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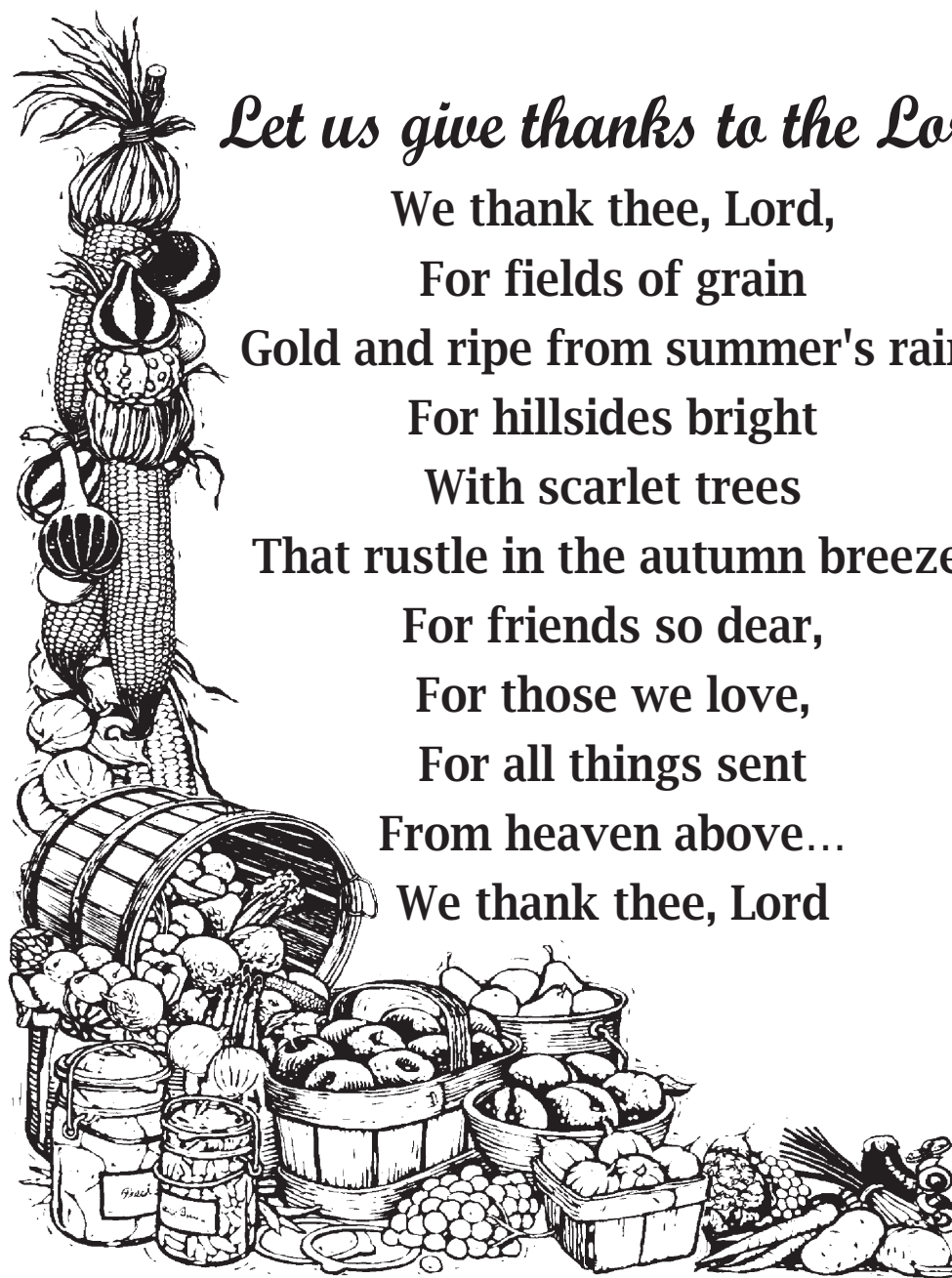
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Let us give thanks to the Lord

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, October 8 Ordinary 27	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, October 9	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Daily Mass (I) Holy Cross Parish	
TUESDAY, October 10	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Phyllis Pickett	
WEDNESDAY, October 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Carmelita Magsano	
THURSDAY, October 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Lucena & Lauro Bumanlag	
FRIDAY, October 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Linda Ruddick (I) Noreen Miehm (I) Roy & Gary Brown (I) Living & Deceased Members of the Cabral Family	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
SATURDAY, October 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased Members of the Deguara Family	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Robert O’Gorman; Rosalina dos Anjos, Joao Caetano Costa & Gilberto Luis Pacheco; Victor deGannes; Argentino Di Nunzio & Melina & Giuseppe Falcicchio; John Cachia. Intentions of Steve & Katie Kiss.	This week’s Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Andrew Syme.

From the Pastor’s Desk

We as Christians are the current tenants of the Lord’s vineyard that we hear about in the gospel today. God has given us *everything* we need, and he simply asks in return that we produce good fruit through listening to the gospel, and through doing good works. Yet, human nature as it is, we all constantly test God’s patience through sin, constantly pushing a little more to see what we can get away with. But as we mature in our faith, gratitude takes over and we realize the great gift we have in God’s love, and we repent of our former ways to stay close to Him. Let us pray for eyes that see how loved we are, and for the grace to push back from our selfish ways to be embraced in our Lord’s loving arms.

