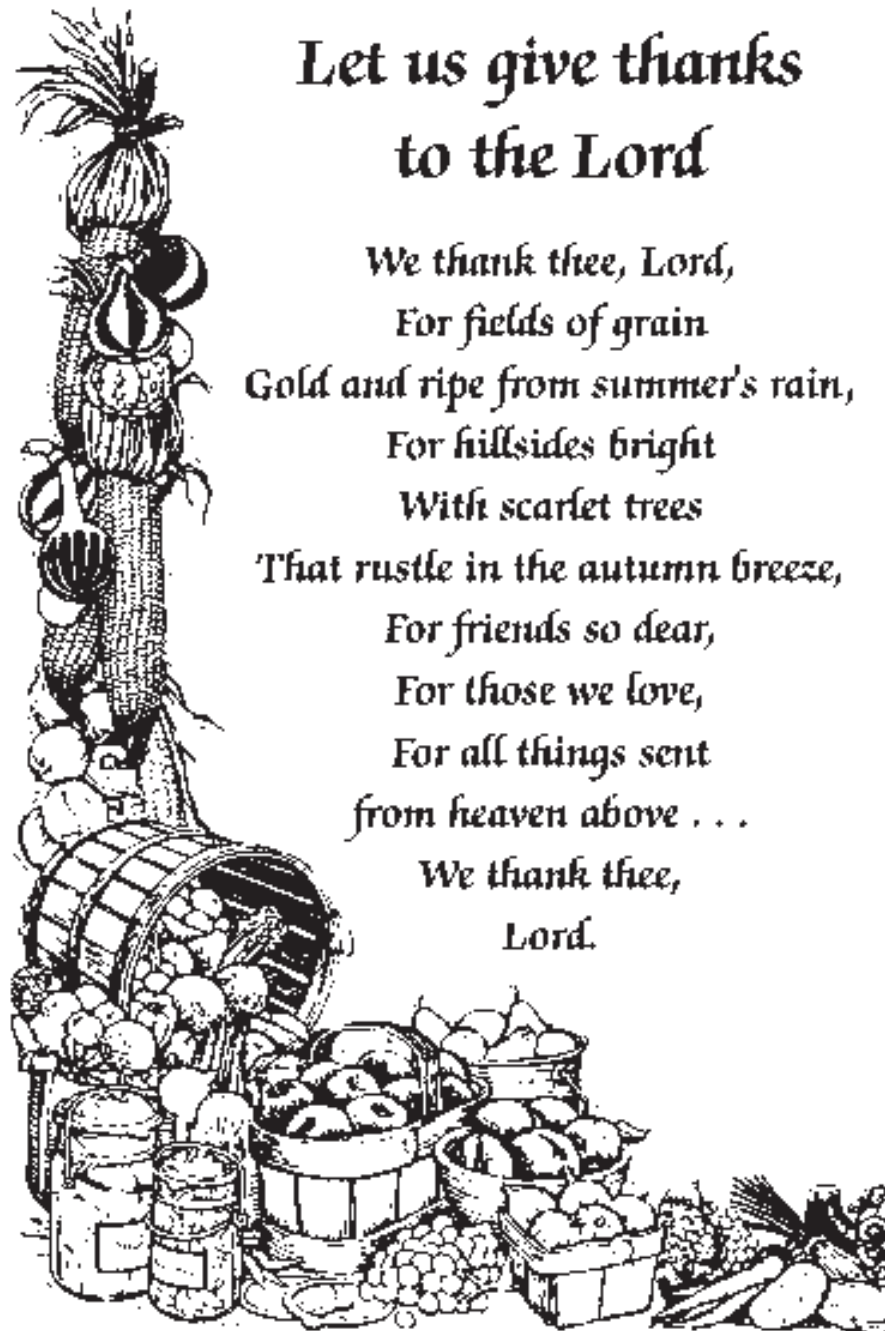


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Let us give thanks to the Lord

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.



Children's Liturgy
Children from JK to
Grade 5 are invited to
participate in the
Children's Liturgy of
the Word during our
Sunday Eucharist.

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m., and
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m., and
12:30 p.m.

