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# Let us be thankful ...

Let us be thankful for the blessings we receive.

Let us be thoughtful of others.

Let us remember dear and close friends.

Let us have faith in tomorrow.

Let us live life as a Golden Rule.

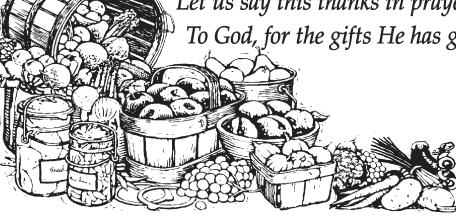
Let us find sunlight through the clouds.

Let us believe.

Let us be the people we have the ability to be.

Let us have understanding.

Let us say this thanks in prayer To God, for the gifts He has given.





Beloved Parishioners,

For centuries, holy men and women have praised God in thanksgiving, as is evidenced throughout the Bible and in the writings of the saints. Saint Ambrose said that no duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.

On Monday we celebrate Thanksgiving. Even though Thanksgiving is not a liturgical holiday, let's remember to find ways to show our gratitude to God - not only for the significant blessings in our lives, but for the little things as well. As G. K. Chesterton said, "You say grace before meals. All right ... But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink."

As you gather around the Thanksgiving table, I hope that your family takes a moment to reflect upon what you are especially grateful for in your lives. As your Pastor, I am thankful for your commitment to discipleship which includes your presence, prayers and support of our St. Mary Immaculate parish family.

May you and your family have a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving holiday filled with many blessings from our Heavenly Father!

Praying for You!

Fr. Pawel

#### THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, October 8 – Thanksgiving Day.

**Tuesday**, **October 9** – Memorial – St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs. St. John Leonardi, Priest.

Thursday, October 11 – Memorial – St. John XXIII, Pope.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF MARY AND THE HOLY ROSARY: Let us pray through the Virgin Mary to help us to cultivate a habit of prayer through the daily recitation of the Rosary.

- Daily (Monday-Friday) after the 8:00 am Mass.
- Every Saturday after 8:30 am Mass.
- Every Wednesday 5:30–6:30 pm.
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup>-Children's Rosary after 5:00 pm Mass.

Please come and join us.

<u>PARISH OFFICE</u> will be closed **Monday**, October 8<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION There will be a second collection next weekend, October 13-14 for the parish maintenance and building fund. Your contributions are needed for the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

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<u>FORMED</u> REGISTER NOW! Go to <u>www.stmary.formed.org</u> and use Parish code **DWMDQ7** 

<u>CALLING ALL VENDORS</u> to join our **CWL Annual Tea**, **Poinsettia & Craft Sale** on Saturday, November 24, 2018 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Cost of a Vendor Table is \$35. Register and reserve your table at the Parish Office. Deadline for Registration is **November 10, 2018**.

**LEGION OF MARY:** Please join us **Monday evenings 7:00pm—8:30pm** in the Padre Pio Room for our meetings to learn more about our ministry and membership in the Legion of Mary. For more information, email legionofmary.smirh@gmail.com. All are welcome! **SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children in Grades 1 through 6. Classes are from **8:45 to 10:30 a.m.** in the Church Hall. Any inquiries please send an email to Elizabeth Follows

at <a href="mailto:smirhsundayschool@gmail.com">smirhsundayschool@gmail.com</a> or call/text to 416-577-9521.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY to teach children the Word of the Lord, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults and high school youth. If interested, contact the parish office at <a href="mailto:office@smirh.com">office@smirh.com</a> or 905-884-1784.

A MONTESSORI BASED CATECHISM for children 3-6yrs old. Note change in date: every other Sunday from 9am-10:30am. Check out our beautifully prepared ATRIUM in the NW corner of our parish hall. You will see specially prepared materials and child sized furniture including a mini altar-- uniquely suited to help teach about our faith and our liturgy. Sessions begin Sunday, October 14th. This is ideal for families who have older siblings attending Sunday School, but is open to all our young children. Call Anita at 905.508.9275 for more info or for a tour of our Atrium!

MEN'S GROUP - THAT MAN IS YOU! Saturday mornings 7:00 am in the Parish hall. That Man is You! combines Scripture, solid secular research and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. For those who have filled out a registration card kindly deposit them in the box provided in the Church foyer. Information pamphlets and registration cards are available at all the entrances to the Church.

CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held Tuesday, October 9, 2018 beginning with the Holy Rosary at 6:30 pm. All Parishioners are invited to join us in the Church Hall at 7:15 pm for a presentation by Fr. Anthony Anh, who will speak on the Indigenous People in Newfoundland and Labrador. Members are encouraged to attend, and we welcome all ladies interested in learning more about CWL Membership.

<u>PAST RCIA "GRADUATES"</u> have expressed a strong interest in meeting on a regular basis. Their desire is to continue the friendships that were formed and to nourish the commitments of this new faith. If you are a past RCIA member in our parish and wish to "come and see," please meet, **Thursday**, **October 11**, **7:30 pm**, **Fr. Kolbe Room (North side staircase)**.

<u>CWL ORIENTATION</u> will take place on <u>Saturday, October 13</u> <u>between 10:00 am and 11:30 am</u> in the Fr. Kolbe Room. All new Members and anyone wishing to have a CWL Refresher are invited. <u>CHILDREN'S ROSARY:</u> October is the month of Mary and the Holy Rosary. We invite all children to pray the Rosary together after the <u>Saturday 5:00 pm Mass on October 13<sup>th</sup></u>. Everyone is invited. <u>RENEW TORONTO</u> is a conference for all Young Adults aged 19-39. It is an opportunity to grow in faith alongside like-minded people in a similar stage of life. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, young couples and families, men and women! The conference is on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 13<sup>th</sup></u> at Isabel Bader Theatre on the University of Toronto Campus, downtown Toronto. Childcare options will be available. Please check out the Office of Catholic Youth website for more details.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR: Come and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic Teaching and traditions around Cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney

- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funerals

An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost. Refreshments will be provided.

Saturday, October 13th, 2018 at 9:00am

**Location:** Christ the King Catholic Cemetery (7770 Steeles

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<u>SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:</u> Children attending a public or private school or a Catholic school outside our Parish boundary and would like to receive the Sacrament at our Parish are asked to pick up a registration form at the parish office. Registration will be **Sunday, October 14**<sup>th</sup> and **Sunday, October 21**<sup>st</sup> after the 12:30 pm Mass in the Parish hall.

<u>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:</u> Children attending a public or private school or a Catholic school outside our Parish boundary and would like to receive the Sacrament at our Parish are asked to pick up a registration form at the parish office. Registration will be **Sunday**, **October 14**<sup>th</sup> and **Sunday**, **October 21**<sup>st</sup> after the 12:30 pm Mass in the Parish hall.

**LOVE HENRI: LETTERS ON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE**: Professor and Pastor, the late Rev Fr. Henri Nouwen is one of the most popular and influential spiritual writers of the late twentieth century. Henri Nouwen touched millions through his books, lectures, workshops, and personal letters written to those who wrote him seeking encouragement and spiritual direction. Henri Nouwen Society present a music-accompanied live reading of Nouwen's letters from *Love*, *Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life* **October 17, 2018 7:30 – 9:00 pm.** For ticket information call 1-866-226-2158 or visit www.henrinouwen.org.

# SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER COAT DRIVE – FRIDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> ONLY

Once again, the York Region conferences of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Society are organizing a <u>Winter Coat Drive</u> to assist our Neighbours in Need. We hope that you can help us out by looking through your closets and donating any coats that are no longer needed by you or your family members. We need coats in good condition for men, women and children...all sizes! You may bring the coats to the <u>parish hall on October 19<sup>th</sup></u> in the afternoon or evening. <u>Please note that we cannot accept any coats after October 19<sup>th</sup>.</u> Thank you for your ongoing support of the work of Saint Vincent de Paul in our community

<u>CWL RELIGIOUS STORE</u> will be open in the Church foyer after all Masses the weekend of **October 20 and 21**.

BUNDLE-UP COLLECTION WEEK-END The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, linens and household goods to support our neighbours in need and our residential programs the weekend of Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>. A Saint Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot on those dates so please share what you can with those less fortunate. We will distribute or sell these donated items to support our outreach efforts to the poor throughout the GTA. Please be aware, NO BABY FURNITURE, NO REGULAR FURNITURE OF ANY KIND, NO MATTRESSES, NO BOOKS, NO DISHES, NO ELECTRONICS and NO BICYCLES will be accepted. The container will be open all day Saturday and all day Sunday. When placing your donation in the container please try to stack all items as far back as possible so that we can use all the container space. Thank you for your support.

