

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THEME: "THE RARITY OF GRATITUDE"

In today's Gospel, we have the story of ten lepers who were healed by Jesus but who did not care to give thanks to God for what he did for them. It is just one example among many cases of human ingratitude. What is very surprising is that only one person, a Samaritan, that is, a foreigner was the one who showed gratitude. In the first reading too, another leper, Naaman the Syrian, also a foreigner showed appreciation for what God has done for him by offering gifts to the prophet Elisha in thanksgiving to God. The nine lepers who failed to give thanks to God may not have done so out of bad will, possibly it was as result of forgetfulness or simply habitual. It is sometimes the case that we fail to appreciate those who are close to us and we take them for granted. Often we are ungrateful to our parents; often we are ungrateful to our fellow men and women; often we are ungrateful to God. We can begin today to express our gratitude to God for his graces and blessings which we often take for granted. We can also look inward to see the people we have failed to thank. This Monday is Thanksgiving Day. "It is fitting [this Sunday] for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ. Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people".

1st reading: 2Kings 5:4-17. Naaman was cured of his leprosy and he came to believe in God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.

2nd reading: 2Timothy 2: 8-13. Paul encourages Timothy to hold fast to the word of God in any circumstance of life. The word of God is not chained.

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19. Jesus healed ten lepers but only one showed gratitude.

Sunday Mass intentions:

October 27, Mass is for the repose of the soul of Eleanor Young by the Choir at St Michael.

November 10: Aileen Bukowski family prays for the happy repose of the soul of Allan Obirek at St Michael.

December 24: Christmas memory Mass for the repose of the soul of Vincent & Carolyn Obirek, requested by Aileen & family at St Michael.

Baptism: Jack will be baptized on November 23, time is 4pm at St John Paul II Oakbank.

Happy thanksgiving!
Fr. Sylvanus

Masses for the Upcoming Week

Sunday, October 13

9am Mass in Garson

11 am Mass in Cook's Creek: Mass intention is for the repose of the soul of George Taka'cs as requested by Joseph and Ilona Selyem

Tuesday, October 15

9 am Mass in Garson

Wednesday, October 16

1030am Mass in Kin Place

Thursday, October 17

9am Mass in Garson

Friday, October 18

9 am Mass in Garson:

Saturday, October 19

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank

Sunday, October 20

9:00 am Mass in Garson

11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek: Mass intention is for the repose of the soul of Eleanor Young as requested by Liz Hogue and Recipients of Prayer Shawls by CWL Ladies at St Michael.

Announcement:

Parishioners are reminded that October is Marian month. We are encouraged to say common rosary if it is possible. More so, we are advised to sing Marian hymn especially at the end of the Liturgical celebrations.

Thanks.
Fr. Sylvanus

Please use special envelopes for Mass Intentions. Please, consult the bulletin or find out from the priest to know which Sunday is free for Mass intention.



Diocesan News - Good Shepherd Campaign

This week, Archbishop LeGatt is launching the 2019 Good Shepherd Campaign To Dare for God in support of the formation of our seminarians, the recruitment of priests, the ongoing professional development of our clergy, and other diocesan ministries. During October, information and testimonies will be shared in our parish, on the Archdiocese's website and on its Facebook Page. This week, you are invited to listen to Fr. Peter Lê Van Ngu, recently ordained and now parish priest in Saint-Claude and Haywood, who dared to believe in Divine Providence; to Denise Danais who facilitated his arrival in his parishes; and to Jean-Baptiste Nguyen, recently ordained to the transitional diaconate. Also listen to Frs. Alain Guenou, Gregory Kossi Djiba and Florent-Alain Musini who dared to say yes to Canada for God. The special collection will be held on November 2 & 3. Please pray for our seminarians and clergy.

St. Michael's

Good Shepherd Sunday

There will be a second collection October 27th for support of the formation of our seminarians, the recruitment of priests, the ongoing professional development of our clergy, and other diocesan ministries. Special envelopes are at the back of the church.

Praying the Rosary

October we celebrate Mary. Starting October 6th and through to the last Sunday in October, the Rosary will be prayed before mass starting at 10:30.

Altar Server Schedule

October 13th: Brodie, Grace and Fiona Kotzer
October 20th: Madeline Duval, Daniel and Joe Zubricki
October 27th: Grace Kotzer and Brodie Kotzer, Daniel Zubricki

New Altar Servers Needed! Please consider assisting Father Sylvanus with Mass as an altar server. Training is provided by an older server. Time commitment is usually one or two Sundays per month. Any child or teenager who has had their First Communion and Reconciliation can become a server. Please see Michelle Zubricki if interested or come talk to any of the servers at the back of the church for more information

Catechism

The Catechism Program is in need of a **grade 3 teacher**. Please contact Evelyn Kotzer for more information.

Please don't forget the Springfield Food Bank.

