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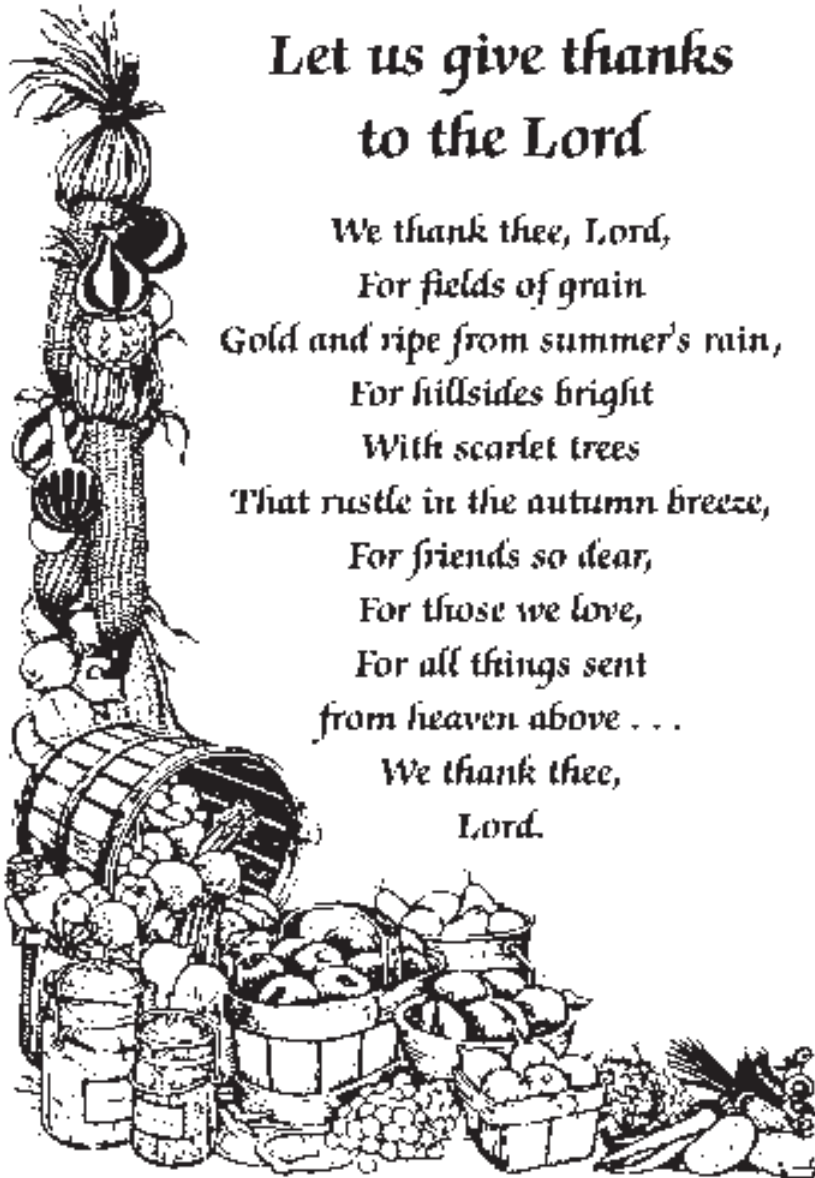
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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,
For fields of grain
Gold and ripe from summer's rain,
For hillsides bright
With scarlet trees
That rustle in the autumn breeze,
For friends so dear,
For those we love,
For all things sent
from heaven above . . .
We thank thee,
Lord.



Dear brothers and sisters, this Sunday's Gospel presents Jesus healing 10 lepers, of whom only one, a Samaritan and therefore a foreigner, returned to thank Him (cf. *Lk 17: 11-19*). The Lord said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well" (*Lk 17: 19*). This Gospel passage invites us to a twofold reflection. It first evokes two levels of healing: one, more superficial, concerns the body. The other deeper level touches the innermost depths of the person, what the Bible calls "the heart", and from there spreads to the whole of a person's life. Complete and radical healing is "salvation". By making a distinction between "health" and "salvation", even ordinary language helps us to understand that salvation is far more than health: indeed, it is new, full and definitive life. Furthermore, Jesus here, as in other circumstances, says the words: "Your faith has made you whole". It is faith that saves human beings, re-establishing them in their profound relationship with God, themselves and others; and faith is expressed in gratitude. Those who, like the healed Samaritan, know how to say "thank you", show that they do not consider everything as their due but as a gift that comes ultimately from God, even when it arrives through men and women or through nature. Faith thus entails the opening of the person to the Lord's grace; it means recognizing that everything is a gift, everything is grace. What a treasure is hidden in two small words: "thank you"!

