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Julia Di Paolo - *Secretary*

# Happy Thanksgiving



**LET our LIVES be FULL of BOTH Thanks and Giving**

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 13, 2024

Mark 10, 17-30



### “Give everything you own to the poor, and follow Me”

After a story about the renunciation of status comes another about the renunciation of wealth. This exchange between Jesus and the rich man is often read with Matthew’s parallel in mind, where Jesus tells the young man to sell his possessions ‘if you would be perfect’. There are no such two levels in Mark’s story. The questioner has a certain age, for he has kept the commandments ‘from my earliest days’. He is in the full flush of wealth, and getting rid of his riches is not a mere counsel of perfection. Jesus is stressing the danger of possessions for everyone. It is a curious fact that for many people, the more they have, the more they want. Conversely, the less people have, the more generous they are, knowing the value to other needy people of the little they have. It is not merely that we need to be free of the pre-occupations and distractions of wealth. Wealth can be a good pre-occupation if the worry comes from awareness of the responsibility it brings. Repeatedly, however, in the history of the Church, from St Anthony of the Desert, St Francis of Assisi and others, people have interpreted these words heroically and stripped themselves of all possessions to concentrate on the Kingdom of God. God’s blessing is especially on the poor.



Quest’uomo sembrava avere tutto. Egli era ricco e, in più, obbediva ai comandamenti divini. Si è rivolto a Gesù perché voleva anche la vita eterna, che desiderava fosse come una assicurazione a lunga scadenza, come quella che si ottiene da una grande ricchezza. Gesù aveva già annunciato che per salvare la propria vita bisognava essere disposti a perderla, cioè che per seguirlo occorreva rinnegare se stessi e portare la propria croce (Mc 8,34-35).

L’uomo era sincero e si guadagnò uno sguardo pieno d’amore da parte di Gesù: “Una sola cosa ti manca, decisiva per te. Rinuncia a possedere, investi nel tesoro del cielo, e il tuo cuore sarà libero e potrà seguirmi”. Ma né lo sguardo né le parole di Gesù ebbero effetto. Quest’uomo, rattristato, certo, ha tuttavia preferito ritornare alla sicurezza che gli procurava la propria ricchezza. Non ha potuto o voluto capire che gli veniva offerto un bene incomparabilmente più prezioso e duraturo: l’amore di Cristo che comunica la pienezza di Dio (Ef 3,18-19). Paolo lo aveva capito bene quando scrisse: “Tutto ormai io reputo spazzatura, al fine di guadagnare Cristo... si tratta di conoscerlo e di provare la potenza della sua risurrezione...” (Fil 3,8-10).



**Vocation Reflection** ~ If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. “You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me.” Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, AoT at 416-968-0997.



#### Eucharistic Adoration

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

Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)\*

\*In Chapel, when there is a funeral.

Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!



#### Mass Intentions for the week



#### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

#### **SUNDAY OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. - Neil Noranho

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Rosario Vella

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e famiglia

Giovanna Costantino

Salvatore Simone e famiglia

Defunti famiglie Longo e Tamburro

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Francesco Ferrante

Annarosa e Pasquale Volpe

Concetta Sica - Corradina Tiralongo

Marco Edda e defunti famiglie Carlevaris e Nevodini

L’Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. + Henry Sr. & Lydia Bahingawan

1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. + Mr & Mrs Rosario Fernandes

#### **MONDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDIST**

8:30 A.M. + Doris & Charles Clayburn

12:00 P.M. - Sue Ng

#### **TUESDAY OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Daniel Noranho

12:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Maria & Juro Zemljak

+ Maria Belen Rosales

12:00 P.M. - Merinda Dominguez

#### **THURSDAY OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. - Marie De Souza

8:30 A.M. - Stephanie Bagasan

#### **FRIDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. - Kayla Bagasan

7:00 P.M. + William Chan

#### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. - Sacha Bagasan

10:00 A.M. + Istvan Szakaczki



#### Offertory Last Week:

Regular: \$5,897.10

Indigenous: \$1,476.90

Building Fund: \$3,025.00

Thank you for your generosity!

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 13, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, this weekend many people will gather with their family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, an annual gathering that is characterized by feasting (often including turkey) and other expressions of gratitude. In my family, the usual meeting place for our Thanksgiving dinner was at the home of my third sister (Maria) and her husband, Poe. Every year we would spend time feasting on a variety of delicious dishes, which Poe spent many hours cooking for us prior to our arrival. Although Poe never had any professional training, anyone who has eaten his dishes can attest to his God-given culinary skills.

Sadly, our family's Thanksgiving celebration will be very different this year. A couple of weeks ago, Poe suffered from some bleeding in his brain and had to be hospitalized. Despite the numerous CT scans, MRIs, Ultrasounds, etc., Poe's medical team has not been able to determine the true cause and source of his bleeding. As of this writing, Poe remains in a coma and under the watchful eyes of numerous doctors, nurses, neurologists, etc., in the ICU ward at Toronto General. Please remember Poe, Maria and his family in your prayers... Thank you!

