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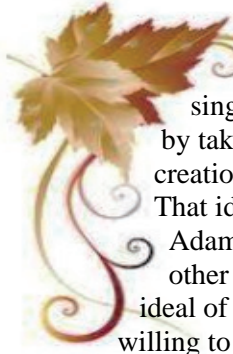
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Thanksgiving

Be joyful always; Pray continually;
Give thanks for everything.

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



What is God's intention for our state in life, whether married or single? Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his hearers back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for the human race. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. Jesus sets the high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands. Jesus, likewise sets the high ideal for those who freely renounce marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:11-12). Both marriage and celibacy are calls from God to live a consecrated life, that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Our lives are not our own, but they belong to God. He gives the grace and power to those who seek to follow his way of holiness in their state of life.

Do you seek to help others draw near to the Lord? The parents who brought their children to Jesus wanted Jesus to lay his hands upon them. They knew of the healing power, both physical and spiritual, which came from Jesus' touch. Jesus, in turn, rebuked his disciples for hindering the children from coming. No one is unimportant to God. He comes to each person individually that he might touch them with his healing love and power. May we never hinder our youth from coming to the Lord to receive his blessing and healing power. And as we grow with age, may we never lose that child-like simplicity and humility which draws us into Christ's loving presence.

"Lord Jesus Christ, your call to holiness extends to all in every state of life. Sanctify our lives - as married couples and as singles - that we may live as men and women who are consecrated to you. Make us leaven in a society that disdains life-long marriage fidelity, chastity, and living single for the Lord".

Thanksgiving is coming!!!

***"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."* – St. Teresa of Calcutta**

Let us not forget to share the blessings we have been given. Let's fill our Food Bank this thanksgiving! Feel free to drop off your food items in the crate at the back of the Church.



The office will be closed on Monday October 8th 2018 for the Thanksgiving long weekend. Mass will be at 9:00am. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed celebration of thanks.

COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTS

Grades two and seven are milestones years in the eyes of the Catholic Church. For the grade two's it is a spiritual time where we prepare our children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion and for the grade seven's, a completion of the initiation of the faith with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Each Sacrament a blessed gift from God. Letters regarding these Sacraments will be made available at the back of the Church on the Cabinet. The First Communion Letter is yellow and the Confirmation Letters, green. The children in grade two and seven, in our five Catholic schools received these letters. Information packages about each Sacrament was/ will be distributed at the parent meeting. Families who did not attend the parent meeting and who wish to have their child receive the Sacraments are encouraged to pick up these Sacrament Information Packages after Saturday evening or Sunday Masses from the clergy. The packages will assist and instruct you in moving ahead to the celebration of these Sacraments. Thank you in advance to all the teachers of our schools and you the parents for their/your dedication and love for Christ in preparing our children and our young people for their next step on their Sacramental journey.



Confirmation Parent/Youth Meeting Dates:

Thursday October 4, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church

OR

Saturday October 6, 2018 at 10:00am in the Church



Communion Parent/Child Meeting Dates:

Thursday October 11, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church

OR

Saturday October 13, 2018 at 10:00am in the Church



SATURDAY OCTOBER 20, 2018

This event is in support of our parish Youth Ministry.

Come Join In The Festivities of the Evening! A wonderful night out for the whole family! Doors open at 6:00pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan parish hall. Schnitzel and Oktoberfest sausage for dinner. Tickets can now be purchased from Ray or the Parish office. Tickets purchased in advance are \$15.00 per person, \$10.00 per child (12& under) and children under 5 years of age are free. Tickets bought at the door will be \$25.00 per person. Entertainment provided by Acclamation Nation.

We are looking for volunteers to help out with this event, if interested, please contact Diane at 905 960 4724.

If anyone can help with donating door prizes for the raffle or for more information please contact Ray Reitzel at 905 251 8151.



PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS NEEDED

A handful of Pastoral Care Ministers bring Communion to and pray with the sick and the elderly in Bradford Valley Care Community (Nursing and retirement home at 2656 Line 6, Bradford, ON) every Sunday following the 8:30AM Mass till 11:30AM throughout the year. There is a great need for more Pastoral Care Ministers to serve in this mission of nourishing our brothers and sisters with our Lord's spiritual food. If you can volunteer for at least 1 Sundays every month, please sign up to assist in this ministry of compassion. For more information, please contact holy martyrs@rogers.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FACILITATORS NEEDED

We need more volunteers to help continue this wonderful ministry for the youth. Please prayerfully consider journeying with our children from Kindergarten to Grade 2 in breaking open the word with them at the 10AM Mass from Oct. to June! Speak to Fr. Joshua if you're interested or email the office at holy martyrs@rogers.com.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Saturday October 13th 2018

Mass will be celebrated at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish at 7:00pm in Portuguese followed by a procession and a candlelight vigil. All are welcome to participate. **On Sunday October 14th** Mass will be celebrated at 1:30pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan in Portuguese followed by a procession. After the procession on Sunday all are welcome to a social afternoon at the Portuguese Cultural Center of Bradford for coffee, tea refreshments and snacks.

Missa será celebrada na paróquia Holy de mártires do Japão às 19:00 em Português seguido de uma procissão e uma vigília com velas. Todos são bem-vindos a participar. Em domingo, 14 de outubro será celebrada missa às 13:30 no Santo mártires do Japão, em Português, seguido de uma procissão. Depois da procissão no domingo, todos são bem vindos para uma tarde social no Centro Cultural de Bradford Português para snacks, bebidas de chá e café.



BICYCLE REPAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in helping to repair bicycles for the Mexican Agricultural workers please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065.

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY OCTOBER 8th 9:00AM

+ Antonio Martins & Parents + Antonio Perna + Miguel Gomes + Antonio Diogo + Jerry & Carmal Colford

TUESDAY OCTOBER 9th 8:30AM

+All Souls

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10th 7:00PM

+Giel Jonkhout

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11th 8:30AM

*Special Intention In Thanksgiving to Our Lady

FRIDAY OCTOBER 12th 7:00PM

+All Deceased Family

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13th 9:00am

+All Souls

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13th 5:00pm

+Francisco Rodrigues & Francisco Jose Rodrigues +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa + Perpetua Barroso +Raymundo & Benita Lapus +Luis & Salvacion Villanueva + Gregory Glyn Lamp + Joao Ferreira

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14th

+8:30am Manuel Miranda
+10:00am Victor Latoszek
+11:30am ProPopulo
+4:45pm ProPopulo
+6:30pm Domenico Biviera



"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"



Edge is a fund Free Program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peers from grades 6-8. We invite all students of grades 6,7 & 8 to come and see what we offer at EDGE. We hope to see you there! It Will Be Blessed!!!

Oct 8 – No Edge-Thanksgiving

Oct 15 – Fear Factor – Pizza Party

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