanità e quella di ogni uomo, con i nostri limiti, le nostre ingiustizie, la nostra avarizia, le nostre ambizioni. Noi reagiamo spesso così davanti al bene che riceviamo dai nostri simili. Noi agiamo spesso così davanti alla bontà di Dio.

Siamo dei cattivi amministratori, che cominciano commettendo il grave errore di crederci padroni del regno e il minimo potere ci disturba, anche quello di Dio, assoluto ma non dominatore. Noi non ci troviamo al posto che dovremmo occupare, e ci piacerebbe vietare l'ingresso nel regno a coloro che vogliono entrarci. L'atteggiamento di Dio differisce completamente dal nostro. Ci ama allo stesso modo; ma non tollera che i suoi figli non mangino il pane che egli offre loro e che per di più si ostinino ad impedire agli altri di mangiarlo. Noi ci sbagliamo in tutto. E proprio quando ci sentiremo più sicuri, verremo privati dei nostri doni, perché non possediamo, anche se lo crediamo, alcuna esclusività.

È necessario che scopriamo Cristo come pietra angolare dell'edificio in pietre vive che è la Chiesa, alla quale siamo stati introdotti con il battesimo. Cerchiamo con coraggio di produrre frutti per raggiungere il regno dei cieli.

"The best way to show my gratitude to God is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy."

~St. Theresa of Calcutta~



Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)*

Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)*

*In the Chapel, when there is a funeral

**Come and spend some quiet time
in prayer!**



SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - Salvatore Bisecco & Family

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - Eulogia & Rolando Balutan

10:00 A.M. - Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Rosario Vella

Vincenzo e Maria Ciraco

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e famiglia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie

Carlevaris e Nevodini

L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

3:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY OCTOBER 9TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. - Denise Amizola

12:00 P.M. + Joaquim & Teofila Ibe

TUESDAY OCTOBER 10TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. - The Cheng Family

12:00 P.M. + Celia Freitas

WEDNESDAY OCT 11TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Marion Lambert

+ Hania Helou

- Ellie & Dane Strong

- Fr. Thomas Lim

12:00 P.M. - Maria Georgina Jose

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Erdolfo Quiroga

8:30 A.M. + Carlo & Rosalia Giordano

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Tony Fernandes

7:00 P.M. - Alec Leung

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Consuelo Dela Cruz

10:00 A.M. - Legion of Mary



Weekly Offertory:

Last week's collection: \$5,148.55

Building Fund : \$3,440.20

Thank you for your generosity!

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Dear Friends in Christ, a couple of years ago I had the opportunity to visit a friend of mine, Fr. Zack Romanosky, while he was stationed in Salem, Missouri. Fr. Zack is a member of Madonna House, a Catholic community of laymen, women, and priests, who live together in order to “witness to the merciful love of God revealed in Christ Jesus” (cf. Madonna House website). At the time of my visit, Fr. Zack was living at Marian Acres, which is situated on a 60 acres plot of land resting within the beautiful Missouri Ozark Mountains. Since Marian Acres was established to be a place of solace, peace and full immersion into the Gospel for anyone who is seeking refreshment in the Lord, it was the perfect place for me to visit given that I was on sabbatical from my priestly ministries.

The town of Salem, which is located a couple of hours away from the city of St. Louis, has all the hallmarks of a typical American rural town. It is filled with numerous rolling hills and the roads appear to twist and turn endlessly. There is an American flag that is proudly fastened to the front of every home that you pass. As you travel through the region, you cannot help but notice that its inhabitants are predominantly affiliated with the Republican party, as evidenced by the many “Vote Trump/Pence” and “Make America Great” signs that litter the countryside.

One day during my visit, Fr. Zack and I decided to go hiking in the Ozark Mountains. As we drove to the trails, an unusual amount of noise was coming from underneath the pickup truck that we were driving. At that time, neither of us were overly concerned with the strange sounds.

After arriving at our destination, the day went rather smoothly and without a hitch. It was quite warm with the sun shining brightly, the hiking reinvigorating, and the dinner especially appetizing after many hours of walking. As the sun began to set, we knew that it was time for us to make our journey home and that is when “the wheels fell off the wagon.”

During our ride home, the noise coming from the truck grew increasingly louder. As we began to express a bit of concern to each other, something dramatic happened. Just when we had passed a curve in the winding road, the front left wheel on the driver’s side of the truck became dislodged from its axis, and it literally began to rush ahead of us until it found its resting place in an area filled with shrubs and trees, some two hundred metres down the road. As I watched in horror the runaway wheel bouncing in front of us, Fr. Zack was calmly trying to navigate the winding road, while only on three wheels! Incredibly, he managed to bring the truck to a stop without causing it to either flip or hurl into the surrounding ditches. You could say that we dodged a runaway tire that day!

