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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright

With scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friends so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent

From heaven above...

We thank thee, Lord

Mass Intentions



for the Week

- Oct. 7: 5:00 p.m. Jachna Family deceased members
 Oct. 8: 8:30 a.m. Christopher and Tadeusz Sadowski
 10:00 a.m. Za Annę Kalatę
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Oct. 9: 9:00 a.m. André Lachtevega (1st anniv.)
 Oct. 10: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 10:00 a.m. St. Mark's School Mass
 Oct. 11: **No Mass** (due to Bishop Allen Masses)
 Oct. 12: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct. 13: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct. 14: 5:00 p.m. Velthoria Sequeira
 Oct. 15: 8:30 a.m. Tadeusz Małolepszy (anniv.)
 10:00 a.m. Za Leokadię i Bronisławę Szymczyk
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's



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.

PRAYING AT ALL TIMES. "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. Josemaria Escriva

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. (*source: archtoronto.org/stewardship*)

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT: For the next two weekends (**October 14/15 and 21/22**), we will again be counting attendance at all of the Masses during the homily, as requested by Archbishop Leo.

BISHOP ALLEN NEW SCHOOL TOWN HALL: **Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.**, hosted by Trustee Teresa Lubinski. Please submit all questions to teresa.lubinski@tcdsb.org by October 5.

BISHOP ALLEN ACADEMY INFORMATION EVENING & OPEN HOUSE: Grade 8 students and their parents are cordially invited to attend an Information Evening and Open House at Bishop Allen Academy on **Wednesday, October 18**, from **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Learn about the Advanced Placement Program, French Immersion, Gifted Program, Leadership Development, Athletics, Music, Drama and more. All are welcome to attend.

WOMEN TOGETHER RETREAT: **Wednesday, October 25, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca. Cost: \$45.00.

COME AND SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: **November 17-19** at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough). The Office of Vocations will be hosting this weekend for men 18 years and older. This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to the priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee. For more information, visit vocations@archtoronto.org.

POWERS OF ATTORNEY: You are invited to a free seminar about 'Powers of Attorney' on **Wednesday**,

October 25, at 3:00 p.m. at the Ridley Funeral Home (3080 Lake Shore Blvd. West). Together we'll learn about what to consider when choosing Powers of Attorney for both health and finance. Ann Woodruff, Lawyer with Copeland McKenna, will lead the presentation. Light refreshments will be served. To register, please call 416-259-3705.

VOTIVE CANDLES. Please do not light votive candles during Mass. During Mass we should be focusing on the Mass prayers and participating in them, joining in singing the hymns, and listening to the readings and homily. It is distracting and disrespectful of the liturgy to light candles and hear coins dropping in the offering box during Mass. Please light candles either before or after Mass. Also please remember that the offering for the candles is \$5 for each large candle and \$1 for each small one. *Thank you!*

CONFIRMATION. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in our parish on **Saturday, May 4, 2024, 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 form is **Sunday, November 12.**

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 29.**

PROJECT RACHEL AT THE REFUGE is offering a retreat **October 27-29**, for women who are suffering the effects of abortion. We have been offering Project Rachel retreats for more than fifteen years. At our retreats, we welcome women whose pain has been silenced and denied by the world. See our web site (stmarysrefuge.org/rachel), and phone or e-mail us in confidence: projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org. Tel. 289-691-6840 St. Mary of Egypt Refuge, 206 Barry Road, Madoc, ON K0K 2K0, www.stmarysrefuge.org. 613-473-2679.

DAILY ROSARY: We are reciting the Holy Rosary before weekday Mass, Monday to Friday, beginning around 8:30 a.m. You are invited to join us.

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.

XXVII-A Niedziela w ciągu roku

NOWY LUD BOŻY. Przypowieść o winnicy jest ostatnim wezwaniem do nawrócenia, jakie Chrystus przed swoją Męką kieruje do Izraelitów. Jezus znajduje się już u kresu swojej drogi do Jerozolimy – miasta, w którym zabijano proroków – i zwraca się do swoich rodaków z prośbą, aby przejrzeni i uznali w nim Mesjasza, Syna Bożego.

Przypowieść ta jest streszczeniem całej historii zbawienia. Winnica symbolizuje lud Izraela. Jej właścicielem jest Bóg, jej dzierżawcy to przywódcy ludu, posłańcy to prorocy, a bestialsko zabity syn to Jezus Chrystus – kamień węgielny, na którym zostanie wzniesiona nowa budowla, nowy Lud Boży, Kościół. Będą należeć do niego ci wszyscy, którzy uwierzą Jego słowom.

Jako chrześcijanie cieszymy się tym wielkim przywilejem – łaską wybrania i włączenia we wspólnotę Kościoła. Musimy jednak być świadomi, że nasze życie w Bożej winnicy, jaką jest Kościół, powinno przynosić błogosławione owoce: święte życie, sprawiedliwość, pokój, poszanowanie drugiego człowieka, a więc to wszystko, co stanowi wypełnienie prawa miłości będącego konstytucją Królestwa Bożego. Jeżeli tak się nie stanie, to Królestwo Chrystusa zostanie nam zabrane i zmarnujemy tę wielką łaskę, którą wysłużył dla nas Jezus umierając na krzyżu. (ks. Marcin Romanowski – paulista)

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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