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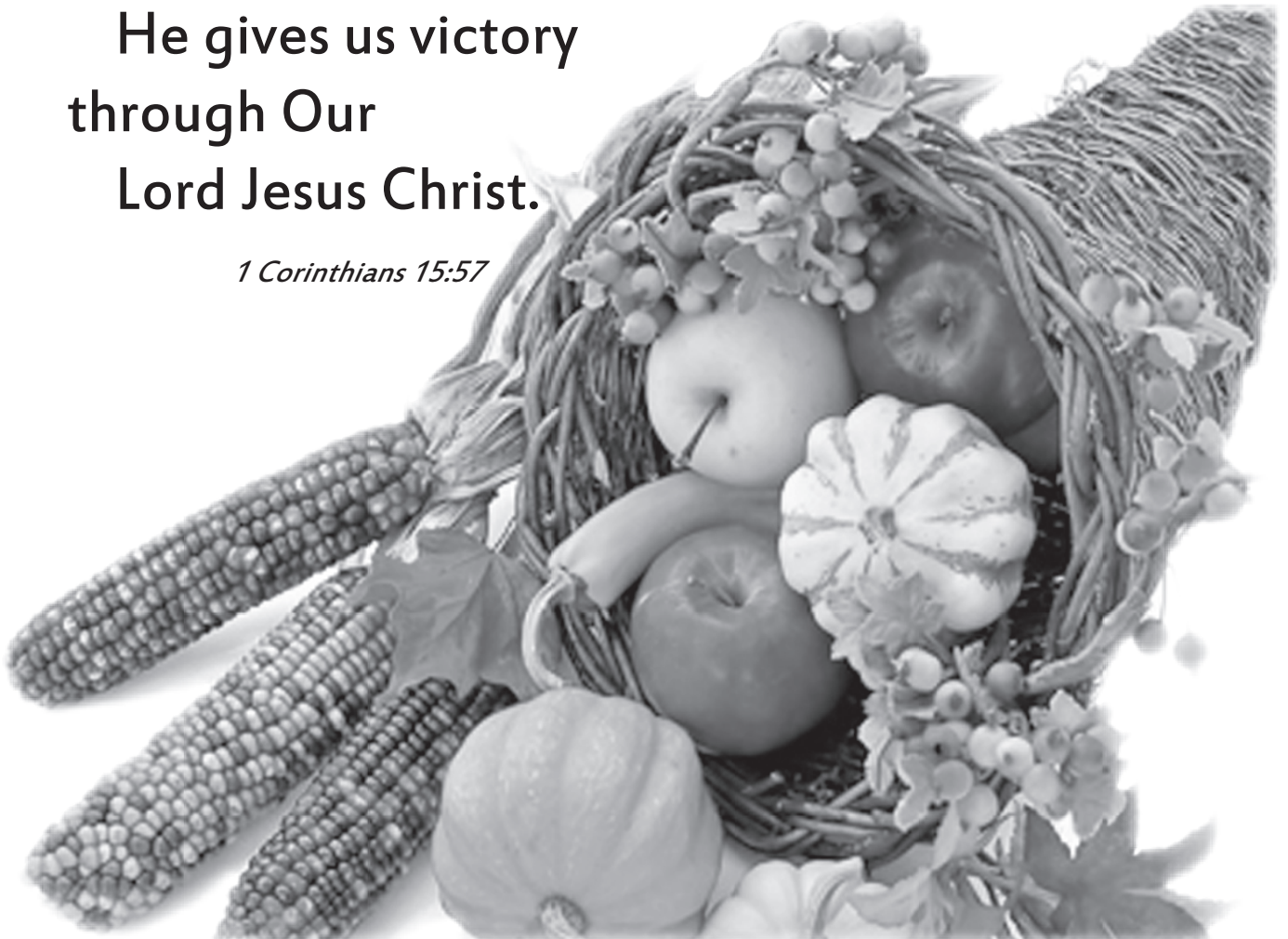
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Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God!

He gives us victory
through Our
Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 8, 2017

"The kingdom taken from the unrepentant"

What can a parable about the mismanagement of a vineyard tell us about the kingdom of God? Jesus' audience could easily identify with the story about an absentee landlord and his not-so-good tenants. The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards and it was quite common for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it because they could make a lot of money easily by collecting high rent from their tenants. Their wealthy status allowed them to travel and own houses in other places.

