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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator,

*In this season of gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle with hunger and want.
Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.*

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

*And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one
another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.*

Amen



Monday, Oct. 13th

Thanksgiving Day

9:00am Mass in Thanksgiving

Tuesday, Oct. 14th

Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

9:00am + Andrew Lavigne

Requested by Bill Lavigne

Wednesday, Oct. 15th

Saint Teresa of Jesus

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9:00am + David Melnichak

Requested by Bill Lavigne

Thursday, Oct. 16th

Saint Hedwig, Religious;

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

9:00am + Shante Beelen

Requested by Celina

**THE 29th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday, Oct. 18th

**Installation of Fr. Roy Roberts by Bishop
Boissonneau**

5:00 pm Mass for the People

Sunday, Oct. 19th

9:00 am + Ingrid Dunbrook

Requested by the 9:00 am Choir

11:00 am + Janja & Peter Stefancz

Requested by Kata Macut

**World
Mission
Sunday**



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in
memory of John Dusome

Pope's Prayer Intention for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might
work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human
fraternity.

Wavelengths

Thanksgiving was my parents' favorite holiday. One reason
was that there was never a hockey tournament that we needed
to shuffle off to for the weekend. Second, there was great
excitement when we were older and started returning from
university. But mostly, it was simply to gather with loved ones
and just be family – no expectations or obligations, purely to sit
down in a formal way.

Our celebrations morphed from the traditional turkey dinner
to the point where Mom declared one year that it was more
important who was *at* the table than what was *on* the table. That
was the year that all our festive meals were ordered from the
local Chinese Restaurant. Although Thanksgiving turkey sounds
way better than Thanksgiving sweet and sour chicken balls, the
preparation and the cleanup were much easier, and Mom, who
was getting up in age, did not spend the next couple of days
physically exhausted.

Mom and Dad both loved the scene of family gathered
around the dining room table. In fact, we purchased one
expressly for the occasion. The only argument was how big it
should be. Dad and I disagreed vehemently on this – he looked at
the smaller options while I, in my wisdom and foresight,
anticipated the day when the table would include more than just
the six of us. Even though I was footing the bill as a gift to them, I
lost the battle but won the war.

Eventually, as significant others and grandchildren became
part of the equation, every meal around that table revisited that
earlier discussion about the size of the table and victoriously
ended with me remarking which a smug chuckle, "I told you so!"
Dad eventually constructed an extra leaf to extend the table, but
no matter, I still reminded him, "I told you so!"

The first grandchild, my nephew, was born at the end of July,
and Mom was already making plans for how he was going to be
part of our Thanksgiving table. He would have been less than
three months old, but Mom and Dad were determined, and they
purchased a highchair so that when that wonderful day arrived
when we would ALL be seated around the table. There was a
series of neck ties, small pillows for propping up, and straps
binding and lashing my nephew into place. This poor two-and-a-
half-month-old member of our clan was strapped into that chair
looking like some prisoner of war bound in some torturous
contortion. He could have survived the most violent rocket
launch. No matter, Mom and Dad were so proud to have their
first grandchild at that Thanksgiving table and in some
mysterious way, it made us more of a family.

Of course, as one prone to getting
the last word in, I did mention how
unfortunate it was that our table was a
bit too small, ending with the requisite
"I told you so!" So, from six around the
table plus three significant others, five
grandchildren, four of their significant
others, and the first great grandchild
months away from joining this clan
(though sadly, Mom and Dad will be
joining us from above) the spirit of
Thanksgiving inherited from Mom and
Dad's love for the day, will certainly
animate our sacred gathering.
Happy Thanksgiving.

-Fr. Roy



C.W.L. News

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, Oct. 14th at 1:00 pm**. Hope to see you there!

Fall Cleanup at St. Margaret's Cemetery

Sat. Oct. 25th 10am-2pm

Thank you to the parishioners who helped to keep our cemetery beautiful this year. It is time to prepare for fall and winter while the weather is still warm. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the annual fall cleanup on Saturday, October 25th from 10 am – 2 pm. Any time you can contribute is appreciated! We ask that you kindly remove all your summer decorations as they do not last through the winter months.

Our Cemetery Operations Manager Ms. Lyndsey Laurin would be happy to assist you with plot and monument purchases throughout the winter, before the 2026 rates come into effect January 1st.

Thank you from St. Margaret's Cemetery.

Proudly serving our community with faith and compassion.

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2025 Christmas Assistance

Applications – Oct. 8th - Nov. 26th

St. Margaret's St. Vincent de Paul Society will be providing Christmas support to those in need in our community.

NEW FOR 2025: Applications must be completed in-person at the Parish Hall (please use Church Lane entrance). Those in need are invited to apply starting Wednesday, October 8th, from 1pm to 3pm. The final application day is November 26th. A St. Vincent volunteer will be there to review the application and assist in completion. Please provide ID for each person named on the application. **If you are aware of any individual who could use Christmas assistance, please direct them to apply in-person.**

If you have any questions, please call 705-526-7585 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Givings Report for Sunday

Offertory* \$3,515.40

Building Fund \$305.50

**Amount includes PAG & Donate Now*

Weekend Mass Attendance Survey

Volunteers are needed for the annual Archdiocese headcount survey taking place on the weekends of October 18th-19th and October 25th-26th. This survey helps to provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the archdiocese. If you can assist with the counting, please speak with Fr. Roy after Mass.

Happy Thanksgiving from St. Margaret's Parish



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

-Colossians 3:15-17

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following people in your

prayers: Leanne Sanderson, Maria Curvas, Antonio Guerra, Alba King, Rachel, Jenna Charlebois, David Boyce, Jenny Brock, Garry Edwards, Jose Mendoza, Lauraine Marshall, Barb Ledoucer, Grant Robitaille, Geraldine Diamago, Ralph Ladouceur, Carol Jackson, Carmen Desroches, David Morton, Dan Camp, Elaine Chiasson, Lisa Wright, Judy Martin, Michael Pontze, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire, Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek, Mary Fletcher, Sherry Archer, Abigail Brown, Romelda Morson, Nicole Marchildon, Stephen Roach, Lilah Bates, Shelley Smith, Peter Pattenau, Betty Laurin

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends: Lois Dunn, Bill Courts, Mary Leduc and Bonnie Lalonde

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