

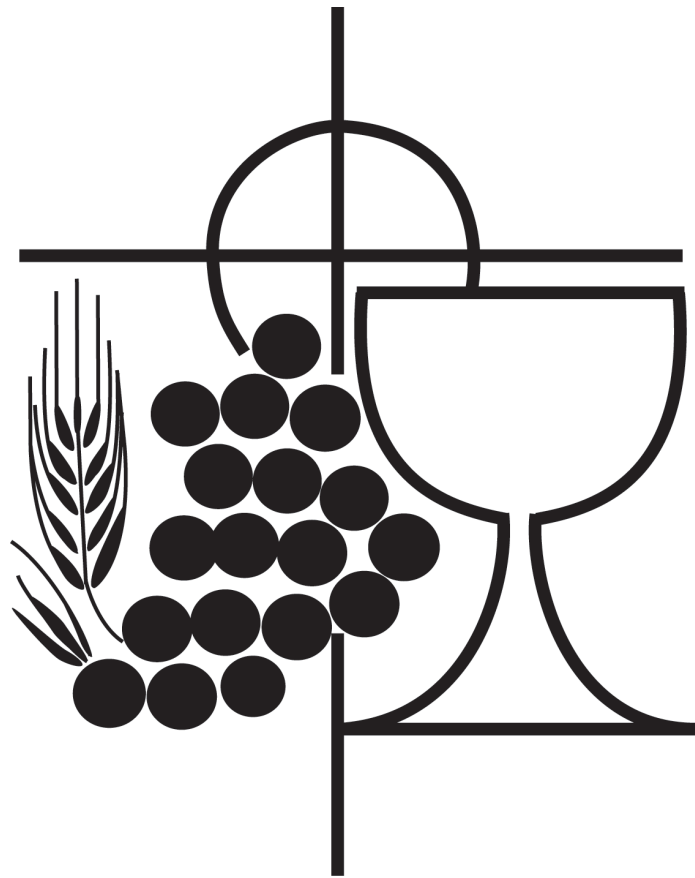
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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*



- Oct.10: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Oct.11: 8:30 a.m. Eleonora Maikawa in thanksgiving
 10:00 a.m. Za Michała Wystobockiego (4-tą rocznicę) i rodziców Michała i Annę
 11:30 a.m. Sofronio Alversado
 Oct.12: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct.13: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct.14: 9:00 a.m. Maxwell Chavez (3rd anniversary)
 Oct.15: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct.16: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Oct.17: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Oct.18: 8:30 a.m. Krzysztof and Tadeusz Sadowski
 10:00 a.m. Za Jerzego Klukowskiego
 11:30 a.m. Special Intention

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. We celebrate Thanksgiving this weekend which is a time to be more intentionally thankful for the gifts and blessings God has graciously bestowed on us. However, it is important to not relegate our gratitude to solely one weekend a year. 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. (www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

SHARE LIFE: The (postponed) second collection for Share Life will be held *this* weekend. Green envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose. Thank you!



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 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 18**. As we pray for the missionary activity of the Church, we are also invited to contribute to the special collection for the missions.

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT: For the next two weekends (**October 17/18 and 24/25**), we will again be counting attendance at all of the Masses during the homily, as requested by Cardinal Collins.

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 (2020-2021) 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 **Sun. October 25**.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: We would like to increase the number of email addresses we have for our parishioners. We invite you to print your email address on the back of your offering envelope, so we can enter it into our database. This will help us contact parishioners on short notice (if, for example, there are further developments related to the pandemic). Thank you!

CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS for 2020 are available at the back of the Church. Our thanks to the **RIDLEY FUNERAL HOME** (3080 Lake Shore Blvd.) for so generously providing these beautiful calendars. (They can be used from December, 2019.)

THANK YOU! to all who have been contributing to our parish by dropping off your envelopes at the rectory mail box, mailing them in, or donating online. As there is no collection during Mass, you may leave your offerings in the baskets/boxes at the back of the Church or continue to drop them off, mail them in or donate online by **credit card** or through your **bank chequing account**. [Just go to our parish website: stmarkset.archtoronto.org, and on the home page, click the orange quadrangle in the upper right hand corner (where there is a hand and a \$ sign). Then click "Your Parish", select the "Toronto West" region, then our parish (St. Mark's) in the drop down menu. You can make a one time or recurring contribution to our parish's offertory or building fund using your credit card, or your bank chequing account.]

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-A Niedziela w ciągu roku

ZAPROSZENIE NA WESELE. Król przygotował wspaniałą ucztę i wysłał zaproszenia na wesele swojego syna. Chciał podzielić się wielką radością i zaproszonych gości podjąć tak, jak potrafił najlepiej. A goście? Zapatrzeni w swoje sprawy zlekceważyli króla i to, co dla nich przygotował.

Może słuchając przypowieści o uczcie królewskiej, oburzamy się na tych, którzy nie myśląc o gospodarzu odrzucili jego zaproszenie. Któż z nas odmówiłby królowi, tłumacząc się codziennymi sprawami? A gdyby królem był Bóg, a ucztą weselną żywe chrześcijaństwo, do którego nas zaprasza? Bóg pragnie być z nami przy jednym stole we wszystkich naszych sprawach. Chce być blisko, gdy przeżywamy wielkie życiowe radości, kiedy załatwiamy codzienne obowiązki, ale jeszcze bardziej, gdy nadchodzi noc

cierpienia i smutku. Głos Pana dociera nawet na „rozstajne drogi”, bo wie, że odrzucenie Jego zaproszenia kończy się samotnością człowieka.

Nasza wartość nie polega na tym, co mamy, ale kim jesteśmy dla Boga. Chrześcijaństwo to Chrystus, a chrześcijanin to ten, który wszystkie sprawy swojego życia odnosi do Chrystusa. Zaproszenie do radości bycia chrześcijaninem jest łaską od Boga, jednak każdy sam musi zatroszczyć się o strój weselny. Przez chrzest święty weszliśmy na gody weselne Króla i „przyoblekliśmy się w Chrystusa” (Ga 3,27), czego symbolem jest biała szata. Czy dziś nadal jest czysta, bez dziur i kurzu? Co zrobiliśmy z naszym strojem weselnym? Uczta gotowa! Bóg zaprosił nas do swego Królestwa i dał nam najpiękniejszą szatę weselną, byśmy nosili ją z godnością dzieci Bożych – nie dlatego, że zasłużyliśmy, ale po prostu, zostaliśmy przez Niego wybrani. (ks. *Mariusz Rosik*)

ADRESY E-MAIL: Chcielibyśmy zwiększyć liczbę adresów e-mail, które mamy dla naszych parafian. Zapraszamy do wydrukowania adresu e-mail na odwrocie koperty z ofertą, abyśmy mogli wprowadzić go do naszej bazy danych. Pomoże nam to skontaktować się z parafianami w krótkim czasie (na przykład w przypadku dalszych wydarzeń związanych z pandemią). Dziękujemy!



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 wystawione przy wejściu do Kościoła.

KALENDARZE: Mamy kalendarze na rok 2020. Serdecznie dziękujemy **RIDLEY FUNERAL HOME** (3080 Lake Shore Blvd.) za piękne kalendarze.

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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