In the face of my brother-in-law's current condition, I suppose it is natural for me to entertain a range of negative emotions and feelings such as: fear, discouragement, anger, resentment, just to name a few. Yet, I harbour no such feelings; instead, I choose to remain thankful for the many gifts the Lord has blessed me, especially as it pertains to my relationship with Poe.

Poe has been more than a brother-in-law to me. Over the years, Poe has become a dear friend! For as long as I can remember, after closing the church each Sunday, I would drive to Markham and have dinner with Poe, Maria and my nephews (and their girlfriends). He was able to cook a great range of dishes regardless of nationality, and he had an uncanny ability to replicate another person's dish simply by eating it. Some Sundays, Poe would serve me one of my late mother's dishes, which he reproduced with such exactness. Other times, he would cook meals native to India, China, Indonesia, Mexico, Italy, and so many other parts of the world! And as we ate, we would talk about many different things and topics of interest. I treasured these Sundays meals because they always provided me a brief respite from my busy priestly ministries and I have come to realize that they were also Poe's way of showing his love for me. While there is a high possibility that these Sunday dinners will probably not take place in the foreseeable future - one that truly saddens me - nevertheless, I want to celebrate this Thanksgiving by choosing to remain hopeful for Poe's recovery and by being grateful for the love he has showered me over these years.

In his 2024 Thanksgiving Message, Archbishop Leo wrote: *"This weekend celebration naturally leads us to ask the questions: What am I thankful for in my life? What are the "good things" from which I benefit? Who are those men and women who are channels of God's goodness to me and who witness to the goodness of the Lord calling forth my acknowledgment and gratitude? Sometimes we stop and recognize the blessings formally around the Thanksgiving table, with each person sharing what they are thankful for in their lives. At other times it is done informally with a kind word or simple sentiment of thanks" [3].*

Being thankful and grateful for the good things that we have in our life is often difficult for many people even in the best of times! How much more true is this when we are undergoing period of pain, suffering, trials and tribulations; or when someone, who is dear to us, is unable to be around the Thanksgiving table with us. Nevertheless, let us resolve to remain thankful and grateful to the Lord whether we are experiencing good times or bad, joyful or sorrowful moments, in sickness or health. In the words of the psalmist, let us say: *"I give you thank, O Lord, with all my heart; I will sing your praises before the gods. I bow before your holy Temple as I worship. I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honour of your name. As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength" (Ps 138).* Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



**SACRED JOURNEY**  
**RESTORING THE HOUSE OF GOD**

**THANK YOU!!!**

FUNDS RAISED TO DATE: \$32,452.75

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## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 13, 2024

# Dear Padre

October 13, 2024

*When should confirmation take place? I read that baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist were received all at the same time in the early Church.*

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are baptism and Eucharist. In the early Church, all three sacraments were usually received at the same time because most people receiving baptism were adults. As infant baptism started to become the norm, this sacrament was separated from the other two. After Vatican II, the trend moved the age of confirmation into the teenage years, so that in many places, confirmation takes place in seventh or eighth grade, or even later. There is still an argument among liturgists, educators, and theologians about whether such a separation should exist. Some think of confirmation as a coming-of-age sacrament, marking, as it were, the transition from childhood into adulthood in the Church. The theology of this sacrament, however, is based upon baptism and connects it to the commission to go out and touch the world with our faith. The ideal age for confirmation is the age at which we can, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, conscientiously and reasonably witness to our faith. ●

*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

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

"Make sickness itself a Prayer"

~ St Francis de Sales ~



## 2024-2025 SACRAMENTAL PREP

### First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

The First Reconciliation and Communion Program is designed for and received by children in Gr 2 or older.

For registration requirements please go to our website [SLM Sacraments - FR/FHC](http://SLM Sacraments - FR/FHC).

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

**Thurs-Oct 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM or Sat-Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**

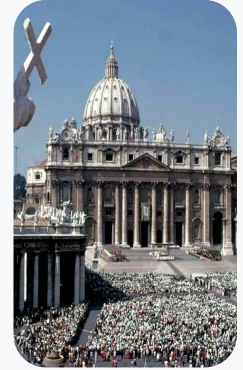
### Confirmation

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](http://SLM Sacraments - Confirmation).

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

**Thurs-Oct 24<sup>th</sup> at 7PM or Sat-Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**



**2025 JUBILEE YEAR  
ITALY PILGRIMAGE**  
With our Pastor  
Father Thomas Lim



September 26 to  
October 9, 2025

**DETAILS**  
*Coming Soon!*

**GO AND INVITE  
EVERYONE**  
*to the banquet*

Mt 22:9

The Holy Father's Message for World Mission Day 2024



## World Mission Sunday Special Collection, October 20

There will be a second collection next Sunday for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. 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.*



**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**



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October 24, 2024:

God's Healing Love: A retreat  
for cancer patients & caregiver

October 26, 2024:

Marian Retreat

Registration 8:30 am Cost: \$45 Includes: Coffee/Tea Muffins & Hot Lunch

WE WILL CLOSE THE RETREAT W/ MASS