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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.*





Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 12

4:30 pm (vigil) Cunningham Family (Thanksgiving)
 9:00 am People of the Parish
 10:30 am Povolo's Family (Thanksgiving)
 12:15 pm + Arsenio & Natividad Ortega

Monday, October 13 No Mass

Tuesday, October 14

8:00 am Vilma Balallo (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, October 15

7:00 pm OCDS

Thursday, October 16

8:00 am + Loretta Dy'Sylva

Friday, October 17

8:00 am Thevakumar Kulasingham (I)

Saturday, October 18

9:00 am + Centina Farrugia

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The development of doctrine.

The Pope is not an absolute monarch whose thoughts and desires are law. On the contrary: the Pope's ministry is a guarantee of obedience to Christ and to his Word. He must not proclaim his own ideas, but rather constantly bind himself and the Church to obedience to God's Word, in the face of every attempt to adapt it or water it down, and every form of opportunism. He is bound to the great community of faith of all times, to the binding interpretations that have developed throughout the Church's pilgrimage. Thus, his power is not being above, but at the service of, the Word of God. It is incumbent upon him to ensure that this Word continues to be present in its greatness and to resound in its purity, so that it is not torn to pieces by continuous changes in usage.

— Pope Benedict XVI

On All Saints' Day Pope Leo will declare Cardinal Newman a Doctor of the Church. Newman considered himself a controversialist rather than a theologian. Owing to his reputation among Catholics in England, he was often called on to address the pressing controversies of his day. For example, when the former British Prime Minister William Gladstone accused Catholics of disloyalty because of their allegiance to Rome, Newman was strongly urged to make a response on behalf of all Catholics. This he did brilliantly in his 'Letter to the Duke of Norfolk.' He insisted that, as Catholics, we live according to the moral law which includes the civic virtues and "so little does the Pope come into this system of moral theology that the weight of his hand upon us, as private men, is absolutely inappreciable."

Newman never aspired to be an 'original thinker.' His aim was always *sentire cum ecclesia*, 'to think with the Church.' One of his most important works is his *Essay on the Development of Doctrine*. Newman takes as his starting point the rule of St. Vincent of Lerins: *quod ubique, quod semper, quod ab omnibus*: what has been believed everywhere, always and by everyone. There can indeed be *development* of doctrine, but not *alteration*. As St. Vincent wrote: "What was formerly believed, though not perfectly apprehended, may be more clearly explained. Yet we continue to teach the same truths which we have learned."

So what about female clergy, gay blessings, and other so-called 'hot-button' issues? According to Cardinal Newman, our newest Doctor of the Church, these are non-issues. Each of these issues has already been settled, and settled definitively. For those expecting the Pope to 'change Church teaching' I refer you to the quote from Pope Benedict given above. Or you can refer to Cardinal Newman: "A development, to be faithful, must retain both the doctrine and the principle with which it started."

28th Sun in Ordinary Time – October 12, 2025

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? In gratitude, ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, sister, brother or deacon? If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org



www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Rev. A. Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.

Next Week Readings – 19 October 2025

Twenty- Ninth Sunday in OT

Perseverance in Faith/Persistent Prayer

1st Reading: Exodus 17.8-13

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.2

Gospel: Luke 18.1-8

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).



A blessed celebration to and your family



CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2025

No Children's Liturgy meetings this *Sunday, October 12*, during the 10:30 am Mass. Due to Thanksgiving long weekend. Classes will resume next weekend.



First Holy Communion 2025



Classes continues next Sunday October 19 in the church hall at 10:30 am. Parents' Reminder: We kindly encourage you to guide your children in learning the basic prayers, especially the *Act of Contrition*, as part of their growing faith. *Parents and candidate are invited to take part in weekly Mass as part of the program.* Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Confirmation 2025

Applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation are available at the office. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please visit the parish office during office hours. Thank you.



R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2025 – Apr. 2026



Anyone interested in *joining* the Catholic Church? Already a Catholic and would like to *deepen your faith*? Perhaps you want to *refresh* your catholic doctrine? **Then you are invited to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

(R.C.I.A.) program, a journey of prayer and instruction for those who wish to explore and strengthen the beauty of the Catholic faith. If you or anyone you know are interested, contact the parish office, during office hours, pick up a form or phone us on (416) 757-2806. Email: olfatimasc@archtoronto.org

Mass Attendance Survey 2025

This survey requested by Archdiocese is intended to provide an accurate profile of 'Mass Attendance' for all parish and mission communities. It will be done during all next weekend Masses and the following weekends – *October 18/19 and 25/26*– and it will involve a number of ushers and volunteers doing a 'head count' in every section of the church at the start of the homily. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding. Thank you for your co-operation in this exercise

Feast of St. Teresa of Jesus Virgin and Doctor of the Church



Join us – on Wednesday, October 15 – for Rosary and Evening Prayer at 6:15 pm followed by sung Holy Mass in honor of our Holy Mother Teresa of Jesus. Prayer booklets will be available. All are welcome.

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. Though all things pass, God does not change. Patience wins all things. But he lacks nothing who possesses God, for God alone suffices"... St Teresa of Jesus.

World Mission Sunday Special Collection 2025

There will be a second collection on *October 18/19* 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 Vol. 20, No. 19 Page 2 of 6 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.



RENEW Toronto Young Adult Conference



Join Christ the King weekend, *November 21 to 23*, for an unforgettable experience at our annual conference for young adults aged 18 to 39! This is your chance to grow in faith alongside like-minded individuals who are in the same exciting stage of life. Whether you're a student, young professional, young couple or part of a young catholic family, this conference has something special for you! Our theme this year is John 15:27: *"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me."* Come be inspired by our keynotes, workshops, Catholic vendors and organizations to live out this message in your everyday life. The lineup includes Heather Khym (Keynote Speaker), Fr. Larry Richards (Priest Lead), Joe Zambon (Worship Team) and many more. Don't miss out! Save your spot today. For more information and to register, visit: www.renewtoronto.org.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. -1 Chronicles 16:34

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