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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.





OCTOBER 12TH, 2025 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CYCLE C (LUKE)

Returning Thanks: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17 Psalm 98:1-4 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today. There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but



only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see <u>Luke 5:12–14</u>). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Sámaritan, returned. In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see <u>Isaiah 56:3–8</u>). Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel. We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist." And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life. We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus. We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation. In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com



OCTOBER 11TH TO OCTOBER 18TH 2025

Sat Oct 11th 5:00pm -Percilia Claire Solomon-Copland

Sun Oct 12th 7:30am - Nevil Lewis and Margaret Lewis †

9:00am - People of the Parish

10:30am - Cora Lim +

12:00pm - Susana Atchico †

Mon Oct 13th 8:30am - Thanksgiving for the Ayuson family

Tue Oct 14th 8:30am - Dale Verpaelst †

Wed Oct 15th 7:30pm - Thanksgiving for Martin

Williams; deceased family members of the Duano

family

Thur Oct 16th 8:30am - Amos Halstead +

Oct 17th 7:30pm - Lawrence and Florine Pinto †

Sat Oct 18th 8:30am - Mary Ann Lauzon and Joseph Arthur Lauzon†; Roque Fernandes †



OUR SICK:

Magdalene Trotman, Holly Macinnis, Inacia Rodrigues, Carol Morra, Edna Zetazate, To-nya Medelkowski, Ray Acayan, Jean Foulk-es, Romeo Florentino, Anne Dyer, Joan Fitzgibbon, Virginia Johnson, Derek John Taylor, Oliver Malinowski, Anunciacion Chang,

Maria Theresa, Maria Johanna Tizon, Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Cheryl Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, Mary Foulkes, Jean Griffin Davis, Shirley Eccleton, Ursula Solomon, Kathleen Copeland, Giacomina Genova, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Marguerite Watson, Marie Dignum, Stephanie Solomon.

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATIONS FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND

CONFIRMATION

PARENTS, if you have not yet registered your child for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please contact the parish office as soon as possible to pick up a registration package.



For further information or questions, please contact our Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA) Peter by email: sacraments@stbcc.ca

Reflections on the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

The Knights of Columbus Maharlika Council 7488 along with the other parish ministries invite you all to a Saturday morning retreat on: "Reflections on the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary."

Date: October 18th from 8:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. in the parish hall. Retreat starts with Mass at 8:30 a.m. in the church.

For more information, contact: bertieres@gmail.com/or at (416)821-6584, or Virgilio Torres at vertorres@gmail.com or (416)722-8412.

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THANK YOU! THE SANCTITY OF LIFE GROUP

Thanks to the 31 parishioners who gave public witness at Life Chain last Sunday, October 5th.

Every life deserves protection and the truth-telling of our signs in favor of life, stands for the voice of the babies in the womb who never get the chance to speak. The collection from those in attendance amounted to \$250, which will be forwarded to Campaign Life Coalition.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING Parish Office Closed

Please note, the parish office will be closed on Monday, October 13th for Thanksgiving. We want to take



this opportunity to wish all our Parishioners at St. Boniface a warm and happy Thanksgiving weekend. Stay safe and healthy.

CWL MONTHLY MEETING

The CWL members will have their monthly meeting on Sunday, October 19th after the 12 noon Mass in the church hall.



Interested in **Life's Big Questions?** Join Alpha!

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions designed to explore faith and life. With food, a short talk, and lively discussion, it's a friendly, open environment to ask anything. Come discover more about Christianity!

When: Starts Monday October 27th

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Where:

St. Boniface Church Hall



Register at:

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No cost, no pressure; come as you are!

**Interested in helping with Alpha?

Please contact parish office at 416-261-5983 or by email: alpha@stbcc.ca

FREE Estate Planning Seminar Sponsored by St. Boniface Parish Seniors <u>Group</u>

Join us for an informative session with a lawyer on November 22, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Parish Hall. Learn about the importance of:

Powers of Attorney

Living Will/Last Will and Testament

This is a **FREE** event, open to everyone. Don't miss this opportunity to understand how to protect your assets and loved ones. Refreshments will be served.

Archdiocese Annual Mass Attendance Count

The Archdiocese annual parishioner attendance survey for all parishes will take place on the weekends of October 18/19 and October 25/26.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul "Bundle Up" Collection - October 25-26, 2025

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, footwear and linens at all masses the weekend of October 25 & 26, **2025.** The Society is a non-profit charity and we will donate or sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. Please bring your donation and help others. Thank you for your continued support!

If you are interested in volunteering with us, please

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