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Thanksgiving

Be joyful always

Pray continually

Give thanks for everything.

1st Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14 – The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Count Your Blessings

A steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and makes a return with interest to the Lord. As stewards we are called to be grateful disciples of Christ. Gratitude is at the very core of what it means to be a steward. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "the deepening of the 'attitude of gratitude' will enhance our commitment to prayer and Eucharistic adoration, to the flourishing of lay engagement in the mission of evangelization, to an increase in the response to the call to the priesthood and religious life, to a courageous and effective dedication to social justice, and so on." Essentially, it all begins with growing in gratitude. One practice that is often recommended to children is to "count your blessings." There is great spiritual fruit to be discovered through this practice, even as adults. Often times we place greater weight on the few negative things in our lives rather than focusing on the hundreds of blessings. Let us intentionally set aside a few minutes this weekend to concretely identify all of the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us this past year. We can then begin to move from gratitude to generosity by offering up these blessings to our parish community.

Summary

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Your weekly offering for Sunday September 27, 2026

Envelope: \$2052.00

Loose: \$ 341.45

PAG: \$ 353.23

Total: \$2928.68



Monday, October 12th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving and the birthday intention of Tony, *requested by Josephine & Family*

Tuesday, October 13th

12:05 pm † Eutilia Joan Attidore on her 4th year death anniversary, *requested by Sheryl Ambrose & Family.*

Wednesday, October 14th

12:05 pm † Internment remembrance of Eulailie Rosetta Mapp, *requested by her son Anthony Michael Mapp.*

Thursday, October 15th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving and the intentions of Teresita on her Birthday, *requested by The Sevilla Family.*

Friday, October 16th

12:05 pm † Mariano & Maximina Luzano, *requested by Leo & Virgie Luzano.*

Saturday, October 17th

9:00 am † Birthday remembrance of Felicidad S Galase, *requested by The Galase Family.*

5:00 pm † Eulailie Rosetta Mapp, *requested by her son Anthony Michael Mapp.*

Sunday, October 18th

9:00 am † Ross MacMillan, *request by his wife Evangeline.*

11:00 am For the People of the Parish.

Attention All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

The Office of Formation for Discipleship is offering some webinars during Liturgical Ministries Week.

We highly recommend you attend these webinars.

Tuesday October 20, 7pm to 8:30pm – Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

This webinar is for new and experienced Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who serve in parishes at Sunday or weekday liturgies. It is designed to provide practical training for service in this ministry and will offer helpful tips for spiritual preparation. Please register for this event at: <https://bit.ly/EMHCW-Register2026>

Wednesday October 21, 7pm to 8:30pm – Formations for Lectors.

This webinar is for new and experienced lectors, those serving at Sunday or weekday liturgies and for RCIA team members who lead celebrations of the Word of God. It is designed to provide practical training for service in this ministry and will offer helpful tips for spiritual preparation. Please register at: <https://bit.ly/L-Registration2026>



The Catholic Women's League & The Society of St Vincent de Paul

Together these two organizations are asking for your help this Fall collecting food items for those who are struggling with food insecurities.

Most needed items are tomato sauce, soup/ramen, powdered milk, condiments, cereals, spreads, baking items, instant coffee. Tuna/ canned meats, canned vegetables, beans and chickpeas, granola bars, pancake mix and baby food.

We will have a donation bin at the entrance of the church from October 3rd to 19th for your convenience.

Please be sure to check the expiry dates on the food before you donate. Let us be the hands of Christ that reach out to those in need during this season of Thanksgiving.

Thank you.

World Youth Day Mass with Cardinal Leo

November 21, 2026

Join young adults from across the Archdiocese for a special World Youth Day Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo on Saturday November 21, 2026 at St Thomas More Parish. Come together for an evening of faith, prayer, community, and joyful celebration as we honour Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and gather as one Church.

Free admission. No registration required.

Open to all young adults ages 19-39.

JOIN US

The Immaculate Heart of Mary CWL will be participating in a fundraising event on Thursday October 22nd. For the 2nd year, we will be joining in the "NIGHT WALK" sponsored by Royal LePage. The money raised by this event (which last year included 400 participants across the city) is donated to Nellie's and The Red Door Shelter.

Nellie's provides shelter, transitional housing and community outreach services; **Red Door Shelter** provides Family Shelter, Food Bank and Homework Club services for those suffering from domestic violence.

Please join us in supporting these two valuable community services. We will meet at 6:15 at Kew Gardens (2075 Queen Street East), we will take a 3K walk through the neighborhood and meet back at the Gardens. All are welcome; individual donations are welcome or you can sponsor one of our ladies doing the walk. We will have a sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church if you would like to join us or sponsor one of our ladies walking. Thank you.



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The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's college School is now considering applications for September 2027. St Michael's

College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grade 7 to 12. Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Thursday, October 15 and Tuesday, October 20 beginning at 7pm. St. Michael's College School offers a generous Financial Assistance programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students. Please register at applySMCS.com.

Day of Reflection and Prayer for the Bereaved

Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Rd. Pickering ON L1X 1V4

Saturday October 31, 2026

"Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?" Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.

Suggested Offering: \$75 per person (includes lunch)

Please contact: Mary Hyland - 905-441-0957

LOONIE TOONIE SUNDAY

World Day of the Poor

On October 18th the St Vincent de Paul Society will be at all the entrances of the Church collecting loonies and toonies to help support the neighbours in need that they care for. Please be generous.



This thanksgiving, may our hearts overflow with gratitude for God's abundant blessings. As we gather with family and friends, let us also remember those in need, offering our prayers, kindness, and support. May the peace of Christ dwell richly in your homes, and may joy and thankfulness guide us into the season ahead, Wishing you and your loved ones a grace filled and joyful Thanksgiving. Fr. Canisius & Staff





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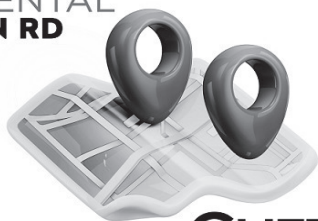
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