#### 7 ottobre 2018 - 27a del tempo ordinario

"Ascoltino i ricchi, se tuttavia qui ce ne sono; ascoltino l'Apostolo: Raccomanda ai ricchi di questo mondo -poiché ci sono i ricchi dell'altro mondo: i poveri sono i ricchi dell'altro mondo, i ricchi dell'altro mondo sono gli Apostoli, i quali dicevano: Rassomigliamo a gente che non ha nulla eppure possiede tutto (2Cor 6,10). Perché sappiate di quali ricchi egli parla, aggiunge di questo mondo. Ascoltino dunque l'Apostolo i ricchi di

questo mondo: Ai ricchi di questo mondo raccomanda di non essere superbi. Il primo tarlo roditore della ricchezza è la superbia. È un tarlo dannoso, rode ogni cosa e manda tutto in rovina. Raccomanda quindi loro di non essere superbi e di non riporre la loro speranza nella ricchezza insicura perché uno, per caso, non si addormenti ricco e si alzi povero. Raccomanda di non riporre la speranza nelle ricchezze insicure -sono parole dell'Apostolo- ma nel Dio vivente. Il ladro ti potrà portar via l'oro ma chi potrà toglierti Dio? Che cosa ha un ricco, se non ha Dio? Che cosa non ha il povero, se possiede Dio? [Raccomanda di] non riporre la speranza nella ricchezza ma nel Dio vivente, il quale ci dà tutto in abbondanza, perché ne possiamo godere (1Tm 6,17), e con tutto il resto dà anche se stesso (Agostino, Discorso 85, 2-3)."

"I discepoli ... mentre erano fiduciosi di salvarsi perché non possedevano ricchezze; allorché si resero conto che non avevano ancora deposto perfettamente le passioni (da poco infatti erano suoi discepoli e da poco erano stati chiamati dal Signore), grandemente si spaventarono e disperarono di se stessi non meno di quel giovane ricchissimo e follemente attaccato ai suoi averi, che appunto preferiva alla vita eterna.(...) Ma il Signore risponde che *ciò che per gli uomini è impossibile per Dio è possibile.* A sua volta anche questo pensiero è pieno di grande sapienza, perché se l'uomo si esercita e si affatica da solo per liberarsi dalle passioni, non ottiene nulla; ma qualora abbia chiaramente mostrato desiderio profondo di liberarsene e la sua piena applicazione per farlo, allora con l'aggiunta del potere che gli viene da Dio egli vince (Clemente di Alessandria, dal Trattato *C'è salvezza per il ricco?*, 11)."

#### <u>AVVISI</u>

- Adorazione del SS.mo Sacramento, ogni venerdi dall'1.00 alle 6.45 p.m.
- Sabato e domenica, 20 e 21 ottobre, la S. Vincenzo raccoglie vestiti, scarpe ed oggetti domestici per i poveri del vicinato. Volontari prima e dopo le S. Messe saranno disponibili per la raccolta sul camion di tali oggetti.

<u>INTENZIONI PER MESSE:</u> La pratica di offrire Messe per i nostri cari in vita o per i nostri defunti e' parte della nostra vita e tradizione Cattolica. Se volete offrire delle Messe per amici e familiari vi preghiamo di venire all'ufficio parrocchiale durante le ore di apertura.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS: If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please contact the parish office or email <a href="mailto:office@smirh.com">office@smirh.com</a>. Names will be removed after the last Sunday of each month unless renewed with the office.

Tanya Di Persio, Jan Dolezel, Sara, Nives Zucchi

MASS INTENTIONS		Oct 8 - 14
Mon. Oct 8	8:00 am	+Catherine DiTommaso
Tues. Oct 9	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Loretta Riordan
Wed. Oct 10	8:00 am	Thanksgiving for Nenita Recaido
Thur. Oct 11	8:00 am	+James Plouffe
Fri. Oct 12	8:00 am	+Frank Foch
	7:00 pm	+Members of the Naughton Family +Members of the Paxton Family +Guerino Mannella Giuseppina & Rino Carraro +James Ramsbotham & Barbara
Sat. Oct 13	8:30 am	+Giuseppe Giusti
	5:00 pm	+Christopher Bush +Flavio Viero
Sun. Oct 14	8:00 am	People of St. Mary Immaculate +Maria Zeppieri
	9:30 am	+Elena & Giuseppe Iacobelli +Aldo & Adele Berdusco +Jordan Boffo +Domenico Spota
	11:00 am	+Ken Stewart & Family
		+Rosa & Falco Caione
	4:30 pm	+Bahaa Youssef

<u>SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS</u> are available to offer for loved ones for a one week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, come by the Parish office during office hours.



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