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Give thanks to the Lord for His many Blessings On Thanksgiving "My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:19

for the Week Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 13: Weekday 9:00 a.m., Soul of Pasquale Zito by the Family Blessings on Gerald & Stella Normoyle by the Normoyle Family Wednesday, October 14: Saint Callistus I 9:00 a.m., Healing for Erin McStravick by Marlene & Paul Pignat Thursday, October 15 : Saint Teresa of Jesus 9:00 a.m., Souls of Linda & Jim Renaud by Nancy Wilkinson Friday, October 16: Saint Marguerite d'Youville 9:00 a.m., Soul of Marion Robicheau by Terry Normoyle Saturday, October 17: Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m., Soul of Sandra Kraglund by Susan Carter Sunday, October 18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m., For All Parishioners 10:30 p.m., Souls of Grace Santos Fernandez & Guillermo Delos Reyes Fernandez

by Lorie & Jun Fernandez

Sick in Our Parish

We pray for all those who have died, and all those who mourn them. We pray for the sick of our Parish and for all those who care for them, especially for: Tereza Adam, Elina Anker, Sarah Bowie, Gerti Chapman, Emiliana Cabuga, Jeff Carroll. Tony Dean, Rosa Delascio, Tristan Denis, Lynn Dobson, Margaret Doherty, Elza Feher, Eileen Frattini, Johanne Gagnon, Jodi Graham, Raymond Joly Sr., Gordon Kane, Allan Kelly, Norina Lachance, Rick Lachance, Marlyn McAndrew, Baby Miles, Gerald Normoyle, Stella Normoyle, Greg Patacairk, Myra Anne Powell, Emily Rozsa, Pat Redmond, Margaret Scissons, David Simpson, Flo Sully, Bob Tait, Lamomba Tito, Susan White, Sylvia Zito

St. Elizabeth Parish Altar Servers



4:30 p.m. Paul Obinna, Treasure Agazuma, Emmanuel Agazuma 9:00 a.m. Bridgid Oghenetano, Claire Omamuzo, Odilia Ogbondu 10:30 a.m. Joseph Uwayezu, Rodrigue Uwumukiza, Jyuan Almario, Mary Chukwu, Imena Ame, Emmanuella Chukwu,

Stephanie Chukwu

Canadian Tire Money Count: \$264.98

Thank you for supporting the work and ministry of St. Elizabeth Parish.

Parish Events This Week

Check Facebook for live feed of weekday and weekend masses.

Bequests and Wills

In your kindness, please remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will or added by codicil: "*I* give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$.... to St. Elizabeth Church, Ottawa, to be used in the administration of the pastoral activities of the parish."

<u>Sign Up For Pre-Authorized Debit</u>: We are now able to offer our parishioners the chance to sign up for pre-authorized debit payments to donate during these difficult times for individual churches. If you would like to know more about this service please contact the parish office.



Check out our new website at www.stelizabethottawa.ca

In the Parish



Fr.

Thanksgiving Martin's popular **Reflection:** In legend.

Thanksgiving is associated with those who crossed the Atlantic in the Mayflower for a new life in this

country. Their journey reminds us of a journey in Sacred Scripture. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that the rest which the Hebrews found in Canaan after leaving Egypt was not the final rest (Heb 4). There is a sabbath rest for God's people, the rest at the end of our lives. The journey from Egypt to Canaan was really anticipating the journey we all make as Christians. Just as the Hebrews crossed through the water during the Exodus, in Baptism we make the exodus water crossing to a new life in Christ. Metaphorically we wander for forty years in the desert of this life, and at the end we cross the Jordan into the Promised Land of Heaven.

So today we want, above all, to give thanks to God for what he has done for us in Jesus. And the greatest and best prayer to give thanks to God is the Eucharist. The very word "Eucharist" means "Giving Thanks." Every time we come to Mass, we unite ourselves in thanksgiving with the sacrifice of Jesus to his Father. It's an opportunity to think back on what we have been given...and to give something in return: thanks. Actually, "thanks" is too small a word. We are here to give gratitude. We are here to honor, with grateful hearts, what God has done for us.

Very often, in our prayer lives, we spend so much time on our knees, asking for things. Pleading. "God, help me pass this test." "Keep me from throttling my teenager." "Help me find a job." "Protect my son or daughter who is overseas."

The scripture tells us to ask and we shall receive, and to knock and it will be opened. So we ask, and we knock. But what happens then? In Luke's gospel, ten people are cured by Jesus of leprosy. But not everyone comes back. Only that one, a Samaritan, returns to give glory to God. We don't know what happened to the other nine. Maybe they had turkeys to stuff or football games to watch. Implicit in this episode is the idea that something is missing. Giving thanks is a vital and necessary part of our relationship with God.

And that is because in thankfulness, we discover a measure of faith. A measure of our dependence on God, and of our own humility. But sometimes thankfulness can be hard to express.

Most of us know someone who is having a difficult time this Thanksgiving. The woman who is spending her first holiday as a widow. The father who lost his job and is worried about where he will find Christmas gifts for his children. Those friends and neighbors who are hurting or alone.

Where are the blessings for these and others who are feeling, in a particular way, burdened, afflicted, cursed? Let us make a choice to be the type of gratitude that makes these people see the bounty of God.

Happy Thanksgiving Day.

Fr. Martin

<u>Church Collections for Autumn 2020:</u> Several collections that would normally take place in the Lenten Season and before the end of the Pastoral Year were deferred due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Here is the list of regular and rescheduled collections:

Sunday, October 18: World Mission Sunday

Sunday, November 15: World Day of the Poor to benefit the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (Rescheduled by the Archdiocese from the Fifth Sunday of Lent).

In the Archdiocese

Mothers at Prayer (MAP): An online monthly prayer & support group in the spirit of St. Monica. Interceding particularly for our children and families to come back to faith, the church and a strong relationship with God. For all mothers. Wednesday's, monthly beginning Wednesday, October 14, 7-9 p.m. Hosted by Sister+Hood. Info & registration: sisterhood.live/prayer-praise/mothers-at-prayer/; livesisterhood@gmail.com; 613.806.0377.