Quote of the Week

“Christ does not force our will. He takes only what we give him. But he does not give himself entirely until he sees that we yield ourselves entirely to him.” — *St. Teresa of Avila*

Sunday Smile

To start a zoo you need at least 2 pandas, a grizzly and a polar. It’s the bear minimum.

Food Drive

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Georgetown Breadbasket Foodbank was a great success! As a parish we collected and donated 4,200 lbs. of food to those in need as well as cash donations! A special thanks to the CWL and Knights of Columbus for organizing the drive again this year!

Fall Yard Clean Up

Community Unity Halton Hills is having the annual **Fall Yard Clean Up** on **Saturday, November 4th** from 8:15am until noon. **We need your help!** Not only is this an opportunity to volunteer in raking leaves for homes of those in need (due to age, health or circumstance) it is also a chance to make new friends. The day begins at St. Andrew’s United Church (89 Mountainview Rd. S.) And ends at Know Church for a BBQ and fellowship (12:00-1:00pm). Everyone is welcome. Please email Celia Stokoe at holycrosscuhh@gmail.com to sign up. Tell your friends and neighbours as we work together as Christians to help those in our community.

Prayer Shawl Meeting

The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Sacred Heart Room on Tuesday, October 10th from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Light refreshments.

Thank You from Mary Elizabeth Reitzel

Holy Cross Parishioners, I would like to express my gratitude for all the help that you have provided me through your donations and time for the fundraisers held in support of my Pilgrimage to World Youth Day. Thanks to all of you I was able to go on my pilgrimage fully funded! Thank you so much for all that you did. World Youth Day was spectacular, getting to see holy sites including the apparition site of Mary at Fatima and Santarem, a Eucharistic miracle from the 1200's, participate in Mass everyday of the trip including my first Latin mass. I got to join over 1.6 million other young people from all over the world in Mass, stations of the cross and adoration, which is an experience like no other. I made friends from all over and was overwhelmed by the love of the Lord. This trip sparked a greater desire and understanding of the sacraments as well as a better relationship with Our Lady. I even got to be about 40 feet away from the pope! This trip was truly once in a lifetime and life changing. Your donations made this trip more possible for me thank you. If you would like to know more about my trip, feel free to find me at Mass or to contact me at reitzel.maryelizabeth@gmail.com. Thank you to all!

Thank You from Elias & Gabe

For those who were unable to attend our Rome Pilgrimage Thank You Presentation, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support, generous donations, and heartfelt prayers for our pilgrimage to Rome with the Conquest Youth Group. Your contributions made this journey possible, and your prayers have filled our hearts with strength and faith. Please know that your kindness and generosity have been a guiding light, inspiring us to grow in faith and fellowship. Your belief in our mission is a reminder for us of the strength of our parish community. We carried your love and prayers with us to Rome, and we remembered you in our thoughts and prayers and lit candles for you on our pilgrimage. We feel truly blessed. With heartfelt appreciation, Thank You!

GFORCe3 needs furniture URGENTLY

Our first Afghan family is arriving the week of October 9th. We need several items to complete the furnishing of their house. If you can provide any of these items, please contact Susan Tupling at 416-200-8675 or tupling@swdsl.com to arrange pickup. Items needed - 3 bedside tables and 3 bedside table lamps; 1 tallboy dresser with 4 to 6 drawers; set of kitchen dishes for a family of 5, also cutlery, glasses, pots and frying pans; 2 bicycles (nice to have).

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

World Mental Health Day is October 10

According to World Health Organization (WHO), 1 in 8 people globally are living with mental health conditions, which can impact their physical health, their well-being, how they connect with others, and their livelihoods. Mental health conditions are also affecting an increasing number of adolescents and young people. WHO's theme this year is "Mental health is a universal human right". Visit <https://who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day> for more information.

Good Shepherd Atrium Registration

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (also known as "the Atrium") is a parish-based ministry at Holy Cross Parish. It is open to all children between the ages of 3 – 12, offering them a unique opportunity for faith development. This program, founded in Rome, is a soundly traditional method of allowing children to enter more fully into the mystery of God using the principles of Montessori education. The sessions provide presentations, materials and a sacred space where the children can grow in their personal relationship with God, as it is first proclaimed to them through Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Weekly (1.5 to 2 hours) sessions run from October to May. Registration is currently open for sessions beginning in September/October 2023. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Grief Relief - Holy Cross Parish

Grief Relief – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! We will be offering a Grief Relief Program on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., October 11 – November 15. Please contact Jennifer through the parish office at 905-873-1887 for more information.

Public Square Rosary Rally 2023 – Oct. 14

All are invited to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14 at 12:00 noon at Holy Cross Church Parking Lot--south side, across from LCBO. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by Canada Needs Our Lady, will be one of hundreds of rallies that will take place all across Canada on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of Canada. Please assemble at 11:45 a.m. for Rally booklet distribution. The Rally lasts approximately one hour. See you there!

All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will take place on Sunday, October 29 at 2:00pm. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome!

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