Jesus healed 10 people sick with leprosy, a disease in those times considered a "contagious impurity" that required ritual cleansing (cf. *Lv 14: 1-37*). Indeed, the "leprosy" that truly disfigures the human being and society is sin; it is pride and selfishness that spawn indifference, hatred and violence in the human soul. No one, save God who is Love, can heal this leprosy of the spirit which scars the face of humanity. By opening his heart to God, the person who converts is inwardly healed from evil.

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (*Mk 1: 15*). Jesus began His public life with this invitation that continues to resonate in the Church to the point that in her apparitions, the Virgin Most Holy has renewed this appeal, especially in recent times. Today, let us think in particular of Fatima, where precisely 90 years ago, from 13 May to 13 October 1917, the Virgin appeared to the three little shepherd children: Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. ... Let us ask Our Lady for the gift of true conversion for all Christians, so that they may proclaim and witness consistently and faithfully to the perennial message of the Gospel, which points out to humanity the path of authentic peace.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 14 Oct. 2007 St. Peter's Square.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:
Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

PLEASE NOTE that on Monday, Oct. 14th Holy Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. and the Parish Office is closed for the day.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 15th, St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor. St. Teresa is the great reformer of the Carmelite Order. Her works of spirituality have merited for her the title of Doctor of the Church. She died in 1582.

Wed., Oct. 16, St. Marie-Marguerite d'Youville. On December 31, 1737, St. Marguerite and three companions committed themselves to serve the needy in Montreal. A year later, they began to live together in her house also to take in the destitute. Eventually, they came to be known as the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal. At her beatification in 1959, some 8000 in six autonomous congregations looked to her as foundress.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Born in 1647 in France, St. Margaret Mary joined the Sisters of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial where she received the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through her, this devotion spread throughout the Church.

THE SACRED HEART CHAPEL on Wednesday, October 16th, at 7:00 p.m., the Feast of St., Margaret Mary Alacoque, we will bless the statues of St. Margaret Mary and St. Claude de la Colombiere, that, thanks to your generosity, grace our Sacred Heart Chapel. It was to St. Margaret Mary, a nun of the Visitation Order and to St. Claude that our Lord entrusted the propagation of the Devotion to His Most Sacred Heart. The statues were carved by André Pelletier, a sculptor from Lac-Etchemin, Quebec. May we learn from these Saints to love the Sacred Heart of Jesus more and more each day.

Thursday, Oct. 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr. St. Ignatius was a successor of St. Peter as Bishop of Antioch. He was martyred in the year 107 by being thrown to wild animals.

Friday, Oct. 18, St. Luke, Evangelist. St. Luke, born of pagan parents, converted to the Faith and became a fellow worker of the Apostle Paul. He compiled a Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. The poet Dante described Luke as "**the scribe of the gentleness of Christ.**"

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is next weekend. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church. World Mission Sunday is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities throughout the world. Since 1922, the Pontifical Missions Societies through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has supported the temporal needs of missions and created awareness of the work of missions throughout the world. Some examples of projects include: building of churches, pastoral centers, cathedrals damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, religious houses of formation, homes for the clergy, formation programs for lay missionaries, radio and television production, audio visual materials for remote mission areas as well as support of pastoral work in various rural dioceses. **Please put your donation in the World Mission Sunday envelope** and put it in with the regular collection. Thank you for your support of this important work.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT REGISTRATION NIGHTS is on Tues., Oct. 15th at 7 p.m. **Attendance is mandatory for the parents who wish to register their child to receive First Holy Communion.**

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION for Gr. 8 Children are being taken up at this time. If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Parish next year, please call the parish office to register.

CWL ANNUAL POINSETTIA TEA & CRAFT SALE Our CWL invites Vendors to join our Annual Poinsettia Tea & Craft Sale to be held on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. We encourage our parishioners and friends to reserve their tables early. Cost is \$35 per table with a deadline of November 1st for reservation and payment. Bring your home-made crafts, knitted and crocheted items, quilts, floral arrangements, Christmas decorations, ceramics, jewellery, baked goods, cookies, nuts, jams, kitchen items, religious articles, books, etc. For more info, please contact the Parish Office or Pauline at 416-988-9503.

SAVE THE DATE! ALL parishioners and friends are invited to attend our annual CWL Poinsettia Tea and Craft Sale to be held on Saturday, November 23rd, 10 am - 3 pm. Tickets are \$5 each. Please plan to come spend time together and enjoy being served tea and treats, purchase beautiful poinsettias and shop for unique Christmas gifts on sale by our local vendors.

CWL RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE will be open at the main entrance of the church following each Mass during the weekend of October 26/27. **CWL NORTH YORK REGION GENERAL MEETING** will be hosted by SMI-CWL on Monday, October 28, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. All CWL members are encouraged to attend and support this event.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF YORK REGION (CCSYR) NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEEDED CCSYR is seeking new members for its Volunteer Board of Directors. CCSYR is a not-for-profit social service agency that provides settlement & integration services to immigrants; counselling services to families, couples and individuals; and offers family life education group sessions. To explore this opportunity, please email a statement of interest & a current CV to rhickey@ccsyrg.org.

