

The Parish Community of St. Ann

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Pastor: Fr. Wilson Andrade CSC

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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.

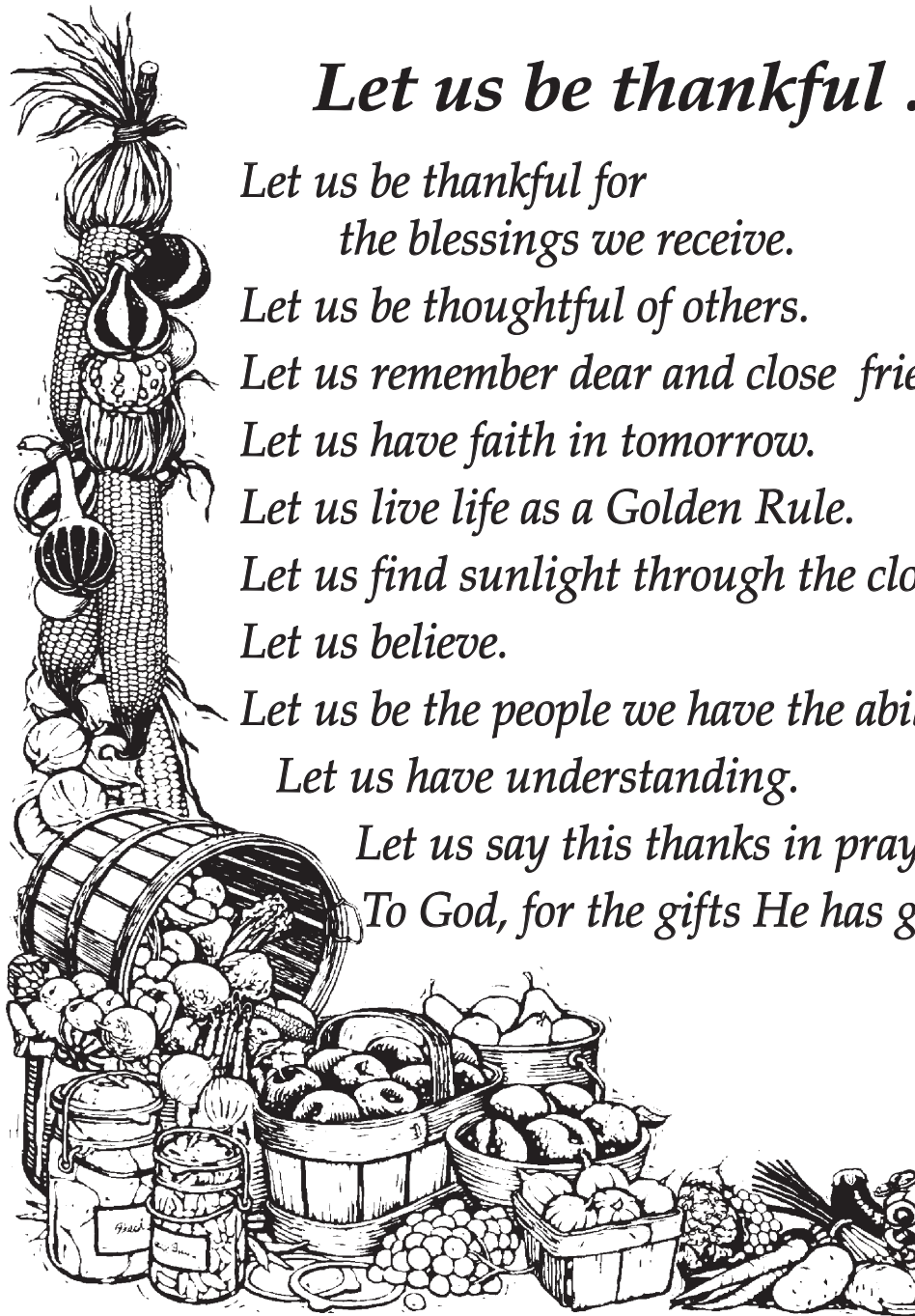
Let us believe.

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.



TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 9, 2016
CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MERCY

Jesus is the fullness God's Grace

In the Land of Persia there was a wise and beloved king. The king loved his people very much, and always desired what was best for them. He used to give a lot of gifts to his people. He wanted to find out how his people were responding to his generosity and kindness, and what was the best gift he could give to his people. So one day he disguised himself as a poor man and went to visit the public baths. The water for the baths was heated by the furnace in the cellar, so the king went to visit the man who tended the fire in the cellar. The two men talked, and the king helped him to tend the fire. Then both men shared the food, and the king became a friend to this lonely man. The king visited him every day and both became very good friends. Then one day the king revealed his true identity and the king expected the man to ask him for a gift. The poor lonely man looked into the eyes of the king with love and said: "You left your palace and your glory to sit with me in this dark place, to eat my coarse food, and to care about what happens to me. You have given yourself to me, what more can I expect from you. You became my friend. Thank you my king, and I am at your service."

