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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator,

*In this season of gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle with hunger and want.
Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.
Keep their faith strong as they await relief.
And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one
another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.*

Amen

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

MON, OCT 13 9:15 am	Amaro DaGraca †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Juliet Go
7:00 pm	For the health and intentions of Ozzy & Hazel Colaco
TUES, OCT 14 7:00 pm	Adwoa Boahen & Family †
WED, OCT 15 9:15 am	Patricia Okorie †; For the intentions of Anayo
7:00 pm	Wanda Daigle †
THUR, OCT 16 7:00 pm	Anthony Thon Van Thong †; In thanksgiving for the 15th birthday of Gabriel Santanilla
FRI, OCT 17 9:15 am	Patrocino Olindan †; In thanksgiving - Regina Godinho
SAT, OCT 18 9:15 am	For the deceased members of the D'Souza & Avila families †
5:00 pm	Lawrence Loo †; Felicitas Gonzaga †; Ferdinand Dominic †; Benedict & Carryl Jayawardene †; Sylvia Escueta Diaz †
SUN, OCT 19 9:00 am	Conceicao Melo †
10:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Angelito Olindan †; Sixto Viduya †; Daniel, Andrew & Tony Grima †
8:00 pm	

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, October 13th

10:00 am - Stitches from the heart

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Exec Meeting

Tuesday, October 14th

1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club

5:30 pm - Legion of Mary - English

7:00 pm - RCIA

7:00 pm - TMIY

Wednesday, October 15th

7:00 pm - Confirmation Class

7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, October 16th

7:30 pm - Alpha

7:30 pm - Bereavement Group Meeting

7:30 pm - 10:30am Choir practice

Friday, October 17th

7:00 pm - Youth Ministry

Saturday, October 18th

10:00 am - Confirmation Class

10:00 am - SGFM

3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice

Sunday, October 19th

8:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese

6:30 pm - YAG

Christian morality, when adequately and completely practiced, leads of itself to temporal prosperity, for it merits the blessing of that God who is the source of all blessings; it powerfully restrains the greed of possession and the thirst for pleasure-twin plagues, which too often make a man who is void of self-restraint miserable in the midst of abundance; it makes men supply for the lack of means through economy, teaching them to be content with frugal living, and further, keeping them out of the reach of those vices which devour not small incomes merely, but large fortunes, and dissipate many a goodly inheritance.

Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903), from his landmark encyclical, Rerum Novarum, sec. 28

That our current Roman Pontiff chose to place his pontificate in the lineage of his venerable predecessor, the Church has been revisiting the papacy of Pope Leo XIII for deeper insight. Addressing the challenges of the Industrial Revolution, Pope Leo XIII wanted to chart a noble way forward to protect the rights of labourers while not succumbing to the temptations of the pernicious and ever encroaching Marxist ideologies of his day. Pope Leo XIII wanted to warn the Catholic faithful and all people of good will to guard themselves against the poisonous strategies of stirring bitter and violent resentments between social classes. Pope Leo XIII strongly advocated for a fair wage that allowed working men to obtain and secure private property to provide for the raising of a family. He exhorted the Catholic faithful to trust in God's Providence when applying themselves as competent and loyal employees so as to allow for the thriving of industry. He pleaded with all to avoid the wasteful squandering of goods and a toxic greed that looked to satisfy the longings of the human heart with empty and foolish consumerism. With hints that Pope Leo XIV is looking to address the contemporary challenges of work in the face of widespread migration, artificial intelligence, rising inflation, and cultural deterioration, may his looking to the pivotal writings of past Catholic heroes inspire him to guide us to a viable way forward for all.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It's interesting that in the gospel reading this weekend, the story of the ten cleansed lepers, the word used for "giving thanks" is the same word for Eucharist. The writer of this story puts a Eucharistic twist on this event.

From this perspective we realize two things; first that our Eucharistic sacrifice is our primary means of offering thanks to God for all his favors. We gather as church to acknowledge God's blessings collectively. But also that the gift of faith is extended to all. It is the Samaritan and not the Israelite who returns to offer thanks.