MASS INTENTION

October 9 (Saturday)

5:00 PM For the Parish Community

October 10 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM Special Intention of Salvador
Collao, Jr.
11:00 AM Special Intention of Estrada
Family and Tadeo Family
12:30 PM +Rogelio Cruz, +Oscar &
Mauricia Golez

October 11 (Monday)

7:00 PM For the Parish Community

October 12 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM +Rogelio Cruz, +Efren Tarnate

October 13 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Open

October 14 (Thursday)

7:45 AM +Naty Lim, +Belen King

October 15 (Friday)

7:00 PM +Connie Eustace

October 16 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Thanksgiving for the
canonization of Blessed Andre

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Parents who wish to register their
children for Confirmation are invited to
attend an **Informational Meeting**, 4
PM, at St. Joan of Arc School on

October 17, 2010 St. Faustina School &
St. Simon Stock School

October 24, 2010 St. Bernard School,
St. Edith Stein, Public & Private
Schools, Home School.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A discussion took place among my family in Toronto on how we are going to celebrate Thanksgiving weekend. Someone suggested that we just prepare roast beef and chicken, which I vehemently objected, even threatened not to participate if we do not have at least a small turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. I do not care for turkey that much, but it is a symbol of Thanksgiving. As a priest, I am very particular with symbols. It is what makes this meal different from all the other family meals we share throughout the year. I suspect that underneath all these discussion is the unfamiliarity of many immigrant families like ourselves to the *raison d'être* of this day.

The history of Thanksgiving in Canada goes back to an English explorer, Martin Frobisher, who had been trying to find a northern passage to the Orient. He did not succeed but he did establish a settlement in Northern America. In the year 1578, he held a formal ceremony, in what is now called Newfoundland, to give thanks for surviving the long journey. This is considered the first Canadian Thanksgiving. The French settlers, who have crossed the ocean and arrived in Canada with Samuel de Champlain, also held huge feast of thanks, even sharing their food with the First Nations. During the American Revolution, the Americans who remained loyal to England moved to Canada where they brought the customs and practices of the American Thanksgiving. Parliament eventually proclaimed on January 31, 1957 that on the second Monday in October, a day of general thanksgiving to Almighty God be commemorated for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed. As immigrants to Canada, Thanksgiving Day among all the feasts we celebrate should hold a special place. Many of us have travelled a long journey to come and settle here. Canada has become our home. Those that came before us have shown us an example. We should do the same.

The Book of Blessings provides us with some prayers we might want to incorporate in our evening meal. When the family are gathered around the dinner table, the head of the family begins the sign of the Cross and exclaim: **"Let us glorify the Lord who wills us with his bounty. Blessed be God for ever."** Everyone should respond: **"Blessed be God for ever."** Then the head of the family should continue by saying the following or similar words: **"We gather this evening to give thanks to God for his gifts to this land and its people, for God has been generous to us. As we ask God's blessing upon the food we will share with one another, let us be mindful of those in need."** Then a reading from Scripture. You may want to choose from the following: Sirach 50:22-24, Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Isaiah 63:7-9, or Luke 17:11-19 followed by Psalm 138 with the appropriate response: **"I will give you thanks, O Lord, with all my heart."** After a period of silent reflection. The leader or another person at the dinner table will lead in the intercessions: **"The Son of God, who invites us to the Paschal feast, stands ready to help us. Let us call upon him in our need."** For every petition, the response will be: **"Lord, hear our prayer."** The intentions are: **1) For the Church of God, that we may never cease to give thanks for all good gifts; 2) For the poor of the world, that we may share with them our food and material goods; 3) For farmers and all those who provide us with our food, that we may cherish their labor and love for the land; 4) For the world and all it contains, that God may continue to bless creation and make all things fruitful.** The members may then be invited to offer their own petitions. Each one may want to express what they are grateful for and when everybody has offered their prayers, the leader may then conclude the prayer service with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer followed by the Prayer of Blessing: **God most provident, we join all creation in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, your Son. For generation upon generation peoples of this land have sung of your bounty; we too offer you praise for the rich harvest we have received at your hands. Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts. Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen in our pursuit of peace and justice and in our generous response to those in need. Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now, and for ever. Amen.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Relic of Mother Bakhita will visit the homes of:

Oct. 17-23 Azhar & Nakkash Ragheed & Family at the 11:00AM Mass

Oct. 24-30 Jude Angelo & Family at the 9:00AM Mass



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you or anyone you know are interested to prepare for the sacraments to become Catholic, please see Sr. Cristina or Roman Lim to register. The RCIA meetings are held at St. Peter Mission Church, on Ninth Line north of Britannia.

