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Thanksgiving

For wealth and plenty in the land,
For faith in God's sustaining hand,
For every blessing great and small
We thank the giver of it all.



From the Administrator's Desk

My Dear Parishioners in Christ,

Loving Father, we thank you graciously for the New Year. Lord, bless our family community, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Our Lady of Good Health, as we begin this blessed New Liturgical Year with a renewed hope in you. We thank you so much for all that you have done for our community. Amen.



I would just like to thank my loving Parishes for the support and care. Million thanks for the help you all have contributed in various ways and for the smooth running of our parish.

I pray that your Thanksgiving may be filled with lots of love. There is no greater gift than food on the table and your family sitting next to you.

On behalf of Fr. Peter Gitendran, Staff and myself, we wish you and your family **A Blessed Thanksgiving!**

With Love & Prayers,
 Rev. Fr. Charles Collins

"Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence." ~ St. John Paul II ~



**COME & SEE
 Discernment Weekend Retreat**



Date: Friday, November 17th [6:30 pm] to Sunday, November 19th, [2 pm]
Place: St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough, ON M1M 1M3



The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older. This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Registration must be done online at:
www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee
For more information, please email:
vocations@archtoronto.org



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| Monday | Oct. 9 | 12:05 pm | In thanksgiving and for the intentions of Tess Fernandez on her 76th birthday |
| Tuesday | Oct. 10 | 12:05 pm | † Merle Chew, requested by Elrich Chew |
| Wednesday | Oct. 11 | 12:05 pm | For the intentions of Desiree Tillo on her birthday, requested by Libby Tillo |
| Thursday | Oct. 12 | 12:05 pm | Venilde Ferreira requested Angela Cabral |
| Friday | Oct. 13 | 12:05 pm | † Eutilia Joan Attidore on her 1st death anniversary, requested by Sheryl Ambrose & family |
| Saturday | Oct. 14 | 9:00 am | † Eulalie Rosetta Mapp requested by her son, Anthony Michael Mapp |
| | | 5:00 pm | † Paul Crawford, requested by the Immaculate Heart of Mary School |
| Sunday | Oct. 15 | 9:00 am | Birthday thanksgiving, requested by San Juan family |
| | | 11:00 am | † Mariano & Maximina Luzano, requested by Leo & Virgie Luzano |

 **RENEW TORONTO**
YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

Renew Toronto is a conference for all young adults ages 19-39.
Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Dinner & Social until 11 p.m.)
Place: Canada Christian College, 300 Water Street, Whitby

The day includes keynotes by Jackie & Bobby Angel, worship led by Steadfast Worship, various workshop speakers, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and fellowship. This conference offers unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. Renew your heart. Renew your call. Renew our community. Registration now open!

For more information and to register, visit:
 Website: www.renewtoronto.org
 Contact: youth@archtoronto.org

Praying at all times

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

Matthew 21.33-43

“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

These are the words from St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians that we hear in today’s second reading. Elsewhere in his letter to the Thessalonians, he says *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”* St. Paul is urging us to pray in all circumstances and at all times.



But, is it really feasible for us to pray at all times? While we may not be able to spend every moment praying in the chapel, we can still pray ceaselessly by offering up all of our acts as a prayer to God. St. Josemaría Escrivá says that *“You can be sure that it is through the circumstances of ordinary life, ordained or permitted by the infinite wisdom of divine Providence, that we come close to God ... To this I now add that your work too must become a personal prayer, that it must become a real conversation with Our Father in heaven”*.

As stewards, we can pray and be in union with God through our professional work as well as our charitable works for the parish community. If we offer up these moments of work to God as a means to commune with Him, we will begin to live out St. Paul’s exhortation to pray ceaselessly. Let us strive to never forget the dignity and value of our work as stewards of Christ.

Summary

In today’s second reading, St. Paul urges us to pray ceaselessly in all circumstances. While we may not be able to spend every moment in the chapel, we can still pray ceaselessly by offering up all of our acts as a prayer to God. Let us strive to intentionally realize the dignity of our professional work, and our work as stewards, as a means to be in communion with God.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

On October 7th, the Church celebrates the feast day of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary. The feast day was established by Pope Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The naval victory was attributed to the Virgin Mary whose intercession was entreated through the recitation of the Holy Rosary.



The Church then proceeded to dedicate the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary so that individuals, families, and communities would pray the Holy Rosary, if possible, on a daily basis for peace in the world. *“Not only do we earnestly exhort all Christians to give themselves to the recital of the pious devotion of the Rosary publicly, or privately in their own house and family, and that unceasingly, but we also desire that the whole of the month of October (in this year) should be consecrated to the Holy Queen of the Rosary”* (Pope Leo XII; On Devotion of the Rosary, September 1, 1883).

“Because Mary is our mother, devotion to her teaches us to be authentic sons: to love truly, without limit; to be simple, without the complications which come from selfishly thinking only about ourselves; to be happy, knowing that nothing can destroy our hope. *‘The beginning of the way, at the end of which you will find yourself completely carried away by love for Jesus, is a trusting love for Mary.’*”

Discover it for yourself, show your love for Mary, open your heart to her, confide to her your joys and sorrows, ask her to help you recognize and follow Jesus.

~ extracted from the St. Josemaría Institute website ~

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

LEARN:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in 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**

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“webinar Oct 14” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message



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