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

Mass Intentions



for the Week

- Oct.12: 5:00 p.m. Manuel David, Sr.
- Oct.13: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
- 10:00 a.m. Za Leokadię i Bronisława Szymczyk
- 11:30 a.m. Steve Wichtacz
- Oct.14: 9:00 a.m. Jan and Anna Kalata
- Oct.15: 9:00 a.m. Olivia Zdzitowiecki
- Oct.16: **No Mass due to Bishop Allen Masses**
- Oct.17: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- Oct.18: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- Oct.19: 5:00 p.m. Deceased Jachna Family members
- Oct.20: 8:30 a.m. Tadeusz and Danuta Małolepszy
- 10:00 a.m. Za Waleriana Waszkiewiczza i Henryka Kalinowskiego
- 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's



THANKSGIVING MESSAGE: Archbishop Leo has prepared a message for Thanksgiving. It is available on both the parish and diocesan websites.



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, our 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 20**. As we pray for

the missionary activity of the Church, we are also invited to contribute to the special collection for the missions. 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 the diocese.

FOSTERING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE. This Thanksgiving weekend provides us with 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 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. ...

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."

(source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

COME AND SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: **Friday, November 15 (6:30 p.m.)** to **Sunday, November 17 (2:00 p.m.)** 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, email vocations@archtoronto.org.

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 six 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.**

CONFIRMATION. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in our parish on **Saturday, April 26, 2025,** 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 four 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 17.**

BISHOP ALLEN ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE: Grade 8 students and their parents are cordially invited to attend an Information Evening and Open House at Bishop Allen Academy on **Thursday, October 17,** at **6:30 p.m.** Learn about the Advanced Placement Program, Enrichment Classes, early French Immersion, Gifted Program, Leadership Development, Athletics, Music, Drama and more. All are welcome to attend.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR: **Saturday, October 19, 9:00 a.m.** Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in 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

To register, follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebOct19; or send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write “webinar October 19” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

MARIAN RETREAT: **Saturday, October 26, 8:30 a.m.** at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. Cost: \$45. For more information, contact Jean at 905-278-5229, or office@qoa.ca. **RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND CARGIVERS:** **Thursday, October 24, 8:30 a.m.** at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. For more information, contact Jean at 905-278-5229, or office@qoa.ca.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL. (1515 Bathurst St.: Applications for September 2025 at this independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12 are now being accepted. Open Houses will be held on **Thursday, October 17,** and **Tuesday October 22,** at **7:00 p.m.** (1515 Bathurst St., Toronto). Please register at applySMCS.com. The school offers a generous Financial Assistance Program that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

XXVIII Niedziela w ciągu roku – B

STRACIĆ, ABY ZYSKAĆ. Chrystus chce prowadzić swoich uczniów ku pełni życia. Chce rozpalic miłością, która przynagla do wydania swego życia w ofierze Bogu i braciom.

Pewnego dnia do Jezusa podchodzi młodzieniec, żyjący według Prawa i spełniający przykazania. Pyta, w jaki sposób ma osiągnąć życie wieczne. „Sposób” — a więc — „co ma jeszcze zyskać”? Jezus patrzy z miłością i ukazuje błąd w myśleniu, miejsce chore w jego sercu: „Idź, sprzedaj wszystko, co posiadasz i rozdaj ubogim. Potem przyjdź i chodź za Mną”. Chrystus wie, że ten młody człowiek ma wiele posiadłości. Zwraca uwagę na przywiązanie młodzieńczego serca do bogactw: do własnych uczynków i do majątku. Człowiek odchodzi zasmucony. Nie potrafi tego wszystkiego opuścić dla Jezusa. Dotychczas w życiu pozyskiwał, więc nie umie tracić. Jego serce jest zranione przywiązaniem. Trzymając się jednak własnych posiadłości — młodzieniec traci bardzo wiele. Nie pójdzie za Jezusem i nie doświadczy miłości Mistrza w Wieczniku i Jego pokory na krzyżu. Nie będzie świadkiem zmartwychwstania i nie pozna mocy Ducha Świętego. Nie odda swego życia jak Jezus — dla Boga i braci. W konsekwencji nie pozna wolności i radości dziecka Bożego. Może pozostanie na zawsze smutny...

Kiedyś do św. Teresy od Dzieciątka Jezus przyszła nowicjuszka i spytała: „Co mam zyskać, by bardziej podobać się Jezusowi?”. Święta odpowiedziała: „Żle postawione pytanie, spytaj, co masz jeszcze dla Jezusa stracić...”. Bogactwo nie jest przeszkodą jedynie wówczas, gdy w całości zaczyna służyć potrzebującym. (ks. Jan Miczyński)

WY POMINKI: 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.



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