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Give thanks
to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 11, 2015

"Give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven"

What gives hope and satisfaction to our desire for happiness and security? A young man who had the best the world could offer - wealth and security - came to Jesus because he lacked one thing. He wanted the kind of lasting peace and happiness which money could not buy him. The answer he got, however, was not what he was looking for. He protested that he kept all the commandments; but Jesus spoke to the trouble in his heart. One thing kept him from giving himself whole-heartedly to God. While he lacked nothing in material goods, he was nonetheless possessive of what he had. He placed his hope and security in what he possessed. So when Jesus challenged him to make God his one true possession and treasure, he became dismayed.

The greatest joy possible

Why does Jesus tell his disciples to "sell all" for the treasure of his kingdom? *Treasure* has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. The Lord himself is the greatest treasure we can have. Giving up everything else to have the Lord as our treasure is not sorrowful, but the greatest joy. [See Jesus' parable about the treasure hidden in a field in [Matthew 13:44](#).] Selling all that we have could mean many different things - letting go of attachments, friendships, influences, jobs, entertainments, styles of life - really anything that might stand in the way of our loving God first and foremost in our lives and giving him the best we can with our time, resources, gifts, and service.

We lose what we keep - we gain what we give away

The scriptures give us a paradox: we lose what we keep and we gain what we give away. Generosity will be amply repaid, both in this life and in eternity (Proverbs 3:9-10, Luke 6:38). Jesus offers us an incomparable treasure which no money can buy and no thief can steal. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. Material wealth will shackle us to this earth unless we guard our hearts and set our treasure on God and his everlasting kingdom. Where is your treasure?

"Lord Jesus, you have captured our hearts and opened to us the treasures of heaven. May you always be my treasure and delight and may nothing else keep me from giving you my all."



FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN **WE HAVE ACHIEVED OUR CAMPAIGN GOAL!**

Parish Goal	Total pledged	Parish Share
\$670,000	\$674,373	\$170,779

Building upon the generosity of Parishioners leading up to a very successful Commitment Weekend; St. Francis of Assisi Parish has achieved its Family of Faith Campaign goal of \$670,000. The generosity of our Parishioners has again been demonstrated!

If you have not yet made a pledge there is still time to do so. If you need assistance please contact the parish office. Remember that because we have exceeded our Campaign Goal we will keep at St. Francis of Assisi Parish 75 cents of every dollar pledged from now on. Completed pledge forms may be dropped off at the parish office, placed in the collection basket or left in the Sacristy after Mass.

On behalf of the Parish, and all the volunteers who have helped with the Family of Faith Campaign, thank you for your prayers and support of this historic effort!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parents and young people in Grade 8 and up who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation: **Next Saturday, October 17, is the last opportunity to attend a parent/candidate information and registration meeting. We will meet in the parish hall at 10:00 a.m.**

Grade 7 students will receive information about the Sacrament of Confirmation in January 2016.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

Thanksgiving Day

S.I. Deacon Don Roberts

S.I. Neil Shevlen

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 8:00 A.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 7:00 P.M.

INTENTION AVAILABLE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT 8:00 A.M.

St. Theresa of Jesus

+ Caroline Keefe

+ Nobby Wirkowski

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 7:00 P.M.

St. Marguerite D'Youville

INTENTION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT 5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass for 29TH Sunday In Ordinary Time

S.I. Fred Cabri + Jim Fleming + Cecilia Dizon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18: 29TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. + Pauline Prunka

9:30 a.m. S.I. Parish Community

11:00 a.m. + Josephine Halfman

+ Rita DeSilva

+ Mary Fitzgerald Forsyth

12:30 p.m. + Ignacio Uy Tan

+ Rizal Tan

+ Jenciano Tan

Please call the parish office, 905-822-8132, Ext. 3, to arrange a Mass Intention.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS OUR LADY OF PEACE COUNCIL

THANK YOU! The Knights of Columbus thank our Parishioners for supporting the Roses for Life Campaign last weekend. The amount raised for Birth Right Mississauga was \$533.00.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE There will be an opportunity to speak to the Knights of Columbus after all Masses on the weekend of October 31/November 1 about the work of the Knights and to consider joining this fraternal Catholic organization.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY October 17 & 18, 2015

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. Special donation envelopes are in the bulletin this weekend for your convenience.

CLUB 55 EVENT

Carmen's Dinner Theatre to see "The Wonderful World of Christmas" on Thursday, December 3. Leaving: 10:30 a.m. Returning: 4:30 p.m. **Cost: Members \$61. Non-Member: \$66.** Details on bulletin board. Deadline: **October 18th.**

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot next weekend, October 17 & 18, to accept your donations of good used clothing and leather shoes. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteers are needed for the church gardens. We meet Saturday mornings, but there is work that can be done to suit your schedule. All are welcome: men, women and students. For students, this is a good way to meet volunteer hour's requirements for school. Call Dolores Wielgus at 905-822-5297.

CARMEL HEIGHTS GARAGE SALE

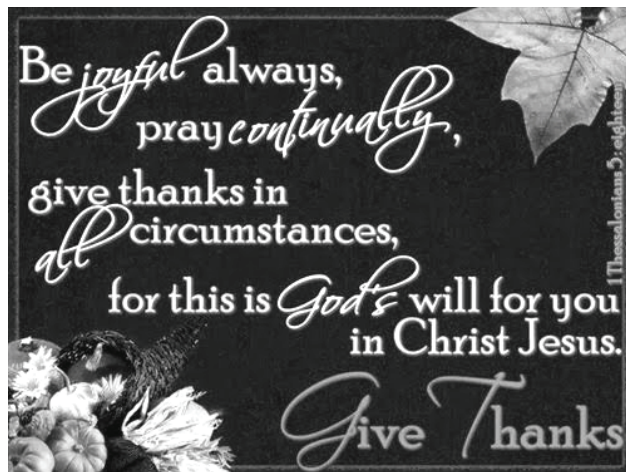
1720 Sherwood Forrest Circle, Mississauga

Garage sale – Friday, October 16: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 17: 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"PROJECT HOPE"

This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: www.archtoronto.org or call (416) 934-3411. You may also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827.



SECOND ANNUAL CANADIAN AFRICAN AWARENESS AND CHARITY DINNER

"Building on the Assets of the African Women"

This fundraising event will take place on Saturday, November 7th, 2015 at Mississauga Valley Community Centre at 6:00 p.m. Special guest speaker is **Sr. Rosemary Nyirumbe** from Uganda. Sr. Rosemary has been described as Africa's Mother Teresa. Visit the event page on the website for more information: <http://www.canadiansamaritansforafrica.org>

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