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Let us be thankful ...

Let us be thankful for the blessings we receive. Let us be thoughtful of others. Let us remember dear and close friends. Let us have faith in tomorrow. Let us live life as a Golden Rule. Let us find sunlight through the clouds. Let us believe.

Let us be the people we have the ability to be. Let us have understanding.

> Let us say this thanks in prayer To God, for the gifts He has given.



A Thanksgiving Message from the Administrator

My Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Greetings from Our Lord!

On this Thanksgiving weekend, I would like to express my gratitude to each one of you. You all have been a great help at the Parish during this challenging time. To the volunteers, thank you for volunteering your time in making the church a safe place for worship, in assisting in the liturgy; and to the parishioners & visitors, in following the protocols during your attendance & worship at Mass.

I am deeply touched and grateful for all this. I will continue to pray for you in my daily prayers and Masses. May God reward you and your family.

Wishing you and your family a Blessed and Holy Thanksgiving! Keep well and be safe!

> "Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve You as You deserve." ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola ~

I remain yours in Christ,

SERRA'S 'VOCATION SEEDS'



 \mathcal{O} f we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. "You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me." Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest,



sister, brother or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org



This week The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated For the repose of the soul of Fr. Albert Macalipay requested by Alice & Brian Warford



Mon.	Oct. 11	12:05 pm	† Florentina Valenzuela, requested by Teresa Ayles
Tue.	Oct. 12	12:05 pm	t Leon Tejada, requested by Teresa Ayles
Wed.	Oct. 13	12:05 pm	Arnel Cuyugan, requested by the Cabrera family
Thur.	Oct. 14	12:05 pm	Venilde Ferreira, requested by The Cabral family
Fri.	Oct. 15	12:05 pm	Felicidad S. Galase, requested by the Galase family
Sat.	Oct. 16	9:00 am 5:00 pm	 † Sharon Kanary Moore, requested by Viginia Kanary † Mariano & Maximina, requested by Leo & Virgie Luzano
Sun.	Oct. 17	9:00 am	Ailyn B. Malit on her death anniversary, requested by the Briones & Patacsil families
		11:00 am	People of the Parish

CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS' PASTORAL LETTER ON STEWARDSHIP Section Fourth: The Way Forward

The fourth and final section of Cardinal Thomas Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship is focused on The Way Forward. To continue to develop vibrant parishes, it is key that we try to increase active engagement. "It is a lively faith family that challenges us as disciples to do great things for Jesus, in the spirit of the Acts of the Apostles." To read the full pastoral letter, download resources, and learn more about deep stewardship, please visit www.archtoronto.org/stewardship.

Fostering an Attitude of Gratitude The Rich Man Mark 10.17-30



This Thanksgiving weekend provides us the perfect opportunity to reflect on our lives and our commitment to stewardship. Let us consider the following passage from Cardinal Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship. *"Deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with*

accountability. Stewardship is sometimes called 'the attitude of gratitude.' We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God ... If each of us is profoundly aware that all is gift, then we are freed from possessiveness, and can be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us in life, sharing generously."

Before we can generously share our time and talents with the parish community, we must first realize that they are gifts from God. There are many fruitful practices we can adopt to help us cultivate this deeper sense of gratitude. Firstly, we must always remember that life itself is a beautiful gift. We can try to begin each day while we still lie in bed to simply say *"thank you Lord for blessing me with another day."* We will then be able to have a greater appreciation for our time on earth and work towards making better use of our lives.

Additionally, this weekend when we have our family Thanksgiving dinner, perhaps we can go around the table and have each person say what they are thankful for this past year. Let us challenge ourselves to go deep and truly examine all of the blessings God has bestowed on our lives that we so often take for granted. Let us grow in our stewardship this weekend as we foster an **"attitude of gratitude."**

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE Tuesday, October 26th & Thursday, October 28th - 7:30 p.m.

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Discover and experience St. Michael's College School, an independent school for boys in Grades 7 to 12, near downtown Toronto. Explore robust academics, arts, athletics and activities programming and dynamic mentorship, leadership and experiential learning opportunities! Registration required. REGISTER: www.applysmcs.com

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Current number of full members: 6

Current number of Auxiliary members: 1 In 2020:



Approximately 700 volunteer hours
Number of Events = 3 (Thanksgiving Food Drive for Good Shepherd, Bundle up Sunday, Christmas Outreach)
Number of Neighbours in Need (NINs) Helped = 90 single adults and 16 families (32 adults & 30 children)
Number of interactions with NINs = 271

•Total amount given to NINs in 2020 = \$14,160

- •Total Donations in 2020 = \$14,039
 - From the Poor Box = \$2,774
 - Other Donations = \$11,265 (includes the special Christmas collection: \$2,655 & Donation from the Rotary Club = \$2000)

(+) worldwide marriage encounter experience

Friday, October 22nd to Sunday, October 24th A VIRTUAL EVENT

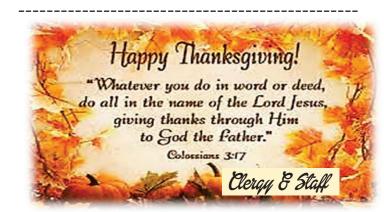
 \mathcal{D} is cover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God intends it!

Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance in your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a special weekend for you to spend together as a couple and share your feelings, hopes and dreams. It is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths.

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