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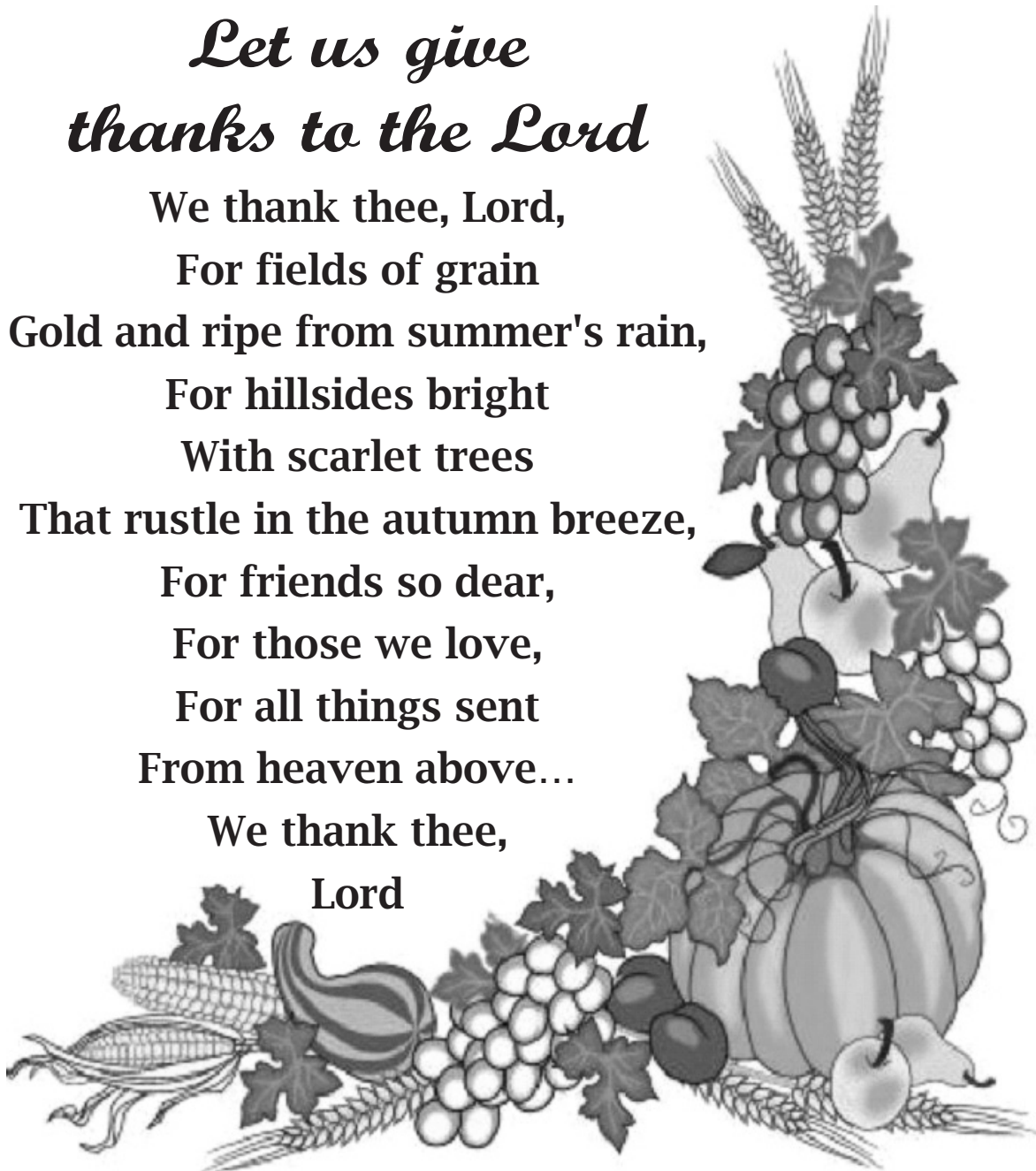
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Let us give thanks to the Lord

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





Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 10

5 pm Health of Linda Hall

Sunday, October 11

9 am +Jadwiga & Piotr Zaremba

11 am + Richard Lemoyne

Tuesday, October 13

8:30 am + Krys Nasiadka

+ John & Mary O'Toole

+ Rosa Mallia

Wednesday, October 14

8:30 am Parishioners

Thursday, October 15

8:30 am + Ramona Ranjo Udasco

+ Juanita Udasco

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 16

8:30 am + Maria Kang



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a

Psalm: Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second Reading: Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14



Sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp signifies the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns for the greater glory of God. Parishioners are invited to become monthly sponsors of the Sanctuary Lamp. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate. Doing so becomes an opportunity for friends and families to pray at the Tabernacle, knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in October for the intentions of: --

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"For many are called, but few are chosen."

