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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

<u>Saturday, Oct. 18th</u> *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 World Mission Sunday

11:00 am + Janja & Peter Stefancz Requested by Kata Macut



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. 14**th **at 1:00pm**. Hope to see you there!

Fall Cleanup at St. Margaret's Cemetery

Sat. Oct. 25th

.0am-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 25^{th} 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 <u>in-person</u> 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 <u>each</u> person named on the application. If you are aware of any individual who could use Christmas assistance, please direct them to apply <u>in-person</u>. If you have any questions, please call 705-526-7585 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

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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.



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 Pattenaude, Betty Laurin

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



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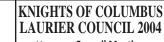


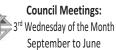
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