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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright

With scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

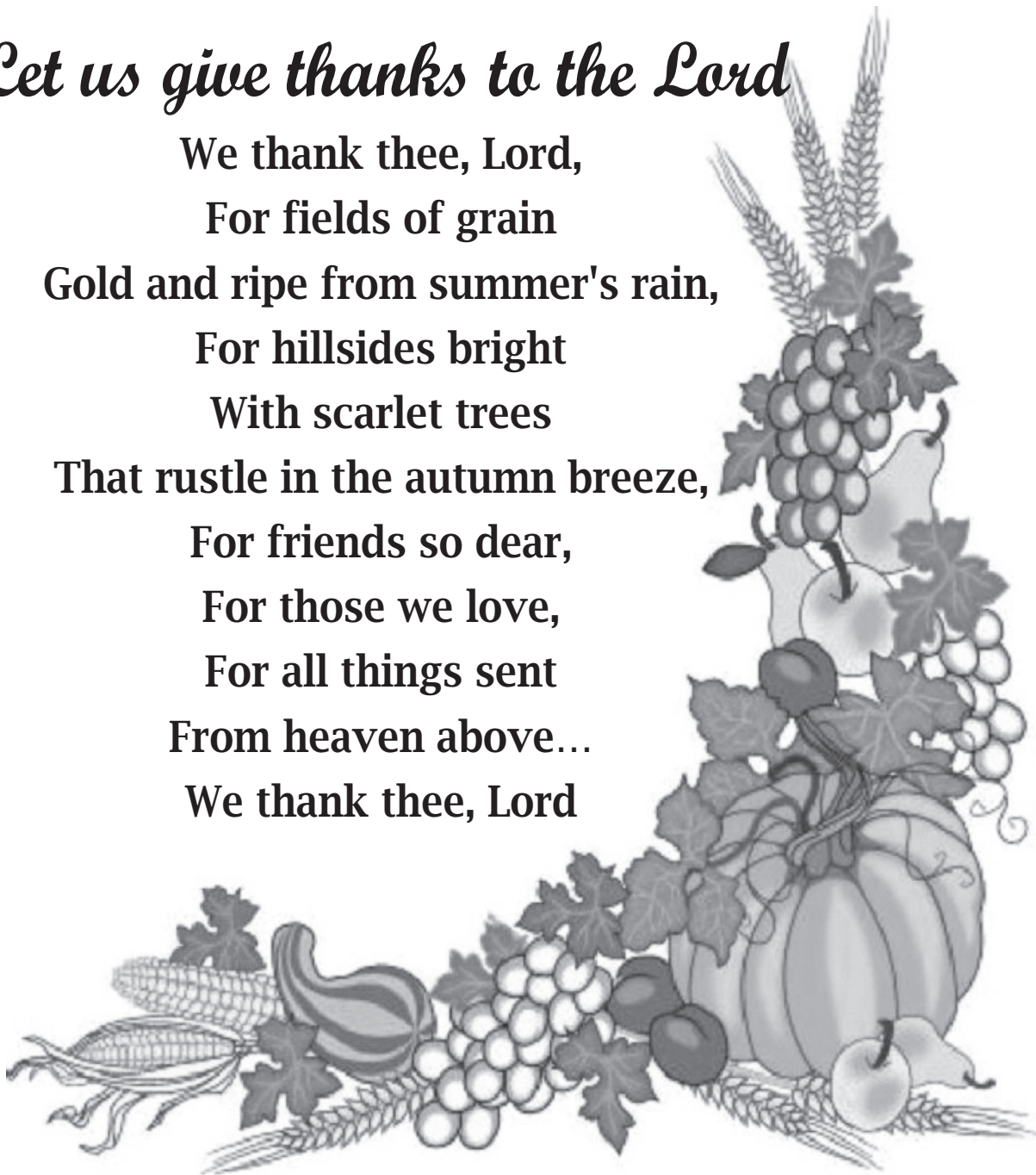
For friends so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent

From heaven above...

We thank thee, Lord



MASST INTENTIONS



This week the Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated:
Deceased members of the Estrela family
by Fatima Cabral

Monday October 14

12:05 pm † Felicidad S. Galase
requested by Galase family

Tuesday October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

12:05 pm For the intentions of Venilde Ferreira
on her birthday
requested by Angela Cabral

Wednesday October 16

12:05 pm † Ailyn B. Malit on her death anniversary
requested by the Briones & Patacsil families

Thursday October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

12:05 pm

Friday October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

12:05 pm † Gienia Tkaczyk
requested by her sister, Mary

Saturday October 19

9 am In thanksgiving
requested by Mel & Amy Costales

5 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday October 20

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am † Mario Perri on the 2nd anniversary of his
death
requested by his wife & children

11 am † Candido G. Del Rosario
requested by Laurie & Serge Llarenas



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Thu. Oct. 17 | 6 – 7 pm | Legion of Mary – Holy Hour |
| | 7:30 – 9 pm | Legion of Mary – Meeting |
| Fri. Oct. 18 | 3:45 – 5 pm | Children's Choir practice |

The word of God is powerful enough to cleanse us of sickness and sin.

