

Today's gospel reading follows immediately after last Sunday's reading. This linkage is important, because it helps us appreciate Luke's presentation of this incident, as expanding the teaching on 'faith' in last Sunday's gospel. The miracles of Jesus were, before all else, signs pointing to what was to be expected from the Saviour's presence among us. In this miracle, the interaction between Jesus and the Samaritan who returns to give thanks leads us deeper into an understanding of the faith that is God's gift.



To read Fr. Thornhill's entire reflection, scan the QR code or visit his website at www.theemmausseries.com/c28sunday.html

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honour of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe. The devotion to the Rosary may have had early medieval monastic origins. Instead of praying the full 150 Psalms of the Bible in a cycle like monks did at that time, lay people were encouraged to substitute 150 beads, arranged in a circle, on which they would repeat basic prayers by rote: the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be while reflecting on the events (mysteries) of the Life of Jesus. In 1882, Pope Leo XIII officially dedicated the month of October to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary became a valuable instrument of prayer and meditation, as well as a powerful means of teaching the truths of the Christian Faith.

(Resources: Salt + Light Media, Catholic News Agency)

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan calls us to grow in our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Here at Our Lady of Sorrows, **we invite you** to join us for:

- Communal prayer of the Rosary daily at 8:30am, prior to the 9am Mass;
- Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Tuesdays at 9am;
- Friday Rosary Group at 2pm in the parish hall;
- Our school community celebrates Rosary Day during the daily morning school-wide prayer, saying a decade of the Rosary together as a school community. Our Lady of Sorrows School also has a Rosary Club.

At home, **we encourage families** to:

- Pray the Rosary daily during the month of October;
- Set up a "prayer corner" – a special place that is used almost exclusively for prayer – at home;
- Recite the Angelus at 6pm – history & prayer at www.bit.ly/2dDIIR

Mysteries of the Rosary – When to Recite Which Mystery

Joyful – Monday, Thursday & Sunday from Advent to Lent;

Sorrowful – Tuesday, Friday & Sunday during Lent;

Glorious – Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday from Easter to Advent;

In 2002, Pope John Paul II introduced the **Luminous Mysteries** for meditation on Thursdays.

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 to a consecrated life in His church, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux. 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

Readings ~ 2 Kings 5:14-17 ~ Luke 17:11-19

PARISH

Mass Intentions This Week – October 10–16

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Merilyn Gradick	Barbara Morgan
Tuesday, 9am	✠ members of the Mahoney family	
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Ellen Mullen	Doug & Maxine Cramp
Thursday, 9am	✠ Pasko Pavkovic	The family
Friday, 9am	✠ Bridget Daly	Kathleen Stanley
Saturday, 9am	... in thanksgiving	Sadie Wong
5:15pm	☞ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ☞	
Sunday, 8am	✠ Lena Badali	The family
9:30am	✠ Frank O'Brien	Teresa Gilligan
11am	✠ Mirta Poce	Bob & Sharon Cullen
12:30pm	... in thanksgiving	Daniella Servedio

THIS WEEKEND Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive



GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

Your generous donation of non-perishable food items, including canned meat, fish, fruits, vegetables, soups/stews, peanut butter, ground/instant coffee, tea, breakfast cereals, pasta/sauce, cookies, crackers, jam, sugar, and/or rice will be gratefully received before Mass. **Let's continue the tradition of helping those in need!**

Celebrating Christ in Our Midst – Our Lady of Sorrows Ministry Retreat Day Saturday, October 15 – with facilitators Jim Dunn and Catherine Ecker

9am – Parish Mass • 9:55am – Session 1: Celebrating and Living Sunday
11:30am – Session 2: Living as Disciples – The Hands and Feet of Christ
12:45pm – Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing followed by lunch

Rosary Group now prayed before 9am Mass + Fridays, 2pm, Parish Hall

Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

"No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary" –Bishop Hugh Doyle

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Join Us!

This program for young parishioners (4–10 years of age) takes place on Sundays at the 9:30am Mass. **All are welcome!**



COMING SOON It's almost time to 'Bundle Up' for St. Vincent de Paul!



On the weekend of **October 29/30**, volunteers will assist with the collection & loading of securely tied or sealed bags or boxes of gently used items (think: shoes, clothing, coats, bedding, draperies). Larger items (i.e. furniture & appliances), computer hardware and toys **cannot** be accepted.

An Invitation to Serve Help Lead the Whole People of God Into His Presence!

Do you feel God is calling you to serve? Are you nervous or unsure? Please, have no fear! Take the first step in your amazing learning & faith journey as an altar server! Email Kristen, altar server coordinator, at kristen@sorrows.ca today or speak to her in person after the 8 or 9:30am Sunday Masses. **Keep your heart right with God, be a disciple, join this important youth ministry.**



COMMUNITY

World Mission Sunday – Mercy Changes the World

This year, *World Mission Sunday* will take place on October 23. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary Church that provides emergency aid when disaster strikes, cares for refugees in war torn countries, provides rural & health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious & lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Visit www.missionsocieties.ca for more. **Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.**



Open House – Fr. John Redmond C.S.S. & Regional Arts Centre – Oct. 27, 6:30pm

Grade 8 students and their parents are invited to attend this information night in the gymnasium at 28 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Dr. in Etobicoke. Learn about our curriculum initiatives & the auditions-only Regional Arts Programme in drama, dance, visual arts and music. We feature an excellent sports programme, math every day, top-notch school spirit & much more!



St. Mary of Egypt Refuge: Project Rachel Retreat – Oct. 28–30

"The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power." –Psalm 98
 Let God show you his love. Are you still hurting from an abortion experience? We can help. This weekend retreat is for women whose hearts have been broken by abortion. Private and confidential. Call 416-629-8264 or email projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org

Introducing Merrymakers – a dynamic afternoon program for kids aged 3–5

Mary, Mother of God School is now registering children for 2½ hours of enriched programming on Monday & Thursday afternoons from 1–3:30pm. Join us for songs, stories, poems, nursery rhymes, instruments, games, classical music, mime, drama, and lots of play. For more information, call 416-531-7897. **Come and make merry with us!**

Lay Pastoral Visitors Training – Saturdays, Oct. 29, Nov. 5 & 12, 10am–3:30pm

These sessions will prepare participants to provide pastoral visits and/or bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are confined in their homes, nursing homes and hospitals due to illness or infirmity. This training is also an ideal enrichment for those already serving in this ministry. Please bring your own lunch. Sessions take place at St. Peter's Church, 830 Bathurst St. Registration deadline: Oct. 25. Call 416-934-3400, ext. 523 or visit www.bit.ly/formationreg

"I'm Still Here" – powerful 50-minute drama – October 29, 1–2:30pm

St. James United Church, 400 Burnhamthorpe Rd., presents this play illuminating the realities of living with dementia & Alzheimer's. It is meant to foster meaningful interaction and reduce suffering due to misunderstanding & stigma. Tickets are \$15. Call 416-626-0926.

Workshop on the Art of Discernment November 5, 9am–4:30pm

This workshop is presented by a team of men and women religious and a married couple. Hosted at Loretto College, 70 St. Mary Street. The suggested donation of \$30 includes lunch. Contact Frances Harrison-Atell at fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca or call 416-467-2642.

Come & See Weekend – Nov. 4, 7pm–Nov. 6, 1:30pm

Men 18 years+ are invited to St. Augustine's Seminary to experience this weekend which offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. For more information, please call 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

