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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

'Thanks': The Story of a Word

I have been re-reading Margaret Visser's *The Gift of Thanks*. 500 pages on the practice of saying "thank you" in history and around the world. How much is packed into that little word that we were taught by our parents: "Now Stephen, say 'thank you'".

Our word – **"Thank you"** – comes from the German roots of English: 'Danken'. That word is close to another German word: "Denken" which means "to think". Of course, that is why **"thank"** and **"think"** are so close. What does that mean?

Thankfulness is not just a *feeling*, it is first of all an *awareness*.
Thankfulness It comes from realizing what has been done for us by others and from appreciating such good fortune and kindness.

A "thankful" person "thinks" differently about everything.
Like Ste. Thérèse of Lisieux a thankful person sees that,
"Enfin, tout est grâce"- **"In the end, everything is grace"**.
She said that while dying of tuberculosis.
'Grace'.

There is the other word for thanks I was taught by my parents:
the Italian word "grazie".
Here comes the pasta! "grazie!" we say to the one who hands it on.
That is what we all do at every meal, do we not?

We start out by **"saying Grace"** ... "Bless us, O Lord" ...
Grace comes from a Latin word: **gratia**.
Romans saw that the glue that held society together was giving and receiving
– and that word – *gratia* – was used for what was given and what was received.

"Grace" was the gift and "grace" was returned by receiving. Giving and receiving.

All is grace indeed.
A "grace" way of thinking also lies buried in the story of this word.
The Roman word 'gratia' came from the Greek word, '**charis**'
which in turn means "something which delights".

There it is – the deep deep root of "thanks".
When someone gives us something we say:
"How delightful!", "Beautifully done!"
Thankful thinking sees beauty and says "beauty"
Let us see beauty – then – my dear family.

I see beauty when I see you – indeed, I do.
You delight me! How delightful you are!
Beautifully done Lord God! You have done beautifully in making my family.
"euCHARIST" – Lord God, you give me such a beautiful gift!
"euCHARIST" – Lord God, you make into such beautiful gifts.

So off we go to tell with our lives the story of the word "Thanks"



MONDAY, October 11, 2021

**Parish Office Closed -
Thanksgiving Day**

11:00 am - Confessions,
Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Helen
Plag**)



TUESDAY, October 12, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Helen Plag**)

WEDNESDAY, October 13, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Emile Lalonde**)
3:00 pm - Prayer Cenacle
5:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice
7:30 pm - Choir Practice for 8:00 and 10:00 am
8:30 pm - Choir practice for 8:00 pm

THURSDAY, October 14, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Doris Lalonde**)
7:00 pm - RCIA
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, October 15, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Bill Cudmore**)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, October 16, 2021

10:00 am - Baptisms
11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **José Menezes**)

SUNDAY, October 17, 2021
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Mass
2:00 pm - Baptisms
5:00 pm - Filipino Mass
7:15 pm - Divine Office - Vespers
8:00 pm - Mass
Compline (following Mass)

Live Stream every Sunday at 10 a.m. at
<http://www.stpaulscc.com/>

Communion for the Homebound

Deacon Donat will be coordinating and providing
communion for the homebound.

Please contact us at 306-652-0033 if interested.

PLEASE NOTE: **Stewardship Sunday** will be

next weekend on **Oct 17th**. Please prayerfully
consider volunteering for
upcoming ministries at St.
Paul's Co-Cathedral this year.

Let your gifts be used for God's
greater glory.



Sacramental Preparation Classes begin **Oct 27th**, held on *Wednesday evenings*. **First Reconciliation** date will be **Dec 4th**. **First Communion** preparation will begin in the Spring 2022. For more info and to register, contact Shelley through the Parish Office or by e-mail at goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.ca



There's still time to register!

SCHOOL OF THE WORD
facilitated by the Verbum
Dei Missionaries

Tuesdays 7 pm – 9 pm
October 5th, 12th, 19th
and 26th
Bishop Klein Room
Cathedral of the Holy Family

Formation for all those who
would like to learn how to
pray with the Word of God
in a meditative-
contemplative way

AWAKEN

Click on this link:

<https://form.iotform.com/212366023749052>

OFFERING FOR October 3, 2021

Loose	\$ 1,125.95
Envelopes	\$ 3,137.00
Renovations	\$ 1,082.00
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 4,735.00
Pre-Authorized Giving Renos	\$ 685.00
Direct Deposits for September	\$ 1,220.00

LITTLE SISTER PARISH

For the week of **Oct 10th to 17th** we are
asking for **REGULAR TEA BAGS/JAM/RICE**.
Guadalupe Parish always needs Ziplock
storage bags. Drop-off bin is in the
welcome area.

