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CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

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**"Whatever you do in word or deed,
do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks through Him to God the Father."**

Colossians 3:17

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 8, 2017

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“Happy Thanksgiving”

Life is always full of many blessings. We are blessed with food, a roof over our head, clothes, shoes, a car, jobs, and so on. How often do we complain about these things? How often do we take the things we have in life for granted? Thankfulness is key to changing the culture. When people are thankful and they let others know, they are recognizing the work others do to serve them. When we are not thankful, we are not recognizing Christ and the value of the other person. We especially forget to be thankful to the ones closest to us. Find a way to thank someone close to you, your spouse, parents, siblings, etc. The thief of joy is comparison. When we look and see what others have, we become dismayed and unable to be grateful for the gifts God has given to us. We must be content with the gifts that God has given us for our journey in order to be happy. How often do we look on Facebook or Instagram to see what others have and grow discontent with our lives? How often do we see someone else's blessings and become jealous because we don't have what they have? Catholics are joyful people. Everything we go through in this life is an opportunity to grow in holiness. We must be joyful about everything God has given us. God is everywhere on earth. He is in every person, every creature, and nature! Each thing he has created is a reflection of Him. Men and women are made special, we are made in the image and likeness of God. When we are people of gratitude, we are able to recognize the love of God in everything.

- ♥ “When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.” - **G.K. Chesterton**
- ♥ “*Jesus does not demand great action from us but simply surrender and gratitude.*” - St. Therèse of Lisieux
- ♥ “No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.” - **St. Ambrose**
- ♥ “*Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with Enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence.*” - St. John Paul II
- ♥ “Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude.” - **St. John Chrysostom**
- ♥ “*The best way to show my gratitude to God is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy.*” - St. Theresa of Calcutta
- ♥ “In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks.” - **St. Teresa of Avila**
- ♥ “*To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything.*” - Thomas Merton

Taken from the article by: Mikayla Anderson, The Mystical Humanity of Christ - <https://www.coraevans.com>

Sacrament First Holy Communion at St. Joseph's Parish

Preparation for First Communion for Grade 2 begins in October. The first Parents/teachers meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Joseph Church. All parents who are preparing their Children for Communion are requested to attend this meeting.

Month of October: We pray for all Youth

During this Year of the Family, we dedicate the month of October for all youth. In a special way, we encourage you to pray for youth in our community and in the world. May they discern God's plan for each of them and live in God's love.



Parish Headcount October 14/15 and October 21/22

Once again this year, the Archdiocese will conduct a headcount survey in all parish and mission communities on the weekends of October 14/15 and October 21/22.

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Mass Intentions

(October 6 – October 13, 2017)

Friday, October 6: *St. Bruno*

7:00 p.m.: + Pharding Masongsong

Req.: Fe Santos

Saturday, October 7: *Our Lady of the Rosary*

5:00 p.m.: Intentions of Mr.

Req.: Maria Austin

Sunday, October 8:

6:00 p.m.: Intentions of Mrs. **Pereira**

Req. Celina Pereira

Monday, October 9: *St. Denis and Companions*

8:00 a.m.: Intentions of

Req. Celina Pereira

Friday, October 13:

7:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving for Megan Montifar

Req. Holy Cross Youth Movement



The Holy Cross Youth Movement of St. Ann Parish,
are celebrating 6th Year Anniversary.

“Come, dine, dance and Celebrate”

Place: St. Ann Parish Hall

Date: **Saturday, October 14, 2017**

Time: 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Cost: \$ 20.00 per person

All funds will go towards the New heating System

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.

It involves the actual practice of study, belonging, prayer and service. The formal process of RCIA starts in October. For more information about becoming a Roman Catholic, contact Fr. Wilson after mass or call the parish office at 416-466-2127.

Fundraising for the New Heating System

This year we have done major renovations of the Hall and the New Sound System. Thanks to your generosity and fundraising by the volunteers. The New Heating System is installed with the help of the Archdiocese of Toronto. We need to do a major fundraising for the repayment of the debt. Total costs of the New Heating System \$118,940.00

If anyone would like to contribute new envelopes will be provided. Please do help us with the fundraising project so we can repay the debt and keep us in your prayers during this time.

**Archdiocese of Toronto 175th Anniversary
– Central Pastoral Region Celebration**



Archdiocese
of Toronto

As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, extends an invitation for all to join him for Mass and a reception to commemorate this

historic milestone. The Central Pastoral Region celebration will take place at Blessed Trinity Parish – 3220 Bayview Ave. (north of Finch Ave.) on **Thursday, October 19 at 7 p.m.** For more information, visit www.archtoronto.org/175

All Souls Day

All Souls day is on November 1. During the Month of November, we will remember and pray for all the people who have died in our family, our community and the world. As a concrete gesture of the memorial of the dead we welcome to light a candle before the altar and pray for them during the mass. Please consider buying Vigil Candle (**Cost: \$5.00**) and write the name of person you want to remember and pray. May the souls of the faithful departed - **Rest in Peace. Amen.**

Are you new to St. Ann parish? Please use envelopes for offertory from the entrance of the church and write down your name and full address so we can give you a tax receipt at the end of the year. You can also enroll through our Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program by following the instructions and completing the form enclosed within our PAG brochure.



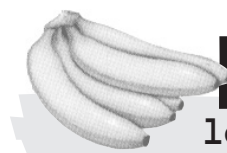
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