This weekend we celebrate the Thanksgiving Day. It is a beautiful celebration of people gathering to recognize and appreciate one another. Keeping the societal theme on Thanksgiving, in today's liturgy, we are called to deepen our understanding on Thankfulness. The Gospel tells the stories of healing of Naaman and the Ten Lepers. Based on these readings, let's reflect on Thanksgiving with the following three words:

Grace: May God bless us. The notion of Thankfulness begins with God. God is the origin of all graces. The Grace of God is free, abundant and boundless. God does not put a limit to graces. Jesus has shown us God's grace of love and mercy. Jesus becomes for us the reality or the face of God's grace.

Generosity: Thanksgiving celebration invites us to recognize the generosity of God. God is generous in the many graces we receive. No one can buy God's grace with money or power as Naaman was tempted to do. Jesus Christ showed us how much God is generous in showing love and mercy through his passion, death and resurrection. Generosity, then, is the act of God's grace. "*God never gets tired of forgiving us*": - Pope Francis.

Gratitude: When God blesses us generously, we are invited to share God's grace with gratefulness. Gratitude is the authentic attitude we show in response to God's grace. Gratitude brings true joy and peace, and we are called to share it with everyone. During this Eucharist, and on this day of thanksgiving, let us give praise and thank God for the many blessings in our life.

October 2, 2016	Total
Offertory - Envelopes	\$802.00
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Total Offertory	\$1,198.90

Happy Thanksgiving!
On behalf of the parish community of St. Ann, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving Feast. May God continue to bless you and your families. May every family meal be a time for us to enjoy each other's presence and the presence of God. May God continue to lead us on to everlasting life.

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Mass Intentions

(October 8 – October 14, 2016)

Monday, October 10: *Thanksgiving Day*

Tuesday, October 11: *St. John XXIII*

Thursday, October 13:

8:00 a.m.: **Thanksgiving for Megan Montifar**
Req. the Holy Cross Youth Group

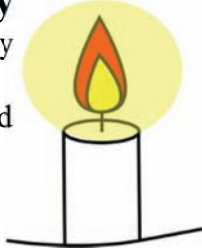
Friday, October 14: *St. Callistus I*

ShareLife Update October 2016

Supporting those entering the priesthood... In many parts of the world, there is not always a priest available to say Mass each weekend. In some Dioceses in India or Africa, parishes have many mission churches that they visit on a regular basis, but not necessarily every week. Your support of ShareLife is helping to educate seminarians and candidates for the Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Toronto, who will one day carry out their ministry parishes. Currently there are 65 seminarians and students in formation either at St. Augustine's Seminary or Serra House, with another 22 individuals participating in the Diaconate programs.

All Souls Day

We are call to remember and pray for all the people who have died in our family, our community and the world. Please consider lighting up a candle for your departed love ones on this day. We will have special candles for purchase at the back of the church. The candles will be placed at the altar steps to commemorate All Souls Day on **November 2**. Candles are \$5. Proceeds will support St. Ann Parish projects.



Halloween Dinner and Dance



In support of youth mission trip to build homes in Kingston, Jamaica next March 2017

Saturday, October 29, 2016

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Tickets: \$15.00 per person

Join us for dinner and Dancing, Halloween games and Prizes! Best costume brings home a special treat! All event proceeds will go directly to youth travel & construction materials costs. Tickets are available at the church entrance

Refugee Committee Meeting

St. Ann's Parish, in conjunction with the Archdiocese's Project Hope, will be welcoming a refugee family from overseas in the coming months. To prepare for the family's arrival a meeting will be held on **Sunday October 16** at **11:30 a.m.** in the church hall. New members are welcome. For more info, contact Theresa Spohn at theresa.spohn@gmail.com or 416-700-3358.

Mass Attendance Weekend

The annual weekend Mass attendance count will be conducted at St. Ann's Parish and in all parishes and missions of the archdiocese next weekend **October 15/16 and October 22/23**. The purpose of the count is to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the archdiocese.

World Mission Sunday

October 22-23 is World Mission Sunday weekend. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and an opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities throughout the world. Thank you for supporting this important work.

FREE COUNSELING SESSIONS OFFERED

Personal or Family or Marriage

If you, your family member or anybody else you know are seeking counseling please call Fr. Francis Noronha (St. Joseph Parish, Toronto) at 647-967-5712 or email at fnoronhacsc@gmail.com for more information.



RCIA Process

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 September. For more information about becoming a Roman Catholic, contact Fr. Wilson after mass or call the parish office at 416-466-2127.



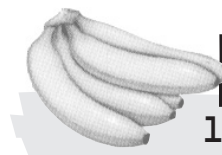
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