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

*From the Administrator's desk*



My Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I would like to extend my best wishes and prayers on this beautiful day of Thanks giving 2020.

*" We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed: perplexed, but not despair: persecuted, but not abandoned"*

My brothers and sisters in our IHM parish family, I will continue to pray for you and your loved ones as we journey together through these challenging times.

Family is a true blessing in our lives. Whether you are able to join your family this Thanksgiving Day or having to socially distance, a loving Thanksgiving Day to all! Wishing you and your family all the best, and may God bless you all!

Thinking of you all today, Thanksgiving Day, and wishing you all peace and love. Keep well and keep safe.

In Christ  
*J. Charles*

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is organizing a food drive for this Thanksgiving season. All donations will go to support the Good Shepherd Ministries, who provide bagged and takeaway meals to those in need.

Please leave items in plastic bags in the designated bins at the foyer of the church. Most needed items are: mustard, mayonnaise, BBQ sauce, salad dressing, cereal, granola/protein bars, chocolate bars/hard candy, rice, canned soup, canned corned beef, canned vegetables, teabags, and curry/garlic powder. Collection dates are on the Sundays of Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and Oct 11<sup>th</sup>.



Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

October 17 - 18	World Mission Sunday
November 7 - 8	ShareLife
November 14 - 15	The Shepherds' Trust

All funds received for these collections will be sent to the Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity!

**MASS Intentions**

Mon. Oct. 12 <i>[Thanksgiving Day]</i>	12:05 pm	† Antonio Frias, <i>requested by Lydia Doromal</i>
Tue. Oct. 13	12:05 pm	† Joseph Edmond Jerome Connors Jr., <i>requested by his brother Jim Connors</i>
Wed. Oct. 14	12:05 pm	For the intentions of Venilde Ferriera on her 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday, <i>requested by Fatima Cabral</i>
Thu. Oct. 15	12:05 pm	† Gerson Frias, <i>requested by Lydia Doromal</i>
Fri. Oct. 16	12:05 pm	† Mariano & Maximina Luzano, <i>requested by Virgie &amp; Leo Luzano</i>
Sat. Oct. 17	9:00 am	† Ailyn B. Malit on her 2 <sup>nd</sup> death anniversary, <i>requested by Briones &amp; Patacsil families</i>
	5:00 pm	† Mario Perri, <i>requested by the Perri family</i>
Sun. Oct. 18	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00 am	† Candido G. Del Rosario, <i>requested by Laurie &amp; Serge Llarenas</i>

**SSVDP Member Recruitment**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for new members to help serve our Neighbours in Need (NINs). Before the pandemic, our conference worked to serve those within our parish boundaries by going door-to-door to visit our NINs and provide assistance. Due to the pandemic, we have temporarily changed to telephone calls and electronic means to stay in touch with our NINs. Since March, we have helped over 85 NINs by providing food vouchers, furniture, and, most importantly, a listening ear. If you have more questions or if you are interested in joining, please email us at [IHMScarborough.SVDP@gmail.com](mailto:IHMScarborough.SVDP@gmail.com) and we will send you an information package and invitation to our next Zoom online meeting.



## *The Power of a Grateful Heart*

If you were to examine the content of your prayer life over the past month, what would you see? Hopefully there would be many moments to surrender, intercession, praise and adoration. And hopefully there were also many moments in which your prayer consisted of deep thanksgiving to God. Being grateful, truly grateful, and expressing that gratitude in prayer is powerful. We have so much to be grateful for and yet, so often, we become more focused in on our problems than on the countless blessings God has bestowed upon us. Even in the midst of life's darkest hour, there is much that a holy soul can find to be grateful for. Offering prayers of gratitude to God, with much sincerity, has the potential to lift our spirits to the heights of authentic spiritual joy (See *Diary* #675).

What are you grateful for? Better put, in what ways has God blessed you in abundance? If you are not immediately aware of your blessings from God, that is a good sign that you may need to spend more time "counting your blessings." It's good to keep our eyes on the innumerable blessings God has bestowed upon us, to see them, name them and be joyful in them. The more we see them, the more we grow in gratitude, and the more we grow in gratitude, the more we are blessed.

**PRAYER:** Lord, I thank You with profound gratitude for the countless blessings in my life. Help me to daily become more aware of those blessings and to be grateful for them. Help me to see that life itself is a gift and that You are active in my life day and night. Help me to especially see these blessings when life is hard, or when some burden weighs me down. May I be filled with a grateful heart and always rejoice in Your goodness.

*'Give thanks in all circumstances: for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'* ~ 1 Thess 5:18 ~



### **Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'**

**How has Jesus touched you and made you whole?** Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



### **Virtual/ Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience**

**October 23 – 25, 2020**

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*Dear parishioners,*

I hope and pray that you are staying healthy – both physically and spiritually. Please let me know if the parish can assist you during these difficult times.

Our churches are open for Mass and private prayer and we have worked diligently following guidance from public health authorities to make the environment safe for all.

If you are unable to attend in person, you are no doubt aware that our parish relies on the support of our parishioners to operate – salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.). These are funded through the generosity of our parish community.

It continues to be a challenge for our parish to maintain operations without the weekly offertory collection. We have benefited greatly from the Canada Employment Wage Subsidy, but that support is scheduled to diminish after September.

Here are the ways that you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- **Drop off or mail** your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
- Visit our **Donate Now** page by [clicking here](#) and select the region for our parish from the map. You will be taken to a page that allows you to choose your parish, amount of your gift – one-time or recurring and payment method – credit card or chequing account.
- You can contribute to the offertory **via on-line banking** – similar to how you may be paying your utility bills. To do this, we need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail us at [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org). In the body of the email provide us with your name, address, parish name and municipality. We will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to your parish. You can make a one-time or recurring gift to your offertory. This is the most cost effective way to donate electronically

If you have any questions, please contact the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, [416-934-3400, ext. 540](tel:416-934-3400) or [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community. I'm happy to see people returning to Mass and I pray daily that we will all be able to gather together again soon.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Charles*

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