FOCOLARE MOVEMENT will be selling the "Living City Magazine" after all the masses next weekend. The aim of the Focolare Movement is to help realize Jesus' last prayer "May they all be one." Living City is an award-winning magazine with something for everyone: news of the ecumenical movement, meditations, a youth column, theology, the science department and much more. It is filled with positive ideas and uplifting examples of people living out gospel values in their homes and work environments. \$5.00 per issue.

AN ASPECT OF BEAUTY: THE MEDICAL CARE OF TERMINALLY-ILL NEWBORNS. An evening with Dr. Elvira Parravicini, Neonatologist and founder of the first neonatal hospice at Columbia University in New York on Tues., Oct. 22 at the Hart House Debates Room at 7:30 PM.(U of T). Doors open at 7 p.m.

13 ottobre 2013 - 28^a del tempo ordinario

Preghiera Evangelium Vitae

O Maria, aurora del mondo nuovo,
Madre dei viventi,
affidiamo a Te la causa della vita:
guarda, o Madre, al numero sconfinato
di bimbi cui viene impedito di nascere,
di poveri cui è reso difficile vivere,
di uomini e donne vittime di disumana violenza,
di anziani e malati uccisi dall'indifferenza
o da una presunta pietà.
Fà che quanti credono nel tuo Figlio
sappiano annunciare con franchezza e amore
agli uomini del nostro tempo il Vangelo della vita.
Ottieni loro la grazia di accoglierlo come dono
sempre nuovo,
la gioia di celebrarlo con gratitudine
in tutta la loro esistenza e il coraggio di testimoniare
con tenacia operosa, per costruire,
insieme con tutti gli uomini di buona volontà,
la civiltà della verità e dell'amore
a lode e gloria di Dio creatore e amante della vita.
Giovanni Paolo II

"Veramente rende grazie a Dio colui che, respinti i pensieri della propria presunzione, nessuna virtù attribuisce a sé e riconosce che il bene che compie è dovuto solo alla misericordia del Creatore." (S. Beda il Venerabile)

"È un martirio quello che soffro nel vedere cuori nobili e ben nati, cuori capaci di amare il bene, che non amano il Bene immutabile; che cuori grati alle creature non lo sono con Colui che li sostiene, che dona loro la vita, che li sorregge, che dà e ha dato loro tutto, fino a dare Se stesso." (S. Teresa di Gesù di Los Andes)

AVVISI

1. La S. Vincenzo de Paoli prepara la colletta di giacche, soprabiti, e cappotti usati ma in buono stato e di qualsiasi taglia per uomini, donne, e bambini da distribuire ai poveri. Vi si incoraggia ad esplorare i vostri armadi per liberarvi di tali oggetti che non vi servono più e che tanto calore potranno dare ai bisognosi. Se ne farà colletta in sala nel pomeriggio del 25 ottobre ed il giorno seguente.
2. Durante il mese di ottobre, reciteremo il S. Rosario ogni mattina alle 9 dal lunedì al venerdì nella cappella della Madonna.

LET OUR LADY BLESS YOUR HOME The Apostolate of the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be presented in our parish this weekend by the **Heralds of the Gospel**. It aims to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart for the offenses it receives from mankind in our days. If you wish to participate in this Apostolate and receive the shrine once a month in your home, please call the Heralds (905 939-0807) or the parish secretary. At Fatima Our Lady said, *"Jesus wants to establish devotion to My Immaculate Heart in the world. I promise salvation to those who embrace it"*.

MASS INTENTIONS**Oct. 13-19**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe Giusti +Nicola e Rosa Pileggo +Maria e Giovana Veltri +Vincenzo e Carolina Conetta +Pietro Sarracini +Hung Yuet Fai
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Leonor Macalino
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Pui Yin Chan
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Luz Maria Agudelo
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Deceased Family Members of Anne & Ronald Wood
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Special Intention + Mario Milano +Vincenzo Capocelli +Concetta Di Vecchia- Pasqualone +Cesare e Lodovina e famiglia +Pasquale e Rosa Tomassie e famiglia + Paul Heywood +Members of the Paxton Family
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Special Intention +Members of the Naughton Family +Libera Mastro +Renato Fonseca +Mikael Saley In Thanksgiving for blessings +Edel Quinn

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Alan & Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Caterina De Grano, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Carmela Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Terry Jennings, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Derek Lai, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Marguerite McRae, Paul Melotte, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Anthony Piechota, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Joan Scott, Margot Senbrich, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Wayne, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan, Fran Young, Ted Zygmunt,

CATHOLIC CHAPTER HOUSE PRESENTS In Search of Truth – **A Call to Conversion with Marcus Grodi** at the Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Dr., Toronto on Sat., Oct. 19th from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Info/register: www.catholicchapterhouse.com or 1-888-522-2070.

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