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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator,

*In this season of gratitude and abundance, we give You
thanks for our many blessings as we pray for all
who struggle with hunger and want.*

Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

*And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one*

another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen

THANKSGIVING

Every year, the Thanksgiving holiday gives Canadians an opportunity to give thanks to God for all His blessings.



Even though this observance was originally celebrated to give thanks for a bountiful harvest by the first generations of European settlers in Canada, we can all take advantage of the occasion to express our gratitude for everything good we enjoy in this land including our families, friends, neighbours and parishioners, and our country in which people from all over the world have come to start a new life in freedom and peace. Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people. Thanksgiving is one of the annual observances designated by the Bishops of Canada as special

Days of Prayer. Please note that Mass on Monday, October 14 will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

LIFE CHAIN



A good number of people joined in the local Life Chain at the intersection of Danforth and Victoria Park Avenues last Sunday, mostly parishioners of St. Dunstan's and other local parishes. Thousands across North America witnessed to their conviction that human life is sacred and deserves protection from conception to natural death. Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who demonstrated their support for the right to life of the unborn and stood up for the culture of life.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is traditionally observed as the Month of the Rosary, a centuries-old devotion recommended by countless saints and numerous pontiffs. In 1889, Pope Leo XIII directed that the following prayer to Saint Joseph should be recited after the Rosary during the month of October:

To you, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction; and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. By that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, and by the fatherly love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, look down, we beseech you, with gracious eye on the precious inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased with His blood, and help us in our necessities by your power and aid. Protect, O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, the elect children of Jesus Christ; ward off from us, O most loving Father, all blight of error and corruption; aid us from on high, O most valiant Defender, in our struggle with the powers of darkness; and, even as of old you rescued the Child Jesus from the greatest peril of His life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield also each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain everlasting happiness in heaven.



Amen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Registration forms for First Holy Communion were distributed to eligible children in Grade 2 and up in St. Dunstan's School this past week. Forms are available this weekend at the Information Desk for children in other schools. Enrolment for the children and a meeting for parents will be held **Sunday, October 27 following the 12:00 noon Mass.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 20

At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions. The collection is organized by the Pontifical Missions Society. The funds collected assist some 1,250 mission dioceses under the responsibility of the of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. As agreed by the Holy See and the Bishops of Canada, a portion of the Canadian contributions to this collection will assist six dioceses in Northern Canada which for many years had also been under the jurisdiction of the Congregation.



ALTAR SERVERS

Students who have made their First Communion who would like to be altar servers are invited to register for training to begin next month. Application forms are available at the Information Desk.

RENEW YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

RENEW Toronto, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Youth, is the largest gathering of young adults from Toronto and beyond. Catholic young adults aged 19-39 are invited to gather at Canada Event Centre in Whitby on **Saturday, November 23** to deepen their faith through keynote presentations, breakout sessions, praise & worship, Mass, confession, Eucharistic adoration and fellowship. Register now, using the QR code on the poster on the bulletin board. Last day to register November 4. For more information visit www.renewtoronto.org or email youth@archtoronto.org.

FREE WEBINAR ESTATE PLANNING

Saturday, October 19 at 9:00 a.m. presented by the Archdiocese of Toronto and Catholic Cemeteries Estate Planning Team. Learn how to avoid problems: in your will, with 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. Register by scanning the QR code on the bulletin board, 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.



Masses For The Week

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| Monday | 14 October | <i>Thanksgiving</i> |
| 10:00 a.m. | Mass for Thanksgiving Day
Richard Vaz, & deceased members of the Vaz Family
Req. by Family | |
| Tuesday | 15 October | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Saint Teresa of Jesus, virgin & doctor
Protection of Unborn Children
Req. by Masses for Life Project | |
| Wednesday | 16 October | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Saint Marguerite d’Youville, religious
Richard Vaz & deceased members of the Vaz Family
Req. by Family | |
| Thursday | 17 October | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr
The repose of Ricardo Diaz Samayoa
Req. by his granddaughter | |
| Friday | 18 October | |
| 12:10 noon | <i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i>
SAINT LUKE, evangelist
In Thanksgiving
Req. by Edna & Dennis Solancho | |
| Saturday | 19 October | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Our Lady’s Saturday
The repose of Vivian Ahern
Req. by Family | |
| | | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| 5:00 p.m. | World Mission Sunday
The repose of Juliana Estrada
Req. by Marina Estrada | |
| Sunday | 20 October | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Intentions of All Parishioners | |
| 12:00 noon | The repose of Francis & Marianna Gonsalves
Req. by Loretta & Michael D’Souza | |



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