Your donations can be left at the back of the church in the drop off box. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Administration Board News:

Approved minutes of the May 16th meeting are on the website and a copy is at the back of the church.
The Chair Lift has required extensive repairs. We are looking for 4 or more people to be available to operate the lift when the basement is book and the lift is required. Please see Mike Dobell for more details.
Parish Directory is in the planning stages. Stay tuned for further details.
The Cemetery is seeing some upgrades and an expansion to the north side to provide a better resting place for our loved ones.

Change of Address

As many have had address changes there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church starting next Sunday. The names will be alphabetical order. If your name is not listed, please add to the end of the sheet. Thank you!

Grey Cup tickets are available at the back of the church. Please pick up a package or two to sell.

Our next **Fellowship Sunday** is October 20, 2019. Please join us after Mass. Everyone is welcomed!

Sacred Heart

Book Of Life - Soon we will be into the month of November, a month set aside to remember our beloved dead. The Book Of Life will be on the table at the entrance of the church for you to add the names of your family and friends who passed this past year. The Book of Life will be put in front of the altar on November 1st so we may remember and pray for them at each Mass.

Fr. Sylvanus's rectory kitchen needs to be renovated as nothing much has been done to it since it was built. Gerard and Margaret Lannoo have accepted the challenge to help raise enough funds by collecting discarded metal, old cars etc. So far with generous supporters the sum of \$2,276.31 has been collected. A really good start to a much needed project. So if you have anything you would like to donate and help this worthy cause phone Gerard at 204-268-3224 or cell 204-268-5458.

St. John Paul II

Tickets are now available for our Fall Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. This dinner will be immediately following Mass.

Please remember that we need to update our records with your new mailing address, whether it be just a postal code or a complete address change. You can write your name and address on a paper and place it in the collection basket. Thank you all.

The month of October is also a month where we can assist with the training of seminarians and on-going training for our priests. Please read the brochure in your bulletin and assist if you are able to.

Our church would like to help the Knights of Columbus with the "Coats for Kids" campaign. As you read in the bulletin, they are asking for a donation of \$29.75 for a warm winter coat. If you wish to help with this campaign, please put your donation (whatever amount you would like, it can be more or less than what was suggested), in an envelope along with your name and envelope number. This can be done any week in October, but we will have a special collection on the third Saturday for this cause. We will collect the donations and issue a cheque for the total donations from the church to the Knights of Columbus.

St. John Paul II has a membership number with the **Red River Co-op**. If anyone wants to donate their fuel purchases, our number is **500286**.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors in our church community and invite you to register and join our parish. To register, please complete the form that is available at the back of the church and is also on our website at www.stjohn-paulii.org. Completed forms can be left with a greeter at the door or placed in the offertory basket. We are happy to have you be a part of our church community and to share our spiritual journey together.

Our next Board meeting is Thursday, November 7th at 7 p.m.

St. Michael's CWL

Our next Perogy Making Dates are Monday and Tuesday, October 28th and 29th, both at 9:00 am.

Day of Reflection is on Saturday October 19th. There are some CWL members that are attending. Guests are asked to bring items for the north. Fr Shantha is asking for rosaries, crucifixes, prayer cards etc. Also, school supplies are being collected. Examples include: scribblers, loose-leaf sheets, erasers, rulers, pens, pencils, scissors, calculators, backpacks. There will be 2 boxes at back of church, with only the Sunday Oct. 13th for donating. I can also pick up throughout week. Call Carmen 268-1173. Thank you very much!

Our next CWL meeting will be Sunday, October 27th, after Mass.

Social Action - Development & Peace



The survival of the Amazon concerns all humanity.

The Amazon is home to one-fifth of the world's freshwater and one-third of the Earth's forests. Its Indigenous peoples live sustainably from its resources, but the Amazon is under threat. "The destruction of the Amazon is not just the problem of Indigenous peoples, but of all humanity. If the Amazon disappears, it is very likely that all humanity will disappear," says Yesica Patiachi, a member of the Harakbut Indigenous community in Peru.

We are all interconnected. Let's stand in solidarity with those who strive to protect our land, our waters and our lives.

Let's take action *For Our Common Home*: devp.org/campaign.

Cooks Creek Heritage Museum www.cchm.ca

"Polski Czat" an informal Polish language group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7PM in the St Michael's Church Hall. New members are most welcome! Please contact Liz @ 204-801-0829 for more info

Community News

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program

The Coats for Kids is one the many programs in which the local Knights of Columbus Council #5870 participates. Since the program's launching in 2009, nearly 500,000 coats have been distributed in 49 states and all 10 Canadian provinces. In winter 2018 alone, the Knights of Columbus distributed 105,192 coats in 1,600 communities throughout the U.S. and Canada.

With the support of the local community in its fundraising activities, the Knights of Columbus Council #5870 were able to purchase 24 warm winter children's coats in 2018. These coats were distributed by Manitoba Family Services, on behalf of the Knights and their

supporters, throughout the Eastman area of Manitoba. The distribution includes Manitoba Family Services offices in Beausejour, Steinbach, Pine Falls, St. Pierre and Saint Anne.