Today, Jesus continues His direct confrontation with the religious leaders of Israel—specifically, the chief priests and elders.

In this parable, the king is God the Father, the Son is Jesus, and the Wedding Feast represents the Messianic Banquet—a celebration of the eternal joy of union with God. The first invited guests "refused to come." This is commonly understood to refer to many among the people of Israel who rejected Jesus as the Messiah, especially the religious leaders. The second invitation was ignored by some and met with hostility by others. This reflects the way the prophets were treated throughout salvation history—ignored, rejected, and often persecuted. When the king learned of their refusal, he sent his troops to destroy those who had been invited, which is a clear reference to God's justice, His judgment, and the penalty of grave sin: spiritual death.

The king then sends his servants out to invite everyone they can find. This is the mission of the Church. From the moment Jesus founded His Church and entrusted it to the Apostles, the invitation to the heavenly banquet has gone out to the ends of the earth, and it continues to this day.

Each of us has received this divine invitation. Today, the fullest way to participate in the Wedding Feast is through Holy Mass. The Mass is truly our wedding banquet, and our union with Christ is sealed in Holy Communion. But do we see the Mass this way?

Often, we tend to evaluate the Mass by the personality and preaching of the priest, the quality of the music, or other superficial elements. When we fail to attend Mass as we would attend the Wedding Feast of the Son of God, then we, like the first group, "refuse to come"—even if we are physically present. True attendance requires spiritual attentiveness and interior participation.

Are we dressed for the feast? Are we clothed in the garment of righteousness (Revelation 19:7-8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received.

(Excerpts: My Catholic Life; Loyola Press; Scott Hahn Reflections.)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the second weekend of the month, we celebrate the wedding anniversaries of those who married in the month of October. Let us congratulate and pray for them:

Heavenly Father! We thank You for this day as we celebrate wedding anniversaries. We thank You for journeying with them. Thank You for making them strong and keeping them close. May You continue to bless their house with much happiness. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Gratitude for 75th Anniversary Celebrations

Fr. Mani wishes to give an enormous thank you to everyone who contributed to the complete success of last weekend's final celebration of our Parish's 75th Anniversary. He is especially grateful to all the volunteers, members of committees, musicians, donors, and staff who gave so generously of their time, talent and money. It is because of your contributions that we all enjoyed a wonderful day with each other and with our guests. May you enjoy many blessings in return!

2026-27 Children's Sacraments

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation is now closed.

Ordinandi Dinner

The Ordinandi Dinner honours the Transitional Deacons who resided at St. Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, and who will be ordained to the priesthood in 2027. This year, our deacon, Samuel Vail, will be among those honoured. The event will be hosted by the six Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Toronto on Tuesday, March 9, 2027, at 5 pm at the Pearson Convention Center. Tickets can be purchased at <https://staugustines.on.ca/events> for \$110. each. As in past years, Fr. Mani is looking for sponsors to buy tickets for him and parishioners to attend.

Sound System & Church Lights

As previously announced, Fr. Mani is having the church's overhead lights fixed, as well as making necessary repairs to the sound system. The Finance Council has approved of this work. If any parishioners wish to donate towards these costs, that would be most welcome.

Weekly Bulletin Advertising

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Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend, October 10-11, for the Parish Building Fund.

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, October 17-18, a second collection will be held for the Evangelization of the Nations, also known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Formation for Lectors Webinar

A webinar is being offered by the Archdiocese for both new and experienced lectors who desire to learn or improve their practical training for service in this ministry. It will also offer helpful tips for spiritual preparation. Wednesday, October 21, 7pm to 8:30pm. Registration: <https://bit.ly/L-Register2026> (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6jMxgLT8C-xfp0i4O6wQ#registration>) or contact formation@archtoronto.ca.

ShareLife 2026 Food Security Grants

For the fourth consecutive year, ShareLife and Catholic Charities are committing funds through the Food Security Grants program. Made possible through the faithful generosity of ShareLife donors, this year, \$850,000 in grants will strengthen local food banks, meal programs and other community-based initiatives serving individuals and families in need. Please support the fight against hunger by giving at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.




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