Now imagine standing on the side of the road, with the emergency signal flashing on your “three wheeled” truck. What do you do? Where is help going to come from? As is so often the case when we find ourselves in such predicaments, God reveals His Providence through the helping hands of others. The first set of hands came from a couple of young Evangelicals, who having initially passed us on the road doubled-back and asked if we needed help. Since we were in an area where one was incapable of receiving any kind of phone reception, the good Samaritans offered to drive Fr. Zack to the next town in order to get some help. I decided to remain behind with the truck until his return.

What is remarkable is how the Lord continued to send additional sets of helping hands. In fact, what remains with me to this day is how many locals - more than twenty cars within a span of five hours - stopped that evening to inquire if I was okay, or if I needed any kind of assistance.

As I recount those events, I cannot help but thank the Lord for keeping us safe that evening. A great traffic accident, or something even worse, could have happened; yet, the Lord did not permit any harm to come upon us. I am also thankful for the many kind, good Samaritans who either helped us, or offered to help us during our time of need. Although each of them could have continued on their journey without being inconvenienced, nevertheless, many took the time to stop to offer their help for us.

This coming Monday we celebrate Thanksgiving Day! It is a day that gives us an opportunity to thank the Lord for the many blessings that he has bestowed, or continues to bestow upon us and our loved ones. Let us take a moment from our busy life to take inventory of those blessings - that either come directly from Him or through the helping hands of many good Samaritans – and “*give thanks to the Lord for He is good*” (Psalm 119). Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

The First Reconciliation and Communion Program is designed for and received by children in Grade 2 or older. For registration requirements please go to our website [SLM Sacraments - FR/FHC](#).



Parents **MUST** bring all the requirements and attend **ONE** of the registration dates:

Thursday, November 9th at 7PM
Saturday, November 11th at 10AM

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Program is designed for and received by children in Grade 7 or older. For registration requirements please go to our website [SLM Sacraments - Confirmation](#).



Parents **MUST** bring all the requirements and attend **ONE** of the registration dates:

Thursday, November 9th at 7PM
Saturday, November 18th at 10AM

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SHARELIFE: COMBATING HUNGER THROUGH YOUR COMPASSION

Many of our brothers and sisters grapple with the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response to their urgent need, ShareLife has launched the Food Security Grants – dedicating over half a million dollars to combat hunger.

Please support our fight against hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for heeding the Lord’s call to feed the hungry in your community and beyond.

RENEW YOUR HEART, RENEW YOUR CALL, RENEW OUR COMMUNITY



Renew Toronto is a conference for all young adults ages 19-39 taking place on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Canada Christian College in Whitby. This conference offers unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. Registration now open! For more information and to register, visit:

www.renewtoronto.org

SLM CRAFT GROUP

are collecting **NEW MEN's socks**
From : Nov. 4th until Nov. 19th
for **GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE** in
downtown Toronto. The socks may be placed in
the **Box** located in the Church foyer.
Your generosity is much appreciated.
Thank you!



Dear Padre

October 8, 2023

How is an icon different from a regular painting of a saint?

Generally, *icon* means a symbol or image. In the Church, it refers to an image depicting Bible stories or holy people. "Icons express in images the same Gospel message that Scripture communicates by words" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1160).

Even though an icon is an image created with paints, icons are written, not painted. Icon writing, called iconography, is a vocation as well as a talent. The difference between a painter and an iconographer is that iconographers follow strict rules and standards set forth in Eastern Church canon law and Christian tradition. Rooted in God’s word, icons are rich in symbolism. The colors, gestures, and shapes speak spiritually to invite us to pray and worship.

Icons can be written on almost any surface, but historically most were written on wood and had a gold-leaf background. One example of this type of icon is Our Mother of Perpetual Help, which is believed to have been written in the fifteenth century. Pope Pius IX gave it to the Redemptorists in 1865, telling the order to “make her known throughout the world.” It now hangs in the Church of Sant’ Alfonso in Rome.

To see the original icon in real time and learn more about icons, please visit omphicon.org.

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Renew your Faith and Reaffirm your Beliefs!

Join our Pastor

Fr. Thomas Lim

PILGRIMAGE TO EGYPT, JORDAN & HOLY LAND



April 24 - May 10, 2024
17 days

Flyers/registration forms are found at the lobby of the Church or at SLM Website

For more information call Sisca
416.731.8252



Vocation Reflection . . .

Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.
www.vocationstoronto.ca
email vocations@archtoronto.org

Stewardship Reflection . . .

In today’s second reading St. Paul urges us to pray ceaselessly in all circumstances. While we may not be able to spend every moment in the chapel, we can still pray ceaselessly by offering up all of our acts as a prayer to God. Let us strive to intentionally realize the dignity of our professional work, and our work as stewards, as a means to be in communion with God.



PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.



FATHER YOU CALLED

SAINT LAWRENCE
TO SERVE YOU BY LOVE
AND CROWNED HIS LIFE
WITH GLORIOUS
MARTYRDOM.

HELP US TO BE LIKE HIM
IN LOVING YOU
AND DOING YOUR WORK.

AMEN