The first reading and Gospel show us miraculous cures from the terrible disease of leprosy. Through faith and trust, those who were sick listened to and followed the direction of their healers and regained their lives and standing in the community. Nothing is beyond God's capabilities, including forgiving our most egregious sins.



The spirituality of stewardship reminds us that a good steward receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and make a return with interest to the Lord.

Stewardship [in practice] is what I do after I say, "I believe".

Here at our parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary, we currently need more Counters, Catechists for Children's Liturgy, Choir Members, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality. The Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League and St. Vincent de Paul also welcome new members.

Our parish could be strengthened by **YOUR** involvement. **YOU ARE NEEDED!**
Please contact Alice Warford at 416-453-3965



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement is hosting a weekend experience for couples to refresh their marriage. Running from Friday, October 25th through Sunday, October 27th at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Mississauga.



For more information, please contact Marge & Gerard at: (905) 792-1925 or gerard.marge@rogers.com.



PARISHIONER'S INFORMATION UPDATE

Are you using church offertory envelopes? Have you moved and has your telephone number changed within the past year? Please notify the parish office to ensure that your information is correct. We thank you for your co-operation.

A Grateful Heart

Though Thanksgiving Day is not specifically a Catholic holy day, it certainly goes hand in hand with our life of faith. Spiritually speaking, we all know that gratitude is central to the Gospel message. Thanksgiving Day presents us with the perfect opportunity to look at this particular aspect of our faith. We are called to be eternally and deeply grateful. How grateful to God are you?



Perhaps we all struggle in various ways with gratitude. It's fair to say that we will never be grateful enough until we are perfected in Heaven. But, for now, it's important to look at gratitude and to try to let it increase in our souls.

First, we will never be grateful unless we see clearly all that God has done for us. It's so easy in life to focus in on all the struggles we face; and as a result, to get down, depressed, frustrated and even angry at times. What's far more challenging is to look beyond the crosses and burdens we face each day to see the abundance of grace and mercy given to us by our Lord. Unless we see that mercy and grace, we will struggle greatly with authentic gratitude.

So on this Thanksgiving Day, reflect upon this simple question: Do I see all God has done for me? Do I see His abundance of mercy alive in my life? In Luke 17:17-18: *Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"* Are you like one of the nine who failed in gratitude? If so, you most likely struggle with seeing all the true and abundant blessings from God. If you can humbly admit you struggle with total gratitude, you will have taken the first step to seeing more clearly and the first step to fostering the deeper gratitude you ought to have. Being grateful means you see the truth clearly. Be open to that truth and God will change your life as He fills you with joy!

Prayer: Lord, please do fill my heart with an abundance of gratitude. Help me to turn my eyes to Your infinite grace and mercy. Help me to see beyond the struggles of life and the burdens that get me down. In place of these, help me to become increasingly aware of all You have done for me and all that You continue to do. Jesus, I trust in You.

~ taken from the Catholic Daily reflections~

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

Dates: Saturday, October 19, November 16, 30 and December 7 – 9:45 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Place: Blessed Trinity Parish Hall
3220 Bayview Ave. (just north of Finch)

Join the Kolbe "Know Your Faith" series for a four-week salvation history study on the Gospel according to St. Matthew — Part III. Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own life. Please note the dates of the classes as they are not consecutive.

For more information visit: www.kolbeapostolate.com.
PHONE: 416-226-0262

FIRST ANNUAL GALA DINNER/DANCE

Date: Saturday, October 26

Place: Le Parc Banquet Hall
8432 Leslie St., Thornhill

Celebrate with Markham's newest parish – Blessed Frederic Ozanam – and support their building fund by attending the first annual Gala Dinner/Dance. Sumptuous food, live entertainment, dancing and fabulous door prizes. Tickets are going fast, don't miss out on this special event.

COST: \$100 per person

CONTACT: Blessed Frederic Ozanam Parish

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NOVEMBER ISSUE

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We celebrated the feast of the Most Holy Rosary on Monday, October 7th; and we would like to thank Fr. Charles for celebrating the Eucharist with us and for

giving us the opportunity to celebrate this feast day in a special way.

Thank you all for participating in the Liturgy, your generous support, and all those who had assisted in the preparation of this feast, the generous contribution of food and fellowship.

Together with Our Blessed Mother, we give thanks and glory to God.

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