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

Father all-powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and Your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Parents may teach their children a prayer to share at table. If you want you can write on your child's card:

"Our Father, we are so happy to be together today as a family. We thank you for showing us how to come together with the supper your son shared with the disciples. We love you and thank you for loving us."

Then teach the child the "Glory Be" prayer to lead diners to recite together.

Update on The Finance Committee Meeting

Due to the Clergy Seminary that Fr. Mark has to attend, the Finance Committee is postponed to November 4, 2014 at the Parish Rectory starting at 7:45 PM.

The Parish Council

All heads of ministries and members of the Pastoral Team are invited to attend the Parish Council Meeting on October 27, 2014 at St. Peter's Mission Church starting at 7:45 PM

Save the Date!

International Food Festival and Dance

hosted by

The Daughters of Isabella

Friday, November 7, 2014 - 6:00PM to 10:30PM

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

\$10.00 Entrance with food sold at a nominal price

Children 15 yrs of age and under - Free!

Please contact the Daughters of Isabella if you wish to host a table

Papal Blessings

We have been advised by the Office of the Spiritual Affairs of the Archdiocese of Toronto that Papal Blessings can be requested directly at the Vatican website www.vatican.va starting in January 2015.

Exercising your Right to Vote is not only your civic duty, it is also your Christian responsibility!

Mass Intention

Saturday (October 11)

5:00 PM +Alvita Furtado, +Susan Poole

Sunday (October 12)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Ramil & Monette Pajatin

11:00 AM+Richard Valere & Lina de Montbrun, +Marcela & Nicanor Lipana

12:30 PM +John Braganza, +Rogelio Cruz

Monday (October 13)

9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass for the whole Parish community

Tuesday (October 14)

7:30 AM For the safety of all Christians throughout the world

Wednesday (October 15)

7:00 PM For all Carmelites

Thursday (October 16)

7:30 AM Open

Friday (October 17)

7:00 PM +Lorenzo & Felina Moreno

Saturday (October 18)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors

5:00 PM +Alvita Furtado

If you wish to offer a Mass, you may call the parish office or use the form on our parish website. You can also approach Cecilia at the desk when you come for Holy Mass on Sundays.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,542,942.32

Architectural & other Fees

\$111,907.51

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,654,849.83

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project

Divisions among Christians wound Christ

Vatican City, 8 October 2014 (VIS) – This morning, punctual as always, the Holy Father entered St. Peter's Square in an open-top Jeep to greet the faithful in attendance at this Wednesday's general audience. He dedicated his catechesis to the “many brothers who share with us our faith in Christ, but who belong to other confessions or to traditions different to our own”. He emphasised that even today the relations between Christians of different confessions are not always characterised by respect and cordiality, and asked, “What is our current attitude to this situation? Are we indifferent or do we firmly believe that we can and must walk towards reconciliation and full communion?”.

The Pope emphasised that the divisions between Christians wound the Church and Christ, and remarked that Jesus wanted his disciples to remain united in His love. This unity was already under threat in Jesus' time, explained Pope Francis, and He urged his disciples to speak unanimously, so “by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose”.

The bishop of Rome also mentioned that throughout history the devil has tempted the Church with the intention of dividing her. Unfortunately, the Church has been marked by serious and painful divisions that have at times been long-lasting, continuing until the present day. For this reason, “it is very difficult to reconstruct the reasons and, above all, to find possible solutions. ... What is certain is that, in one way or another, behind all these lacerations there is always arrogance and selfishness, which are the cause of every disagreement and which make us intolerant, incapable of listening and of accepting those who have a vision or a position different from our own”.

“Now, faced with this, is there anything that we as members of the Holy Mother Church, can and should do? Without doubt there must be no lack of prayer, in continuity and in communion with Jesus. And together with prayer, the Lord asks of us a renewed openness: He asks us not to close ourselves against dialogue and encounter, but rather to accept all that is valid and positive that is offered to us even from those who think differently to us or who adopt different positions. Let us not focus on what divides us, but rather on that which unites us, seeking to know and love Christ better and to share the richness of His love. ... We are divided against ourselves. However, we all have something in common: we believe in Jesus Christ, the Lord ... in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We walk together, we are on the same path ... let us help each other! Let us receive communion on the way. This is spiritual ecumenism: walking the path of life together in our faith in Jesus Christ the Lord”.

Continuing on the theme of communion, the Holy Father told the faithful present that today he is very thankful to the Lord, since it is seventy years since his first communion. “Receiving the First Communion means entering into communion with others, with our brothers in our Church, and also with all those who belong to different communities but who believe in Jesus”.

Francis concluded by encouraging all to walk together towards full unity. “History has separated us, but we are on the path to reconciliation and communion. And when it seems that our goal is too distant or we are discouraged, we may be comforted by the idea that God cannot cover His ears to the voice of His own Son, and cannot fail to respond to His prayer and ours, that all Christians are truly one”.

Offertory Collection	
Offertory	\$3460.00
Building Fund	\$3662.57
St. Peter's Church	\$431.00
Wednesday Collection	\$214.02
Stipend	\$160.00
Sacramental Preparation	\$2121.00
Religious Frames	\$20.00
Social concerns	\$10.00
From the box	\$15.41
Total	\$10094.00

Radio Maria Canada: Voting Responsibly for Catholic Trustees

October 21 – 8:30 to 10 p.m.
Online

The Municipal Elections will take place on October 27, 2014. Radio Maria will hold an information program on the topic of “Voting Responsibly for Catholic Trustees.”

Radio Maria wants to help its listeners make an informed and Catholic decision when they vote. We will have a number of trustee candidates in the studio along with a live audience. Join us that evening to find out more about the issues and hear from some of the candidates themselves.

The broadcast will be aired live on Radio Maria (Toronto). Listen at <http://www.hmwn.net/>, and <http://www.radiomariacanada.org>, as well as on the Radio Maria modified radios.

Tony Melendez Concert

October 24 - 8 p.m.
St. Michael's College School Centre for the Arts
1515 Bathurst Street

Tony Melendez will be playing a concert in Toronto. If you haven't heard of or seen Tony in performance, this is a must see! Tickets are \$30-35 and available for purchase at www.TonyMelendezToronto.com.

The concert is in support of Mexican Migrant workers who come to the Holland Marsh area.



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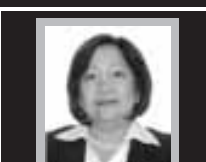
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