The mass offers us the wonderful opportunity to fall on our knees and offer thanks, and through this act we are cleansed and renewed.

Another dimension to the story is the fact that this Samaritan is the only person in the New Testament who offers thanks to Jesus personally. Is this an indication that often our work as church workers goes un-noticed? Whether or not this is the case we know that God is aware of all our good deeds and it is to him that we look for our justification. God Bless.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Roger



THANKSGIVING MESSAGE - FRANK CARDINAL LEO

In this Holy Jubilee Year of Hope, Thanksgiving is more than tradition - it is a sacramental reminder of God's love that finds its fullest expression in the Sunday Eucharist. May God bless you and your family and friends on this Thanksgiving weekend. Know that I give thanks to God for all of you, for the wonderful People of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us and make us truly grateful disciples of your Son.



ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE NOVENA

In anticipation for our feast day on October 16th; we will begin a Rosary and Novena in honour of St. Marguerite d'Youville on Tuesday, October 7th at 6pm. The novena will continue daily at 6pm followed by a Mass at 7pm during the week leading to the Feast.



PARISH HEAD COUNT SUNDAY

The weekends of October 18/19 and October 25/26 the Archdiocese is requesting our cooperation to conduct an attendance count at all weekend Masses. The purpose of the count is to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The count is to be conducted during the homily with the hope of providing minimal distraction. Thank you.



HEADCOUNT

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Interested in becoming Catholic and learning about the faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (or RCIA) is the program that allows you to be part of this amazing journey. Those interested are asked to call the office to register. Classes begin on Tuesday, October 14 at 7pm.

We are also looking for RCIA sponsors in the parish, practicing Catholics to help journey with our candidates, those that are past or the journey of becoming Catholic. If you're interested in journeying with one of our candidates, please let the office know and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise 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. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. *Thank you for your support of this important work.*

MARRIAGE PREP COURSE



The Fall Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set; the course will be held for 4 consecutive Saturday's October 25th, Nov 1st, 8th & 15th from 12:00pm - 7pm. \$250.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish office.

SMALL GROUP FAITH MINISTRY

"Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18:20) If you would like to apply what you have learned from Scripture, teachings, and practical personal reflection questions, join the SGM meetings on Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information, email Olivia Saqui at SGFM.smdy@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed!



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org with the following information:

1. Your first and last name, phone number and email address.
2. Are you an Adult (18+) or Minor (under 18)
3. Which ministry you are interested in.

DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!!!

If you use envelopes from a previous years your donation will **NOT** be attributed to your name!

If you wish to make a donation to the church please use the pink visitors envelopes and make sure you **write clearly** your full name and address so your donation can be assigned to your name or pick up a set for this year at the parish office during office hours.



PARISH BOOK STORE

The Parish bookstore is open on the first and third weekend of every month after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org.

THE 55+ CLUB

The club meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. All are welcome! For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrobin22@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a charitable Catholic organization, active throughout Canada. The work of the society is to assist those in need who live within our parish boundary. If you are in need of assistance please contact the St. Marguerite d'Youville Conference directly at 647-642-4906 or email: vincentdepaulsmdy@gmail.com

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and require support, please contact the Bereavement Ministry by email at Bereavement.smdy@gmail.com

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Stitches from the heart group will resume on Monday September 8th, 2025. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. For further information contact Mary at 905 915 8765. Any donation of yarn would be greatly appreciated.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Would you like to pray, Mother Mary's most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? The Rosary Apostolate is going back to in person. JOIN US! Training and supplies will be provided. For more information leave a message for Paula at the office.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm and Sundays at 8am for the Vietnamese Legion. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

EDGE

Kickoff event will take place on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH FROM 7-830PM** Meet new friends, get connected, and discover what's ahead in our bi-weekly Friday sessions.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and Parish office for Grades 5-8.

For more information email dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

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