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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 9:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions
of the Martinez Family

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
+Rodolfo Asilador
(JP and Virginia Chan)

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Elsie Tang
(Family)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
+Wing Pak Seto
(Family)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
+Pearl Regina and Vincent Augustine
(Family)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
+Johanna Hashim
(Tiongson and Hashim Families)

Friday 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Patricia Chong Ah Yan
(William Ah Chong)

Friday: 7:00 p.m.
+Anne Margaret Ranjitham
Gnanapragasam
(Family)

Saturday 9:00 a.m.
+Le Tran
(Andrea Garcia)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
+Peter S. Tiongson
(Tiongson and Hashim Families)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

+Wing Pak Seto
(Family)

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
+Peter Hsieh and Dominic Chiang
(Family)

Sunday 12:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2020

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Anna Starkiewicz, Fitzroy James, Joyce D'Souza, Lilia Tiongson, Edilberto Claveria, Rowen Lee McBride, Margaret Carter, Elizabeth Wong, Domenic D'Souza, Samantha Fernandes, Marcus Rodrigues, Jerry Wang, Agnes Yuen, Pat Wilson and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Father Patrick J. Kelly, and for those who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

ON THANKSGIVING MONDAY THERE WILL BE
ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CHURCH

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. every Friday before the evening Mass

REGISTRATIONS EACH WEEK ON THE WEBSITE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAS ASKED FOR
DONATIONS IF YOU ARE ABLE.
The Box is by the glass door entrance.

LIVESTREAMING MASSES ON FACEBOOK
DAILY 12:10 MASS AND SUNDAY 10:30 MASS

GROTTO

***Thank you for all those who contributed to the grotto
project with your time, talent and treasure.***

PARISH OFFERTORY

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received \$5,628.90 (October 4, 2020) (Includes PAG,
Donate now.**

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thanksgiving Food Drive, October 10 – November 1. Please drop donations on cart in front Foyer.

The Car Raffle that was usually held May 31st
will be held October 30TH

VIRTUAL / ONLINE WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

Live your best life in love. No matter where you are in your marriage journey, the Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving couple you can be. Reclaim your love's joy. It is based around Catholic values, but couples of all faiths are welcome. **Application and Inquiry:** Gerard and Marge McCauley at Gerald.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925 Website: www.wwme.org
Next Virtual / online Marriage encounter weekend is October 23 – 25.

28TH SUNDAY OF IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14 - – The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Count Your Blessings

We celebrate Thanksgiving this weekend which is a time to be more intentionally thankful for the gifts and blessings God has graciously bestowed on us. However, it is important to not relegate our gratitude to solely one weekend a year. As stewards we are called to be grateful disciples of Christ. Gratitude is at the very core of what it means to be a steward.

Cardinal Collins in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that “the deepening of the ‘attitude of gratitude’ will enhance our commitment to prayer and Eucharistic adoration, to the flourishing of lay engagement in the mission of evangelization, to an increase in the response to the call to the priesthood and religious life, to a courageous and effective dedication to social justice, and so on.” Essentially, it all begins with growing in gratitude.

One practice that is often recommended to children is to “count your blessings.” There is great spiritual fruit to be discovered through this practice, even as adults. Often times we place greater weight on the few negative things in our lives rather than focusing on the hundreds of blessings. Let us set aside a few minutes this weekend to identify all of the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us this past year. We can then begin to move from gratitude to generosity by offering up these blessings to our parish community.

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