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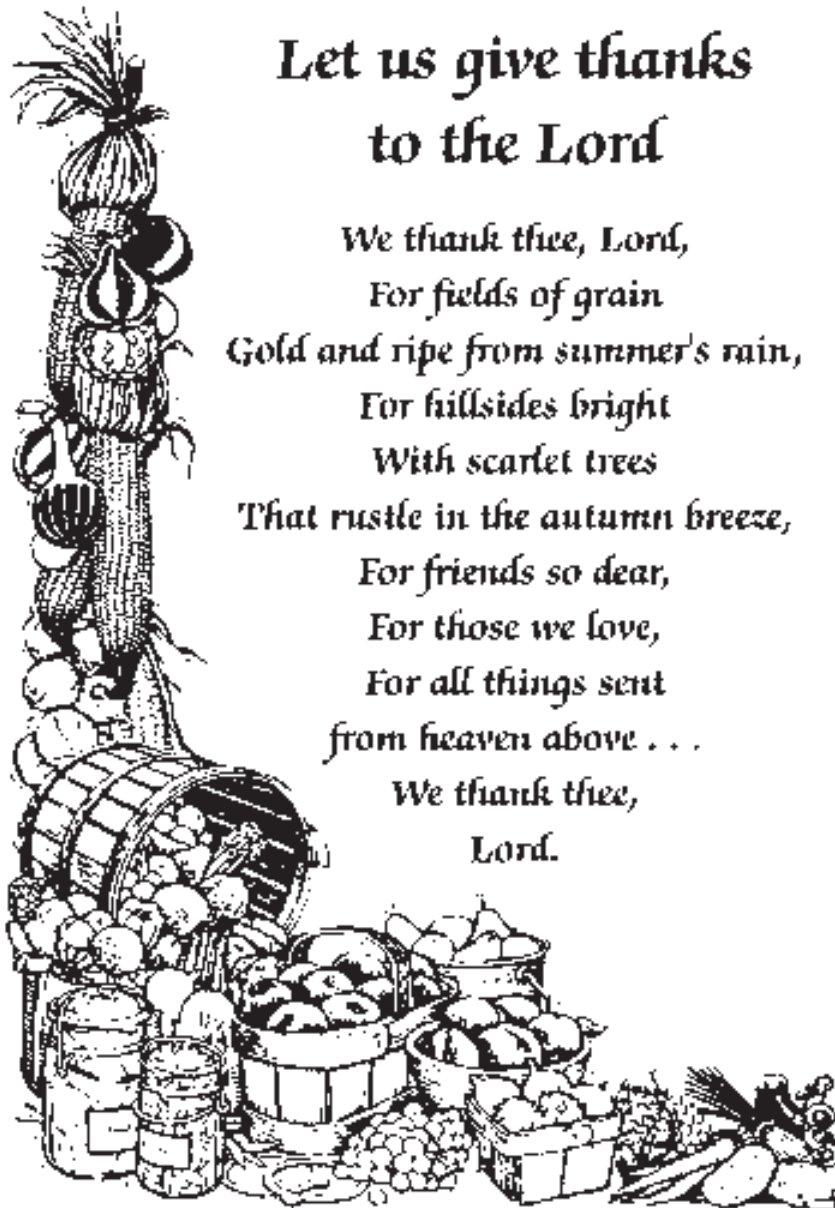
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## Let us give thanks to the Lord

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.

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. BONIFACE



On this weekend we are always reminded to give thanks for what we have. But I don't think we are an un-thankful people. I believe that many of us have good things given to us even amidst difficult ones: our family, gifts to use to provide for them, food and clean water and a country that, despite our political dispositions, does provide for us in its resources, stability and liberties very well, compared to many lands around our world. We have ultimately a God who loves us and we have the privilege of knowing that love, and His grace in our world, through the gift of the Church He gave us.

But perhaps because they are always there we have come to expect these things. Perhaps this is why we are shocked when they may not always be there. Perhaps we may even think of them as rights owed us and not part of God's gifts to us. So it is a good idea, always to be "practically thankful". What does it mean to be "practically thankful"? Include a prayer of thanksgiving in our everyday prayers. Go up to a friend or family member and say "I like when you are around, I like spending time with you". It may make us feel vulnerable and, yes, maybe we don't like to admit we need others, that we are self-sufficient, perfect within ourselves. But we are not.