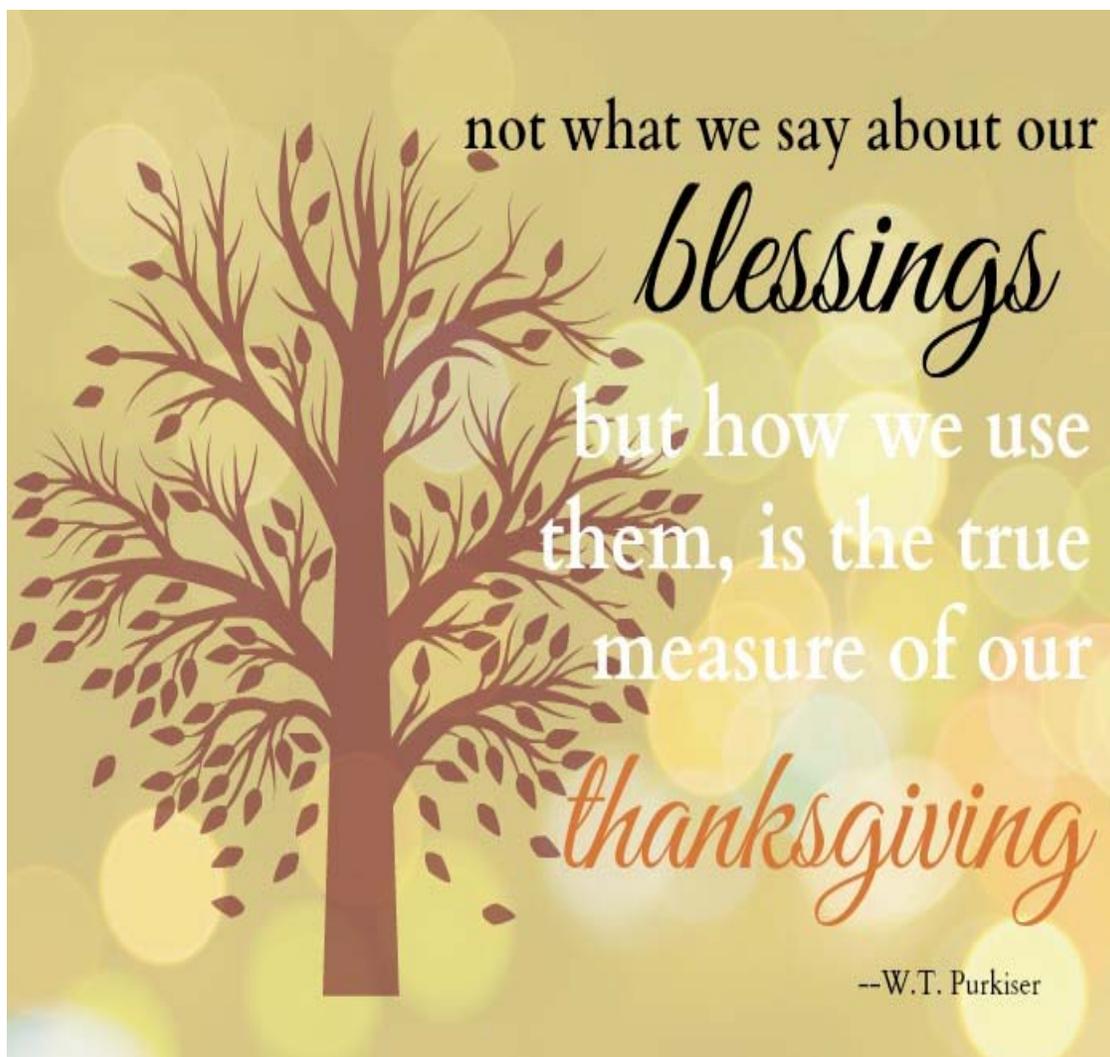
The St. Mary Catholic Women's League contributed towards the purchase of coats. In addition, the CWL solicited more donations of new winter mittens, hats and scarves for children. One generous and talented Hazelridge resident donated 36 cozy handmade winter children's hats last year!

Please consider a donation of \$29.75 for a warm winter coat for a child or a donation of \$356.95 for a case or portion there for 12 coats. Donations of new mitts, scarves and hats are greatly appreciated. Our Council goal this year is to raise funds to purchase 4 cases of these much need warm coats for children in Eastman.

Please contact Ron Obodzinski e mail Mariaron@mts.net Phone: 204 268 9337 or Gerry Geall e mail ghgeall@icloud.com or 204 509 6282 for donation pickup and information

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity Manitoba provides a hand-up to families who are working but cannot qualify for a conventional mortgage. Habitat offers a 15-year, interest-free mortgage with no down payment required. Habitat is looking for one qualified family to purchase a Habitat house that was built in Anola in 2016. Partner families must be willing to do 500 volunteer (sweat equity) hours. Other qualifications are that they must be working at time of application with at least 2 years work history and fall within the criteria income range. Please see full criteria under Homeownership on the website: habitat.mb.ca. Contact Brenda Friesen for more information and to register for an information meeting, 204-235-2405, bfriesen@habitat.mb.ca





The Ten Lepers
Luke 17:11-19