

St. Mark's Catholic Church

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



- Oct.12: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Oct.13: 8:30 a.m. Eleonora Maikawa
 10:00 a.m. Za Michała Wysłobockiego (w 3-ą rocznicę śmierci) i za jego rodziców
 11:30 a.m. Marley McColin
 Oct.14: **9:00 a.m.** Michael Paul O'Neill
 7:00 p.m. Za Jerzego Klukowskiego
 Oct.15: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
10:00 a.m. St. Mark's School Mass
 Oct.16: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct.17: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct.18: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct.19: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Oct.20: 8:30 a.m. Christopher Sadowski
 10:00 a.m. Za Leokadię i Bronisława Szymczyk
 11:30 a.m. Véronique and François Xavier Quenum

Cultivating Generous Gratitude. All of us since our childhood were raised to say thank you when someone has done something good for us. While this is undoubtedly a positive act, it can lead us to developing the mentality that thanksgiving is a mere matter of politeness. The deeper sense of gratitude exemplified by the one leper who returned to thank Jesus in the Gospel surpasses mere kind manners. The Gospel recalls that he "prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him."

The act of returning to Jesus and prostrating himself cost something to the leper, it required his effort, time and humility. We can learn from his example and learn to go out of our way in order to express our profound gratitude to God and our neighbour.

With respect to God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank the Lord for the abundant gifts He graciously lavishes on us. When thanking our neighbour, perhaps we can include a physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation or express our thanks by spending time with them. Let us ask ourselves this Thanksgiving weekend, how are we moving past mere politeness to sincere acts of gratitude towards God and neighbour. In this way, we can practice generosity even while expressing our gratitude. (source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)



HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES are available on the tables at the back of the Church for those who wish to make use of them. During the month of November, all of the Masses (except for the required weekly Sunday Mass for the Parishioners) will be offered for the repose of the souls of those whose names have been listed on the Holy Souls envelopes, which will be kept on the altar throughout the month.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is observed throughout the Church next **Sunday, October 23**. As we pray for the missionary activity of the Church, we are also invited to contribute to the special collection after Holy Communion. Yellow envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose.

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT: For the next two weekends (October 19/20 and 26/27), we will again be counting attendance at all of the Masses during the homily, as requested by Cardinal Collins.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND: Friday, November 1 (7:00 p.m.) to Sunday, November 3 (1:30 p.m.) at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough). Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. For more information, please speak with Fr. Koroway, or contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997, or email vocations@archtoronto.org. (Registrants 17 years old will require parental consent.)

CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in our parish on **Saturday, April 18, 2020**, at the **5:00 p.m.** Mass. Students in **Grade 7 or older**, and any adults who wish to be confirmed should attend one of the weekend Masses, and obtain a registration form from Fr. Koroway afterwards. The form lists the dates of the three preparation meetings the candidates and their parents must attend on

Saturday mornings in the Church. The deadline for returning the registration forms is **Sunday, Nov. 10.**

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents of students in Grade 2 or older who would like their children to receive these sacraments this coming year should attend one of the weekend Masses with their children, and obtain a registration form from Fr. Koroway afterwards. The form lists the five preparation meetings the students and parents must attend in the Church on Saturday mornings. The deadline for returning the registration forms is **Sunday, October 27.**

FEDERAL ELECTION: **Educate, Reflect, Act! Be an informed voter!** With a federal election scheduled for **Monday, October, 21,** the Archdiocese of Toronto has prepared a series of resources to help us reflect on important issues throughout the campaign. These short video vignettes and one page reflections provide background through a Catholic lens on issues like poverty, religious persecution, life issues, environment, etc. As a charity, the church cannot tell people who to vote for but we do hope that all Catholics will read the party platforms from our faith perspective. To access these resources, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/election — to learn about the issues as we prepare to cast a ballot on October 21.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: **Thursday, October 17;** and **Tuesday October 22; 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The Office of Admissions is now considering applications for September, 2020. The school is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. The school offers a generous bursary program that provides financial aid to qualifying students. The school is at 1515 Bathurst St. (at St. Clair Ave. West). We invite you to register at ApplySMCS.com.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

XXVIII Niedziela w ciągu roku - rok C

ŚWIADECTWO WIARY. Z pozoru dzisiejsza Ewangelia o uzdrowieniu trędowatego sugeruje, że Jezusowi zależy na postawie wdzięczności, na mówieniu „dziękuję” za dobro – w tym wypadku za wielki dar zdrowia. Wdzięczność to piękna cecha ludzkiej dojrzałości. Samarytanin odznaczał się tą cechą, ale nie tylko tą. Miał w sobie jeszcze coś, co o wiele bardziej podobało się Jezusowi. Miał wiarę, która pozwoliła mu zobaczyć w Jezusie Boga.

Bariera społeczna, jaka oddzielała Samarytana od Żydów, została pokonana pokornym aktem wiary. Przystęp do zbawiającego Boga mają wszyscy, nawet „cudzoziemcy”, jeśli tylko wierzą. Doświadczył tego już pogański wódz Naaman. Gdy po zrozumiałych oporach posłuchał wreszcie izraelskiego proroka Elizeusza, cud uzdrowienia z trądu w wodach Jordanu otworzył mu także oczy duszy na jedyne i prawdziwe Boga Izraela.

W Ewangelii cudowne uzdrowienie Samarytańczyka z choroby łączy się z cudem uzdrowienia jego duszy. Czyżby taki cud zdarzał się tylko w jednym na dziesięć przypadków u ludzi doznających szczególnych łask?

„Chwalić Boga donośnym głosem”, „upaść do nóg Jezusa” i „dziękować Mu” to trzy postawy, które wzbudziły akceptację i podziw Zbawiciela. Chwała, adoracja i dziękczynienie to trzy postawy kultu, których uczymy się i które praktykujemy przez całe życie. Eucharystia jest ku temu szczególną okazją. To najlepszy czas i miejsce, by dać świadectwo wiary. (*abp Kazimierz Nycz*)



WYPOMINKI: Miesiąc listopad to miesiąc modlitwy za zmarłych. Podczas całego miesiąca listopada, każdego dnia Msze Św. będą odprawiane za zmarłych poleconych w wypominkach. Kopertki na ten cel są już wystawione przy wejściu do Kościoła.

Święty Michale Archaniele, wspomagaj nas w walce, a przeciw niegodziwości i zasadzkom złego ducha bądź naszą obroną. Oby go Bóg pogromić raczył, pokornie o to prosimy, a Ty, Wodzu niebieskich zastępów, szatana i inne duchy złe, które na zgubę dusz ludzkich po tym świecie krążą, mocą Bożą strąć do piekła. Amen.

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