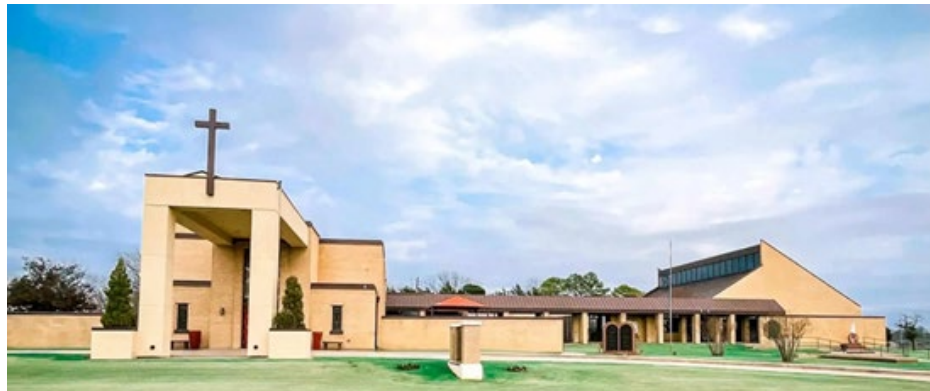


# St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague

and

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## Thanksgiving Day – November 23

**Mass: 9am**

We are starting a new custom of celebrating Thanksgiving Mass at the Shrine.

Everything belongs to God (our lives, time, resources, skills, talents).

Come join us to give thanks to God for His gifts, and especially for the greatest gift of the Eucharist.

There will be no Holy Hour after Mass, to facilitate family gatherings. Only cooks can stay home. I look forward to seeing all other parishioners at the 9am Mass to thank God together and share with one another God's love, joy, and gratitude for our community of faith.

### Thanksgiving Bread Exchange

Please bring a loaf of bread to church (unopened, in original package from a bakery/ store) and place it before Mass on the designated table in front of the altar. I will bless the breads at the end of Mass and ask everyone to take home a different loaf than the one you brought. This will be our 'bread exchange' with one another. You can also make an act of mercy and give the bread you collect to poor people in our community.

### **Giving Thanks... Always**

Reflection by Father Christopher Tran

The American ancestors left behind an invaluable inheritance for their descendants, that is: the Thanksgiving Day. Giving thanks to God is our duty because all of us received His graces during this year: graces for our soul and body, personal graces, for our family, community, nation, and the Church. When we receive God's grace, the least we can do is to say thank you, and then we look for an opportunity to return favors.

## Bulletin THANKSGIVING 2023



### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### Daily Mass & Holy Hour

Tue.-Fri., 9am

1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 9am

#### Sunday Mass

Sat. (Vigil), 5pm

Sun., 11am

No Mass on Mon.

### **CONFESSIONS**

Sat. after 5pm Mass

Daily during Holy Hour  
(or by appointment)

### **SHRINE HOURS**

Tue.-Fri., 8:30am-3pm

Sat., 4-6pm

(+ 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 8:30-10:30am)

Sun., 10am-2pm

Mon. closed

### **OFFICE HOURS & GIFT SHOP**

Tue.-Fri., 10am-3pm

Sun., 12-1pm

Sat. and Mon. closed

The three things we need to do on Thanksgiving Day are to pray, to attend thanksgiving Mass and to live in gratitude with members of our families and those in need.

Jesus is opening our eyes to realize the ingratitude of the humankind through the Scripture passage picturing Him healing ten lepers. Even though He healed all ten lepers, only one of them returned to thank Him, and he was the Samaritan, a Gentile! How ungrateful were the other lepers ...; Jesus cried out, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

This is a beautiful holiday for us Christians to express our appreciation and thanksgiving to God for constantly healing us from the leprosy of sin through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

In the Gospel Jesus heals ten lepers, but only one returns to give Him thanks. Jesus says to the grateful leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Lord Jesus, may we never fail to recognize your love and mercy toward us. Fill our heart with gratitude and thanksgiving, and free us from pride and lack of appreciation.

Help us to count our blessings with gratefulness and to give You thanks in all situations. Amen.

