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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.

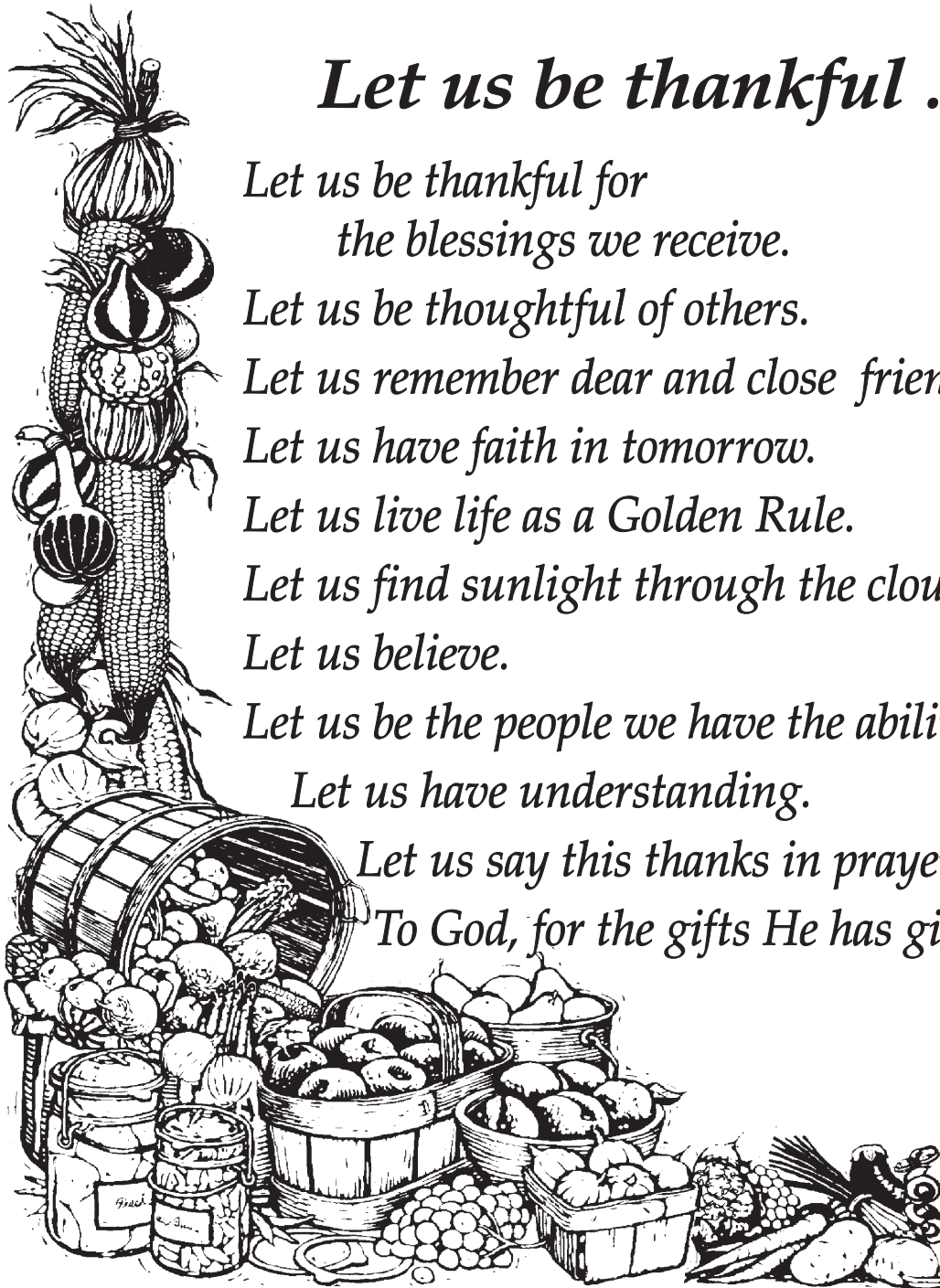
Let us believe.

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.





