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A Thanksgiving Prayer

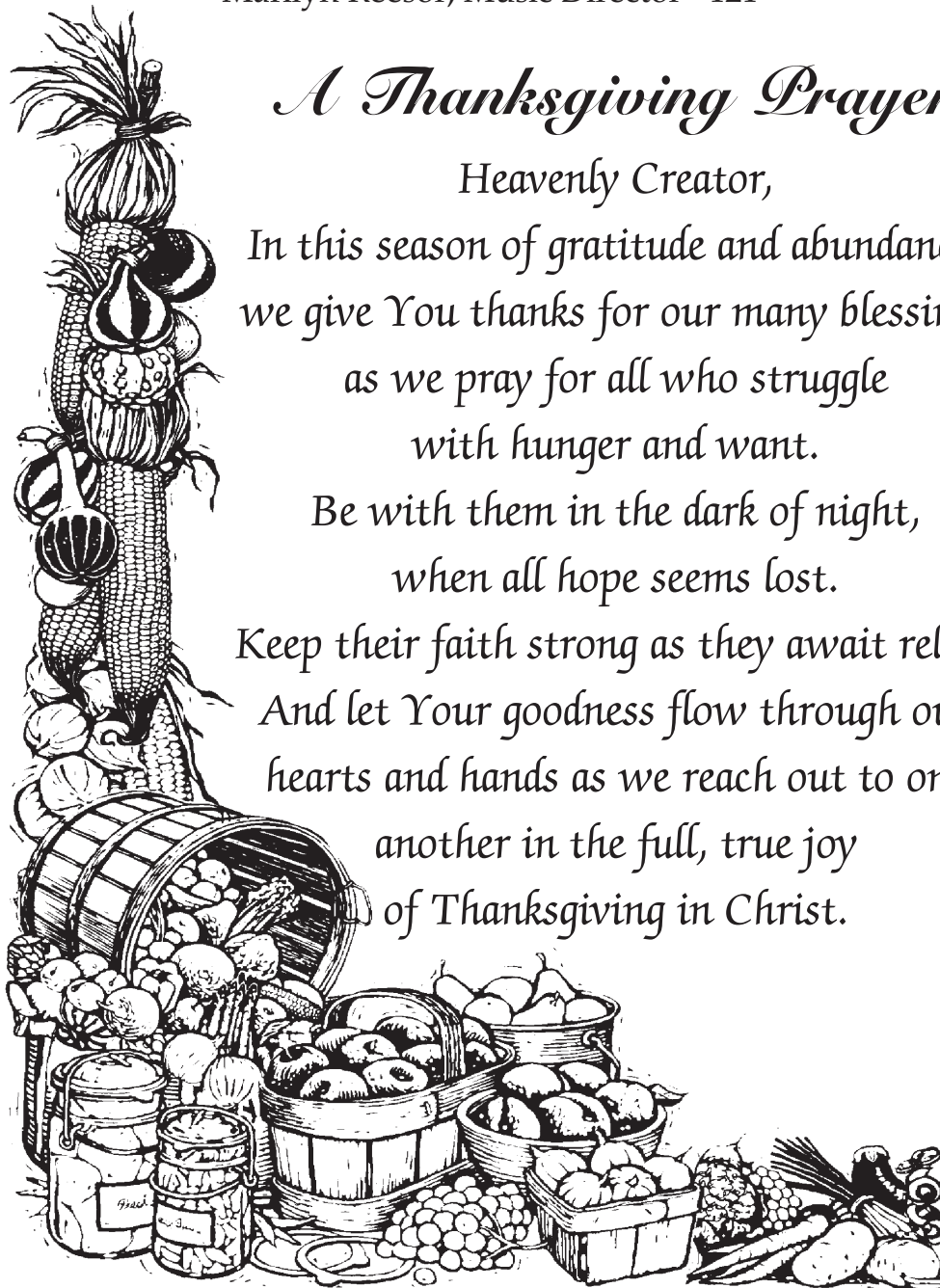
Heavenly Creator,

In this season of gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.

Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one
another in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.



Working with God

There is a disturbing, unsettling message in today's Readings. The reading from Isaiah speaks in allegorical form of a vine, planted and tended by God, which produces only wild grapes. The prophet warns the inhabitants of Jerusalem and Judah that they, the vine, will be abandoned by God because of their injustice and non-observance of the Law.

