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



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 13 October 2024

“You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow.” When the man heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” *Mark 10: 21c-23*

First Reading + Wisdom 7:7-11
Second Reading + Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel + Mark 10:17-30

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 14

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, October 15

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+ (*Multiple Intentions Mass, Per. Int.*)

Robert Berberick, Chris Oshabu Greg & Jeannie Gillis,

Michael & Maria Berberick, The Catholic Women’s League

Wednesday, October 16

8:00am+Nancy O’Reilly, Per. Int- T. O’Reilly

Thursday, October 17

8:00am+John & Anu Antao & Family, Per. Int.

Friday, October 18

(*Mass at Immaculate Conception Church*)

12:10pm+Nancy & Jerome Lennon, Per. Int. – J/N Lennon

Saturday, October 19

(*Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception Church*)

9:00am+Gino GISMONDI, RIP – F/G Valentini

5:00pm+Michael COLE, RIP – G. Cole

Sunday, October 20

9 :00am+ Deceased members of MACKAY Family, RIP-M/M Berberick

10:30am+David BINNS, RIP – Laciak Family

6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

“Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet and loves with me here.” - *St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day October 15*

From the desk of Father Norberto

Dear Parish Family,

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, I invite each of you to take a moment to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the countless blessings that God has bestowed upon us. This season of gratitude is more than just a holiday; it is an opportunity for us to deepen our awareness of God’s abundant grace and to express our heartfelt thanks for His many gifts.

Thanksgiving is, first and foremost, an act of worship. It is about acknowledging the Giver of all good things. In Psalm 136, the psalmist invites us to, **“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever.”** This simple yet profound truth reminds us that God’s goodness is constant, unwavering, and enduring. No matter the circumstances of our lives, His love remains with us, guiding and sustaining us through every season.

Gratitude in the Midst of Challenges

This year, we are particularly aware of the challenges that many in our community and the world continue to face. From health concerns to financial difficulties, from personal loss to societal unrest, there have been moments when gratitude might have seemed difficult to find. But it is precisely in these moments that our faith calls us to remember the deeper truths of God’s providence and mercy.

When we pause to reflect, we see that even in the darkest valleys, God’s light has been present. Perhaps it has been through the kindness of a neighbor, the comfort of a prayer, or the beauty of nature that surrounds us. Maybe it has been in the resilience of our families, the support of our parish community, or the quiet moments of peace that have sustained us. Gratitude is not about ignoring the difficulties but about recognizing the ways in which God has carried us through them.

Giving Thanks for Our Parish Community

As your pastor, I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude for all of you. This parish is a living testament to the love of Christ in action. From the volunteers who serve tirelessly, to the families who gather faithfully for Mass, to those who pray quietly in the pews for the needs of others, each one of you contributes to the vibrant life of our community. It is a privilege to serve alongside you and to witness the many ways that God is at work in our midst.

I am particularly thankful for the ministries that continue to flourish here at our parish, even in challenging times. Our outreach to those in need, our religious education programs, our liturgical celebrations, and our commitment to building a strong faith community are all signs of God’s presence among us. These efforts reflect the heart of Thanksgiving – a spirit of generosity, compassion, and care for one another.

The Gift of Family and Friends

For many of us, Thanksgiving is also a time to gather with loved ones. Whether we are able to come together in person or find creative ways to stay connected, it is a time to appreciate the gift of family and friends. In these relationships, we experience the love and care that mirrors God’s love for us. Let us not take these blessings for granted, but instead, offer a prayer of thanks for the people who enrich our lives with their presence.

As we sit around our tables this Thanksgiving, may we remember to give thanks not only for the food before us but for the relationships that sustain us, the community that supports us, and the faith that anchors us. And let us also remember those who are struggling this season – the lonely, the hungry, and the grieving – offering both our prayers and our practical support to those in need.

