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

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

"He went away sad, for he had many possessions"

MARK 10:17-30

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."

Summary

This Thanksgiving Weekend let us ponder the following words from Cardinal Collin's 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."

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

A QUOTE ON THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her son and the Son of God." ~ St. John Paul II ~



Monday, October 14th
12:05 pm Birthday intention of Anthony Michael Mapp & the 2 nd Internment anniversary of Eulalie Rosetta Mapp <i>requested by the Mapp family</i>
Tuesday, October 15th
12:05 pm Intentions of Venilde Ferreira on her birthday <i>requested by Fatima Cabral</i>
Wednesday, October 16th
12:05 pm † Mariano & Maximina Luzano <i>Requested by Leo & Virgie Luzano</i>
Thursday, October 17th
12:05 pm
Friday, October 18th
12:05 pm † Gienia Tkaczyk <i>requested by her sister</i>
Saturday, October 19th
9:00 am † Felicidad S. Galase <i>requested by the Galase family</i>
5:00 pm † Lena D'Agnello <i>requested by the D'Agnello family</i>
Sunday, October 20th
9:00 am In thanksgiving for all October occasion <i>requested by the San Juan family</i>
11:00 am † James Connors <i>requested by Fr. Peter Gitendran & Fr. Charles Collins</i>

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2024
Time: 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

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OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mary is illumined by the Radiant Dawn, the Sun of Justice, who is Jesus Christ her Son. Baptized into Christ Jesus our lives are meant to glow with his presence as well. One way we may grow closer to him is by praying the Rosary. October is the Month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



October is a month when the Church specifically invokes Mary through the prayer of the Rosary. The Rosary is a simple and repetitive prayer that draws us into the mysteries of Christ and His and our Mother, and it is known to be pleasing to Our Lady. Therefore, October is a fitting time to intensify our prayer with Mary, especially during the more difficult moments of our earthly journey.

What consolation the Rosary brings. Remembering the mysteries of Christ's life and Our Lady's life, we repeat Hail Mary after Hail Mary. Indeed, the mysteries of the Holy Rosary- joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous- are the mysteries of our own lives as well. As we pray the Rosary, we beg Our Lady to draw us closer to him who is our Light. We remember that for many saints the Rosary was an indispensable part of their daily prayer.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE 45TH Anniversary Celebration



On Saturday, October 26th from 2:30 to 4:30, the CWL will be hosting a traditional afternoon tea celebrating 45 years of service to the parish. All are welcome to enjoy tea sandwiches, homemade scones and sweet treats.

There will also be an interesting author and speaker sharing her travel adventures with the WHO throughout the world. Tickets are \$15 per person for a lovely afternoon ending in time for evening Mass. For info contact Alice (fleur.59@hotmail.com) or Maryse (maryse.ristuccia@gmail.com)

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

Event: Marian Retreat

When: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Registration: 8:30 a.m. | **Cost:** \$45.00

Event: Retreat for Cancer Patients and Caregivers

When: Thursday, October 24, 2024

Registration: 8:30 a.m. | **Cost:** \$45.00

For more information contact Jean 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

JOIN THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE

The Rosary Apostolate has been faithfully visiting Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School once a month to pray the Rosary with the students for more than 20 years. We are seeking people who have a great love for the Rosary and who are willing to visit the schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for a total of only 8 days a year. Training, screening and materials will be provided.



If you are interested, please contact Delores Marquez:
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New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement

Online Bereavement

Introductory Program

October 16, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: <https://nbb1024.eventbrite.ca>

Online Separated/Divorced

Introductory Program

October 17, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: <https://nbsd1024.eventbrite.ca>

For more information please contact:

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A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God. Loving Creator.

We asked for strength, and you gave us difficulties to make us strong.

We asked for wisdom, and you gave us problems to solve.

We asked for prosperity, and you gave us purpose and brains to use.

We asked for courage, and you gave us fears to overcome.

We asked for patience, and you gave us situations where we were forced to wait.

We asked for love, and you gave us troubled people to help.

We asked for justice, and you called us to be just and to lead with integrity.

Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted.

And yet, we received everything that we needed.

For this, we give thanks.

Amen.



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