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

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Cultivating God's Vineyard

Dear brothers and sisters, grapes and vineyards are two things we often encounter in the Holy Scriptures. In the Old Testament, God promised the people of Israel a land that is rich and fertile, often depicted as a land abundant with grapes (Deuteronomy 6:11; 8:8). Even in today's First Reading, we also hear a song about a vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Because it was so common among the people of Israel, in today's Gospel, Jesus also uses a parable about a vineyard in His conversation with the chief priests and the elders of the people. He uses this parable to criticize the stubbornness of their hearts, as despite their knowledge of God's Word, they fail to produce good fruit.

The landowner in this passage is God Himself. God entrusted the vineyard (the people of Israel) to the chief priests and the elders of the people (depicted as the tenants) so that they could live according to God's Word and bear abundant fruit. However, they couldn't fulfill this duty properly. Instead, they killed the messengers of God (the prophets of the Old Testament) who struggled to proclaim the truth. Not only that, but they also even killed the Son of the vineyard owner Himself, Jesus Christ. Their stubbornness of heart distanced them from God's plan of salvation.

Beloved brothers and sisters, today's Gospel reminds us of our responsibility to care for the vineyard (the Church) entrusted to us. The duty to care for the Church is not solely the responsibility of bishops and clergy. It is our collective responsibility, as sons and daughters of God united through the same baptism. Amid an increasingly secular society, our responsibility as labourers in God's vineyard grows larger. We are challenged to care for the vineyard, starting with simple acts, such as within our own families. For example, by encouraging family members to attend Mass, actively participating in church activities and fostering a habit of prayer within the family.

Therefore, the grace of God's salvation is drawing nearer in our lives. So, our reflection today is, "Have I done something to cultivate God's 'vineyard'? What can I do to care for God's 'vineyard' within my family?"

Bro. Henry Suharyono, SCJ

Mass Intentions for October 7 - 14, 2023

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Edward, Rose Mary & Bellarmine Rodrigues & Robert De Souza, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Raffaele, Sebastiana & Maria Privitera & Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, requested by the Privitera family
	10:00 a.m.	+Nora Respall, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Yvonne Rampersaud, requested by S. McDoom
Monday	9:00 a.m.	+Agostinho Teixeira, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of B. J. Delahaye
	7:00 p.m.	+Ola Olatunji, requested by J. Arulnathan
		+Khalil McDoom, requested by S. McDoom
		In thanksgiving, Rosario Mosqueda
		In thanksgiving, the D'Almeida family
		+Joel Valention, requested by the Layos family
+Tony Santino, requested by the D'Mello family		
		Intentions of Milly Gonsalves
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Shihan De Silva, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Carlito Natividad, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Al Gregorio
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Trisha & Colin Bashford
		Intentions of Anna Whittle
		Intentions of Sharon Champagne
		+Mary Lavrisa, requested by the Torres family
+Morris Agustin, requested by the Gonsalves family		
		Intentions of Klarissa D'Mello
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Rizalina Abad
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, the D'Mello family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Klarissa D'Mello

Thanksgiving Day

Monday, October 9, 2023



We would like to remind you that Mass on Mon., Oct. 9 will be at 9:00 a.m. only and the parish office will be closed that day for the holiday.

Thankful Moments



The Meal: We can't help but give thanks around a dining room table traditionally filled with delicious food.

The Prayer: At some point in the day, someone is asked to say grace. It is in these words lifted up to God for His goodness to us that we lift up our hearts to Him for listening to our many prayers and answering them according to His will.

The People: We see the people sitting around us at our tables and we marvel at the richness of their friendships and family ties bring to us.

The Stories: We always have stories to share of Thanksgivings past. We rejoice at the memories we have as family.

The Laughter: Someone always has a joke that makes us laugh. We are grateful for the joy such laughter brings.

The Traveling: Time in the car for the trip can often bring about conversations that highlight the things that mean the most to us.

World Mission Sunday

Sunday, October 22, 2023



The universal collection for World Mission Sunday is unique: its fruits are distributed worldwide, according to the needs of the

poorest dioceses. The collection provides each bishop the means for the formation of catechists, priestly vocations and consecrated life, education, health care, etc. It also aids in supporting the permanent effort of the Church to go and proclaim the Gospel to all nations. Thank you for your support in this important work.

Sacramental Prep News

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Registration is now open at the parish office.

CONFIRMATION

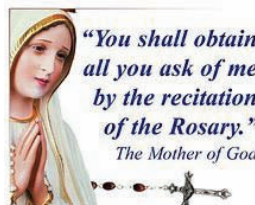
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R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Registration is now open at the parish office.

Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 14 at 12 noon



Please join in the Rosary Prayer for Canada on Sat., Oct. 14 at 12 noon which will be held at St. Martin de Porres Church (4179 Lawrence Ave. E.). This

Rosary Rally will also take place across Canada on the same day. For information, contact Martin at 289-314-4477.

Prayers Needed for the Sick


We are praying for the sick of our parish: Kendrick Mohammed, Austin Rosario, Martel Gordon-Tennant, Enza Savatti, Claire Alles, Josephine and Navene Habr, Jill Downs, Ana Lisa Patena, Theresa Tomaschek Sr., Sharmi Basnayaha, Conrad and Bertha Rodrigues. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians


Weekend of October 14 and 15 at all Masses

We welcome a guest representing the Handicraft Holy Land Christians on the weekend of Oct. 14 and 15 to address the congregation after all Masses. Issues regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land will be presented. They ask for support through your prayers. They also have religious articles for purchase which are handmade from olive wood which help them to earn a living. Please see their website for more information at: www.holylandchristians.ca.

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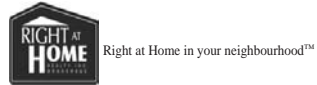
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