A Prayer of Gratitude

Let me offer a simple prayer for this Thanksgiving:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have poured into our lives. For the gift of life, faith, family, and community, we are truly grateful. Help us to always recognize Your goodness and to share Your love with those around us. In this season of gratitude, may we be instruments of Your peace, love, and grace. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wishing each of you a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving!

Trivia Night - Knights of Columbus - **October 19th** - Father Bennett Hall - after 5:00 P.M. Mass.
Book your table of 8 team members for \$80.00 or register as an individual at \$10.00 per chair and form a lucky team at the event. All are welcome! Prizes drawn for entry tickets as well as \$1.00 raffles for other items. Light dinner and drinks available.
Help support our charity and Parish works.
Contact Trivia Master **Rick Robinson** for tickets asap. Email ricktherobinson@gmail.com or 705 795 1015.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**



Web Oct 19

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3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar October 19" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message

Parish Headcount October 19/20 and October 26/27

The weekends of October 19/20 and October 26/27, we will be doing the annual parish headcounts. The reason for doing the count is to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the archdiocese. The ushers will be doing the headcount during the Mass. Your assistance in this is greatly appreciated.

Muffin Sunday

Next Muffin Sunday will be held in Fr. Bennett Hall following the 1030 mass on Oct 20th. Join us for muffins, tea, coffee, juice and fellowship. Donations gratefully accepted to defray cost and assist in projects.

Oktoberfest Dinner - October 26th, 2024

Tickets on sale at all weekend masses and through the office. Come join us for a fun evening and delicious food. Thank-you for your support to our Youth Ministry. Please see the poster in the narthex for more information.

WANTED - EDGE Youth Ministry Volunteers

1-3 adults who love working with youth.
Love to play games, talk about life and faith.
Don't mind a little organized chaos.
Varying commitment needed over the school year.
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Help needed at St Paul's Cemetery

Our Cemetery Board is looking for an able-bodied person, available during the week to volunteer at St. Paul's Cemetery. This is a labor-intensive volunteer position. Please contact the office for more information.



The **Columbian Squires** would like to acknowledge & thank everyone who donated food to help make the Thanksgiving Food Drive a success! Donations for the regular food hamper will begin again with ALL donations going to the Alliston (Good Samaritan) Food Bank.

Knights of Columbus 50/50 Draw Tickets are available for purchase after all weekend Masses. Get your tickets now to be included in the **October 14th "Early Bird Draw"** for a chance to win 1 **\$500** or 2 **\$250** prizes.

All tickets will be included in the December 31st Grand Prize draw.

World Mission Sunday Special Collection, Oct. 20

Since 1922, the Pontifical Missions Societies through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has supported the temporal needs of missions as well as created awareness of the work of the missions throughout the world. Some examples of projects include building churches, pastoral centers, cathedrals damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, religious houses of formation, homes for the clergy, formation programs for lay missionaries, radio and television production, audio-visual materials for remote mission areas as well as support of pastoral work in various rural dioceses. For more information, please visit the Society for the Propagation of the Faith: www.missionsocieties.ca. We will have a collection on all Oct 19/20 Masses for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as **World Mission Sunday**. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.



CWL CHRISTMAS CHARITY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 2, 2024

10:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Fr. Bennett Hall, St. Paul the Apostle Church



Donations required for themed baskets, Second Prize draw, Penny Table and Silent Auction.

Volunteers required to help with set-up, assist the day of at various tables and at the Tea Room...

(**Students – qualifies for community hours**).

(Sign-up sheets will be posted in the narthex).

A food prep crew will be cooking and baking for the Tea Room Luncheon and Bake Table. If you can assist, please contact Loretta.

Parishioners may pick up books of lottery ticket booklets after weekend Masses to sell to family and friends. Each ticket is \$2.00. Cash prizes are \$500, \$300 and \$200.

Lottery license #M831258

Tea Room Convenor:

Loretta Gismondi (705) 458-9504

Bazaar Co-Ordinator:

Helen Beamish (705) 391-9762

Your assistance with generous donations and your time is what makes this Bazaar a success!



From Fr. Norberto and Pastoral Team.

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