

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Wedding Banquet

The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines ... he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples ... he will destroy death forever. The kingdom has been prepared, and it is coming. Jesus likened it to a wedding banquet to which the invited guests are summoned.

Of course, there are some who refuse to come. They prefer to remain mired in their oppressive attitudes, their discriminatory relationships with others, their violent approach to solving social problems. They prefer revenge to forgiveness. They prefer the superiority of some to the equality of all. They see victimization and blame the victims. They are the invited guests who are unfit to come.

There are those others, however, whose love for God expresses itself in eagerness to do good for others. They are the ones who live in the house of the Lord, preferring love, forgiveness and equality. They will welcome the coming of the kingdom with the cry: let us rejoice and be glad that God has saved us!

"Christians cannot yearn for anything more ardently than to serve the men of the modern world ever more generously and effectively. Therefore, holding faithfully to the gospel and benefiting from its resources, and united with every man who loves and practices justice, Christians have shouldered a gigantic task demanding fulfillment in this world. Concerning this task they must give a reckoning to Him who will judge every man on the last day."

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

Sunday Collection
October 4 \$6,410

Grateful

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday, October 12

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Lena Basile Buric



Tuesday, October 13

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Maria Cirillo Froment

Wednesday, October 14

St. Callistus

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Dorval Blais

Thursday, October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Giovanna Marsillo

Friday, October 16

St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Frank Rondinelli

Saturday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch

4:30 p.m. †Simon Howcroft & Rafaela Armenti

Sunday, October 18

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. †Angelo Sebastiano

5:00 p.m. †Clarita A Betalac

DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
October 18
World Mission Day

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, with hearts full of gratitude, we thank You for the countless blessings You pour into our lives. May we, like the saints before us, learn to trust You more deeply, praise You more joyfully, and serve You more faithfully. Teach us to give thanks in all things, knowing that Your love never fails. Amen



BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Please come out and support St. Thomas More
Bingo **November 11, December 2.**
Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Hall 4735 Drummond Rd.
Your support is greatly appreciated!



Prayer Intention for the Month of October:

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

OCTOBER-THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The Rosary is a powerful prayer that brings us closer to Mary and to God. By praying the Rosary daily we can deepen our faith and grow in our devotion to Our Lady

October is also the month in which Mary appeared, for the last time, to the children of Fatima, Portugal, urging them to "say the rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world" This is even more relevant in our world today.

In celebration of this month, the Legion of Mary will lead the prayers of the Rosary 30 minutes before the start of each weekend Mass.

Please join us to pray the Rosary and reflect on the life of Jesus and his Blessed Mother.



INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism preparation session held on third Thursday of the month **October 15** from 6:00 to 7:00p.m. Anyone planning to attend must have already been in contact with the parish office.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We warmly wish Bill Culligan a very

Happy 95th Birthday! We are grateful for your many years of dedication, service, and volunteer work in our parish community.

May God bless you with joy, good health, and many more happy years. Thank you for all you have done for our Church!

Happy Birthday and God bless you!



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CHILDREN in PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Attention:

Parents of public school children does your child need to prepare for baptism, first communion, confirmation, or reconciliation?

COME FORWARD!

The planning and scheduling of preparation programs is now underway and it is important that we know the numbers of children who will be attending. Please call the parish office today 905/356-7533 or email at stthomasmoreparish@cogeco.net

"Give thanks to God for everything." — St. Paul
May we always have grateful hearts, recognizing God's blessings in both the great and the small moments of our lives.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY calls Catholics worldwide to support the Church where it is young or challenged. Instituted by Pope Pius XI nearly a century ago, this collection remains unique as the only worldwide effort directly sustaining 1,124 mission territories where the Church is nascent, vulnerable, or facing persecution. Your prayers and donations provide essential resources for communities that cannot sustain themselves—funding church construction, pastoral care, education, and healthcare. When your parish participates, you join Catholics everywhere in making possible the work of missionaries who build churches, train seminarians, support catechists, and serve vulnerable communities. Together, we fulfill our baptismal call to share the Gospel and become one Church bringing hope to all peoples.

YOUTH Parish Event Calling all youth ages 12-18 (Grades 7-12)!

Get ready for an "Escape Room" game evening on Friday: October 16: at 6:30 p.m. in St. Thomas More Church Hall Team up for a fun: faith-filled evening of adventure as you follow the clues: solve puzzles and escape!

This event is free. Sign up after weekend masses or contact Anna Racine at 905-358-3412 or email racine37@cogeco.ca



CWL

The CWL will be collecting new socks for Vincent's Store as part of the Socktober Campaign until Saturday, October 31. Baskets will be placed at both church entrances for parishioners to drop off their donations. New socks are a frequently requested item for those in need during the colder months. Thank you for your support.



The next General meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m.** beginning with the Rosary. Membership fees are now due and may be brought to the October meeting, placed in the blue envelopes available in the parish envelope boxes, or sent by e-transfer to Dina Marchionda (dina.marchionda@gmail.com). (dina.marchionda@gmail.com).



GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with some fall garden clean-up, including picking up leaves and sticks, digging, and transplanting.

Monday mornings after Mass

November 2, 9 & 16

Please bring gloves, shovels and trowels.

All are welcome to lend a helping hand. Thank you for helping keep our church grounds beautiful!