I have always found that admitting my need for others has makes me relish them more, be less argumentative with them and be more attentive to their needs. Being grateful about the goods of the earth has made me think more carefully about choices I have made about not being wasteful with the materials I have, like food. It reminds me that my life can't be about me but about others, ultimately about God, for we exist to love Him and manifest His love to the world. We must never be complacent with the tragedies caused by being self-absorbed: anger, indifference that deflates us and sends us constantly searching for self-fulfillment for the self can never fulfill itself. It can be fulfilled only by God.

It's amazing what a simple phrase like "Thank You" can do for us.

### ALTAR SERVERS



There will be a meeting for the altar servers, and anyone who would like to become an altar server, on Friday October 25, 2013 at 5:00pm in the church. If you have received your First Communion and are interested in this very rewarding Ministry, please come to the meeting.

### REGISTRATION DATES for CONFIRMATION

**We will be having two Registration dates for Confirmation**

**Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm in the Church**

**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Church**

**If you child is in Grade 8 for Confirmation, be sure to attend these very important meetings.**

### OFFICE CLOSURE



Please note that this being the Thanksgiving weekend the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2013 and the weekday Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am. The office will re-open on Tuesday, October 15, 2013.



All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass	All EDGE events start at 7:00 to 8:30pm on Monday evening in the Parish Hall.
<b>Oct. 13 – Happy Thanksgiving - No Lifeteen</b>	<b>Oct. 14 – Happy Thanksgiving – No Edge</b>
<b>Oct. 20 – Are you In?</b>	<b>Oct. 21 – Hurry up and Wait</b>
<b>Oct. 27 – Mini Octoberfest</b>	<b>Oct. 28 – Lights Out Edge</b>

## Pastoral Visits

Some parishioners have asked if we make home visits.

Fr. Cas and Fr. Boniface are willing to come to your home for a pastoral visit or house blessing. Please call the office if you would like a visit.

### Canadian Saints & Us

On October 10, 17, and 24, Jim Dunn from the Archdiocese of Toronto, Office of the Formation of Discipleship, will be speaking to us about our Canadian Saints. Three such saints, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (1620-1700), St. Andre Bessette (1845-1937), and St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680) are inspirations for us as we seek to discover, or re-discover the God within us. Come and join these interesting, informative and faith-filled discussions on how we can relate to these early Canadian servants of Christ through our own discipleship. The evenings will start at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. To register please call the parish office: 905 775-2065

### Our Lady of Fatima

**Sunday Oct. 13, 2013 Mass at 1:00pm followed by procession. This Mass will be celebrated in English due to the unavailability of a Portuguese speaking priest.**

### **Knights of Columbus Activities**



-The Knights of Columbus will be selling roses this Sunday, October 13, 2013 after all Masses. Proceeds from the sale of the roses will go to Rose of Sharon.

-Please join us for the Living Rosary on Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 7:30pm in the church. Light refreshments will be provided by the Knights of Columbus, after the rosary, in the Parish Hall.

-The installation of officers for the Knights of Columbus will take place during the 7:00pm Mass on Monday, October 21, 2013.

-The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Communion Breakfast after all the morning Masses on Sunday, October 27, 2013. Come and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

**MASS INTENTIONS****5:00pm Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

+ Celeste McEvenue by Family  
 + Albina Viera Barbosa by Family  
 + Idalina & Jose Joaquim Araujo by Family  
 + Antonio Martins by Wife Celeste & Children  
 + Olivia Ribeiro Cacalussa by Isaura Balugas & Family  
 + Sidonio Marques by Carvalho & Marques Families  
 + Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family  
 + Carmel & Paula Tabone by Children & Grandchildren

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am + Mary & Joseph Kohar by Daughter  
 10:00am + Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa by Carolina Santana  
 11:30am + Joao Laranjeiro & Augusto Clemente by Family  
 4:45pm Spanish Mass  
 6:30pm Pro Populo