In the Gospel the charge is leveled against the tenants, who failed to recognize the owner and his son. The chief priests and the elders, have no difficulty in recognizing the outrageous injustice of the tenants towards the vineyard's owner. Jesus then unveils the real application of truth of the parable, comparing it with the historical reception of God's prophets, and of the Son of God Himself, at the hands of the religious leaders.

Two leading thoughts come to mind after reading this parable. First we see the infinite goodness, patience and the mercy of God in his dealing with humankind and secondly, the unsounded depth of wickedness and ingratitude to which man can sink. To his chosen people God had given every good thing indicated in the image of the fertile vineyard: his revelation, protection, new land at Canaan and the promise of the messiah. But they had other plans and they wanted a kingdom on earth. Yet God was patient with them, forgiving them time and time again, sending his messengers and kings and taking care of them. All he asked in return was their cooperation.

Today, we are the tenants in the vineyard. Now he expects us to produce fruit that will endure. The obvious question for us is: How are we doing? How much better are we than the chief priests, the elders, the Scribes and the Pharisees? We are specially privileged, by baptism, to be called to work in the Lord's vineyard. Time and time again we are invited to gather together to hear the Gospel message and to make it part of our lives. We are all called to

be members, active members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

Over the centuries, several prophets in our Christian communities have been rejected, abused and even killed. We think of Joan of Arc, Thomas More, and Oliver Plunkett and, in our own times, Bishop Oscar Romero, Martin Luther King, the countless victims of violence in Central and South America, and in Africa. All these martyrs have one thing in common. They were killed not by pagans but by fellow-Christians, tenants in the Lord's vineyard. This week, let us take a few moments to review our status before God, asking ourselves if we will inherit the Kingdom of God.

Just as the landowner gave the tenants a fully equipped vineyard in which to work and produce, God creates the possibilities for work, fruitfulness and success for us too. He provides us with opportunities and resources and trusts that we will make the most of these.

One man went before God and asked for the gift of salvation. God asked him what he has done. He narrated to God and told him how he has not done any harm to any one, he has not robbed any person, has not been scandalous, avoided contacting people thinking they would be bad, not shown lust towards any woman, and has honoured God respectfully. In defense he told God and said, look God, see my hands. Look they are so clean. God sadly looked at him and said, yes they are clean but they are empty.





Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday October 7th	5:00 pm † Vincent Mancinelli Requested by: Family
Saturday October 7th	5:00 pm † Jose Eduardo Pereira Requested by: Pereira Family
Sunday October 8th	9:30 am For the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family
Sunday October 8th	9:30 am † Vincenzo Pistillo Requested by: Pierina Pistillo
Sunday October 8th	9:30 am † Filistina & Antonio Coccimiglio Requested by: Maria & Fiorenzo
Sunday October 8th	11:30 am † Frank Mika Requested by: Teresa Mika



PROJECT HOPE APPEAL



Greetings from the Refugee Committee. We give thanks for the anticipated arrival of the new refugee family. The Refugee Committee has prepared an itemized list of everyday essentials for this family. The list will be available at the back of the church after all weekend masses. We are appealing to parishioners to commit to just **one item** for the new family. What a fantastic way to welcome a displaced family to their new home! Thank you for your support.

Confirmation Registration



Registration for the Confirmation program will be at the church: (Please remember to bring with you a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$75 to reserve a family space)

Registration Dates:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, AT 6:00 PM

OR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, AT 12:30 PM

OR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, AT 7:00 PM

Roast Beef dinner and Euchre Night

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Roast Beef dinner and Euchre Night with a cash bar on Saturday, Oct 28th in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15 each and will be sold over the next 3 weekends. No tickets will be sold at the door. The menu is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Come and See Weekend

November 3rd from 7 p.m. to November 5th.

At St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at

www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. Please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

CWL NEWS

❖ Heritage Quilt tickets are now on sale after all Masses.



Thank you to all Parishioners from the Knights of Columbus for your generous food donations, making this the most successful food drive to date. Combined with the previous food drive, over 300 bags were collected, in excess of 4,000 lbs of food with an estimated value of \$12,000.



Please pray for those who are sick: **Mansied Loeffler, Ted Huston, Denise Foster, Jerry Gulka, Trudy Schoutsen, Sherry Wyman, Jebreil Syed, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Richard Benoit, Lillian Pottage, & Marjorie Oliveira.**

And those who have died recently: **Antonia Zani.**

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