WALK OF HOPE 2011 PLANNING

Any parishioners who want to get involved in the planning and organizing of our parish walkathon this coming year, may contact Myra Del Rosario or Rico Tingin or Sr. Cristina. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at St. Peter's Mission Church.

Christmas Lanterns

We are selling Christmas Lanterns made out of sea shells from the Philippines. All proceeds will go to support our Building Fund

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Edith Stein School is now accepting vendors for their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at 10:00AM to 4:00PM. We will have an array of vendors including crafts, jewelry, toys, clothing, and more! What a great opportunity to display your own crafts, hobbies or small business. Please contact Tarcey Hollick at 416-729-5739 or by email at steinbazaar@hotmail.com Cost is \$40.00 per 6 foot table. A \$15.00 deposit is required to secure your spot. Please mail it to St. Edith Stein School, 6234 Osprey Blvd. Mississauga, ON, L5N 5V5. Thank you.

WOMEN AT THE WELL

This women's spirituality program in our parish will be held on Saturday, October 30, at 10:00-11:00AM in St. Peter Mission Church. This month's topic is: "Martha and Mary" from the gospel of St. Luke 10:38-42. Please bring a Bible. Contact Sr. Cristina, to sign up. See you there!



COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please come and join other parishioners for a light snack after all the Masses this Sunday. Thanks to the Legion of Mary and their friends for hosting this hospitality ministry.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Membership Drive on October 23/24, 2010 at all the Masses. Men, from 18 and above, from our Parish are invited to consider becoming a Knight.

Fr. Mark will be away from the parish from October 11 to 22. Please welcome Msgr. Terence D'Souza and Fr. AlaRey Abella.

International Food Festival and Dance

The Daughters of Isabella invites you to participate in the International Food Festival and Dance on Friday, October 29, 2011 at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School as part of our ongoing effort to raise money for the building of our Church.

The cost of the ticket per person is \$10 Children from 14 years old and under are free. There are 15 countries represented.



Thank you

A great big thank you to all parishioners who responded to our Thanksgiving Food Drive with generous food donations and monetary donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those families in need. Thank you to St. Simon Stock and St. Edith Stein Elementary Schools for also collecting food for this Thanksgiving. Lastly, thank you to the Social Concerns Ministry for co-ordinating this effort and for preparing the hampers for those families in need. As a team we can make a difference. God bless everyone this Thanksgiving.

CREATION SPIRITUALITY

Our parish's Mission Statement urges us to care for the environment, and be active and faithful stewards of God's creation. Today's ecological crisis has awakened us to the urgency of seeking a new theology that deals with all creation and the need for a spirituality that encompasses the entire universe. Rooted in the Christian affirmation of the goodness of God's created universe, contemporary creation spirituality attempts to answer such a need. It is a spirituality that also draws from the wisdom of various world religions as well as those of indigenous people whose cultures have remained integrally connected with the dynamics of the earth. At its centre is the interrelatedness and interdependence of all creation on a cosmic level - a concept that is becoming ever more widely affirmed in the various disciplines of natural science.

Creation Spirituality holds that this same interdependence is true for all aspects of human life. Pope John Paul II echoes this: "In our day, there is a growing awareness that world peace is threatened also by a lack of due RESPECT FOR NATURE, by the plundering of natural resources and by a progressive decline in the quality of life...Many ethical values, fundamental to the development of a PEACEFUL SOCIETY, are particularly relevant to the ecological question."(from Peace with God the Creator, Peace with All of Creation, Message for World Day of Peace 1990). The social application of creation spirituality is based on an understanding of development and progress, where the community of people and care of the earth are both at the center. Human beings are called to enter into solidarity of universal dimensions, "a cosmic unity" animated by the very love that flows from God, our Creator. In your own way, how are you a "steward of creation? On this Thanksgiving Day, write a Litany of Gratitude for all created things.

Thanks to all who supported our Parish Social Concerns Ministry's campaign to support C-300, a law that will ensure that the mining industry in developing countries will respect the earth's natural resources, for the sake of the future generation.

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