**9:30am Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

\* In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Dinis Family  
 + Eliza Marques by Lucy Miguelo  
 + Mary Mallette by George & Eva Schmich  
 + Agatha & Adam Haas by George & Eva Schmich

**8:30am Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

+ All Souls

**7:00pm Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

+ Jose de Sousa by Wife and Family

**8:30am Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>**

+ All Souls

**7:00pm Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

+ Joseph Giglio by Giglio Family

**9:30am Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

+ Cecile Santos by Mother &amp; Family

**5:00pm Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

+ Cecile Santos by Vilma LaRoche & Family  
 + Victor Latoszek by Wife & Children  
 + Maria Arruda by Rosa & David Oliveira  
 + Ruth Broughton by Family  
 + Teresa Silva by Family  
 + Maria de Gracia by Carlos & Maria Medeiros  
 + Silvano & Alice Fernandes by Silva Family  
 + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

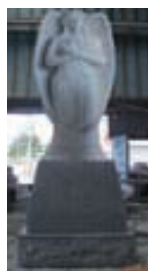
8:30am + Guelhermina de Jesus Morais by Maria & Fernando Miranda  
 10:00am + Irene Rozbiewski by Vilma LaRoche & Family  
 11:30am + Jim Vonk by Vonk Family  
 4:45pm Spanish Mass  
 6:30pm Pro Populo

**"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"**

*How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? In gratitude, ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow him as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416 968-0997, or email [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca)*

**Upcoming Events**

Oct. 10, 17 & 24 2013 – Canadian Saints Workshop  
 Oct. 20, 2-13 – Living Rosary – 7:30pm in the Church  
 Oct. 25, 2013 – Altar Servers Meeting 5:00pm in the Church  
 Oct. 27, 2013 K of C Communion Breakfast after all morning Masses

**AN ANGEL IS COMING**

As some of you heard by now, there is a statue of a large angel being placed in the cemetery, where the turn-around is, to honor our blessed dead. Keeping to the custom, there will be space on the sides and back of the statue for those who wish a special remembrance of family members. The front of the statue will contain words of universal remembrance.

The donation for this is \$200.00. It will be shown on your tax receipt next January. Due to space limitations, and, so as to offer this option to as many people as possible, we are asking that only one name be given per donation, (a maximum of 18 characters including spaces). There is room for about 150 names on the base. If you would like to add the name of a loved one, please contact the office at 905-775-2065. **We will still take names until we fill all sides, but only when we have another large group of names will we submit them for engraving.**

**THE BLESSING OF THE ANGEL WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2013 AT 3:00PM.**

**EVENTS OUTSIDE THE PARISH****Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!**

Married Couples: You deserve a weekend to cherish being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers this opportunity. Upcoming Weekend Date:

November 1-3, 2013

For further information or registration please contact:

Cora &amp; Mike Bryce 905 896-2958

Or e-mail [cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca](mailto:cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca)**Know your Faith Series Course "Be My Witnesses"**

Join Holy Cross or Blessed Trinity Parish to celebrate the Year of Faith with the course "Be my Witnesses". Challenge your present lifestyle for a deeper relationship with the Lord. Reflect on Pope Francis' encyclical "The Light of Faith". Discuss what the New Evangelization means and learn what Church documents say about it. Watch inspiring DVDs and consider how to respond to Christ's personal call to you in today's culture. Registration is \$25 and includes seven-week course, text, handouts. For more information see [www.kilbeapostolate.com](http://www.kilbeapostolate.com)

**Come and See Retreat for Young Women**

October 31, 2013 7pm to November 4, 2013 3pm  
 Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate Marian Residence  
 640 Hillview Road, Cambridge, On

If you would like to spend a few days living the life that the Sisters live and learning about the religious life, we encourage you to attend our upcoming Come and See Retreat! The retreats are for those between the ages of 16-35. To register visit:

<http://www.solisisters.ca/retreats.html>**FOOD BANK IN NEED**

We would like you to remember the less fortunate in our community and give to the Helping Hands Food Bank. The bins are located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity.



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