Saturday, October 9th

4:30 p.m. † Geronima Rasco Puno

Sunday, October 10th

9:00 a.m. † Francesco & Tomasina Parente

11:00 a.m. † Michael & Ellen Jane Sullivan

Tuesday, October 12th

8:30 a.m. † Geraldine Mueller

Wednesday, October 13th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Stan McDonnell

Thursday, October 14th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi

Friday, October 15th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Teresa Sabala
† Sally Queenan

Saturday, October 16th

4:30 p.m. † Tony Vonk

Sunday, October 17th

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Veronica Tuzi & Christopher Duarte

11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Sullivan Family

marriage, we will be lacking much. There were many books written and movies made about a boy raised in the wilderness. The boy grows and imitates other creatures in the wild. No language, no speech, no ethics, even walks and climbs, and eats like creatures found in the wild.

We receive our humanity and our education first at home. Even when marriages fail, there is always some good we can appreciate. Of course, there is some marriages were not meant to happen some may argue. When a marriage succeeds we all rejoice and give thanks. When a marriage fails, or breaks down, it is not the fault of one person but a whole culture, it is all society has failed. All of us prepare for driving a car more than we do for marriage. We all can do better to support and encourage and prepare those who are considering marriage, young married couples, and their ongoing journey in life.

All those who are hurting, suffering, and facing immense challenges and crosses in their marriage we support them with love and prayers. We also, make a special effort to support the individuals that are separated, so that their connection to society and healing may take place. No matter how things turn out to married couples, we all belong to God, and to each other. Jesus calls us in the second reading, brothers and sisters, he is able to heal us and restore our sanity and heal our wounds if we walk close to him and his church family.

In my opinion, we need better education system and openness to talk about marriage to young people, and to establish supporting structures along their journey before marriage and afterwards. For couples who are approaching marriage, your courage to enter this covenant is admirable and heroic. Amen.

This Sunday: Jesus said, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ... For humans it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Fr. Mounir EL-Rassi

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Join our Mother's Ministry! We meet once a month to explore topics in our faith and virtually pray the Rosary weekly via Zoom. Meet other like minded Catholic women, pray together and for each other and learn how to grow your own faith and your families'.

Join our email list by contacting Anna-Lisa or Shannon:
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Summary of Last Sunday reflection:

Marriage is the foundation of society. Like a house without foundation will not stand so is for society without marriage. Marriage is preserved by God even after the fall of our first parents so we may learn about love, to be loved and to love. Jesus describes his relationship with the Church as marriage. We pray in the Mass and hope to enter the wedding feast of the lamb in heaven describing the type of union with God eternally. Human marriage, male and female, with the fruits of their love resembles most closely on Earth and most beautifully the image of God the Holy Trinity. The couple with the fruit of their love become Trinitarian. Marriage is set with the premise of self-giving totally and for life, for good or for bad. It is in the family that is based on a married couple that we all learn how to do all things. We learn love, language, hygiene, speech, etc, etc.

Marriage makes it possible for society to have hope against all it struggles and challenges through the upbringing of their future generations. Without

St. Leo The Great Catholic Women's League is Calling You!

The CWL is a supportive sisterhood that promotes dignity and justice for all in our community and beyond. An opportunity to grow in faith and to witness the love of God through ministry and service.

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Throughout this pandemic, our **St. Vincent de Paul Conference** has continued providing financial assistance to our Neighbours in Need. Please help us support the most vulnerable among us by

donating through the Poor Box or via e-transfers to svdprotooklin@outlook.com (set the password as: StleoSSVP). We would also like to invite anyone who may be interested in joining our conference to send an email to Sarah Woods at sarah.a.woods@outlook.com. Thank you

Saint of the week – Saint Faustina Kowalska Feast Day – October 5

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska's Story

Saint Faustina's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and the Divine Mercy prayer recited each day at 3 p.m. by many people.

Born in what is now west-central Poland, Helena Kowalska was the third of 10 children. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses.

In addition to carrying out her work faithfully, generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, Sister Faustina also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors.

At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize his mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. "I do not want to punish aching mankind," he once told Saint Faustina, "but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart." The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said,

represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death.

Because Sister Maria Faustina knew that the revelations she had already received did not constitute holiness itself, she wrote in her diary: "Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God."

Sister Maria Faustina died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993, and canonized her seven years later.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Friday, October 22 to Sunday, October 24

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Women's Fall Retreat: Be Encouraged Saturday, October 23 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

The 12th annual Women's Fall Retreat, "Be Encouraged," will be held on Zoom. Women of all ages are invited to a day of encouraging talks, inspirational music, breakout sessions and Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian McNally. Laura O'Reilly, from the Archdiocese of OttawaCornwall, will be our speaker.

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