Jesus' story, however, was unsettling to some of his audience. Why did the scribes and Pharisees in particular feel offended? Jesus' parable contained both a prophetic message and a warning to the religious community and its leaders. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Isaiah warned his people that their unfaithfulness would yield bad fruit if they did not repent and change. Jesus' listeners would likely understand this parable as a healthy reminder that God will in due time, root out bad fruit and put an end to rebellion.

What does Jesus' parable tell us about God and the way he deals with his people? First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgement and justice prevail in the end.

Jesus foretold both his death and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected by his own people and be killed, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory – the glory of resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father. The Lord continues to bless his people today with the gift of his kingdom. And he promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and remain faithful to him (see John 15:1-11). He entrusts each of us with his gifts and grace and he gives each of us a particular job to do in his vineyard – the body of Christ. He promises that our labour, especially what we do for him, will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end (see Corinthians 15:58). We can expect trials and difficulties as we labour for the Lord, and even persecution from those who oppose God's kingdom. But in the end we will triumph. Do you labour for the Lord with joyful hope and confidence in his victory?

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents who would like their child to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are invited to call the office at St. Francis of Assisi Church at 905-822-8132 and register for an information session. Please note that registration for these sacraments closes on October 16, 2017.

ROSES FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Council #8668 would like to thank all parishioners who supported the Roses for Life campaign. Through your generosity, a cheque for \$1300.00 will be presented to Birthright Mississauga.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be attending a mandatory Symposium for Priests from October 23 - 27, and therefore Holy Mass will not be celebrated here at St. Francis of Assisi on those days.

DON'T FORGET

If you have a change of address or telephone number, please call the Office at 905-822-8132.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 – 8:00 A.M.

+ Xavier Mario Rutherford

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Zdenek Becka

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Jim Flemming

+ Maria Stubits

+ John Hennessy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

10:00 A.M. + Maria Stubits

+ Caroline Keefe

12:00 Noon *Intention Available*

SPEAK UP! CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

As the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment approaches, we want to hear from you! Faith Connections and the Office of Catholic Youth will be hosting Live Listening Sessions with the Toronto Bishops. Young people 16-29 will have the opportunity to respond to Pope Francis' questions in preparation for the Synod! Your voice is important! Meeting is being held on October 11 at St. Christopher Parish, 1171 Clarkson Rd. N., Mississauga at 7:00 p.m. For more info go to bit.ly/synodspeakup.

WOMEN AT THE HEART OF PEACE

Did you know that peace agreements are 35% more likely to hold for at least 15 years when women help draft them? Come learn about the new Development and Peace campaign: Women at the Heart of Peace Sat. Oct. 14th, 9am-12:30pm St. Dominic's Parish 625 Atwater Ave., Mississauga In a world increasingly threatened by war, it is time to find new ways of creating peace. Women are a key part of the solution. Come learn why and what you can do at this Free Workshop! RSVP: Anne Brisbois-Abbott anne.brisbois.abbott@hotmail.com



40 Days for Life

From September 27 through November 5, you're invited to join others in a peaceful daily prayer vigil asking for God's protection of all human life. Vigil runs daily from 8:00am to 8:00 pm for 40 days at the public right-of-way outside Mississauga Women's Clinic 101 Queensway (at Confederation). Our parish has been asked to adopt November 1, 2017 to pray at the vigil site. If you cannot be there on that day please sign up on line or www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga or miss40days@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OUR LADY OF PEACE COUNCIL #8668 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

There will be an opportunity to speak to the Knights of Columbus after all Masses on the weekend of October 21 and 22 about the work of the Knights and to consider joining this fraternal Catholic organization.

COME & SEE WEEKEND

St. Augustine's Seminary is hosting a "Come & See Weekend" for men 17 years and older from Friday, November 3 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, November 5 at 1:30 p.m. This weekend offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. For more information, please 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org.

CARMEL HEIGHTS BIG CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Head over to Carmel Heights Seniors Residence for their Christmas Bazaar on Thursday Oct. 19 and Friday October 20 from 3-7 and Saturday Oct, 21 from 9-2. You'll find Christmas trees and decorations, toys, jewellery, collectables and furniture. On Saturday there will be baked goods. They are located at 1720 Sherwood Forest Circle, Mississauga.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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