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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*

Thanksgiving Message

**From The Most Rev. Francis Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Archdiocese of Toronto a Happy and Holy Thanksgiving, and to reflect on the importance of gratitude in our life of faith.

As an integral component of the cardinal virtue of justice - whereby we pay what is due to our benefactors - the virtue of gratitude is likewise related to, but distinguished from, the virtue of religion by which we pay what is due to God, as well as the virtue of piety by which we pay what is due to our parents and guardians. When all is said and done, we recognize and give thanks to God Himself as the source of all good things, all blessings and all graces, directing ultimately all our gratefulness principally to Him.

In addition, and as a natural consequence, part of the debt we owe to the Lord is to be paid by honouring our parents and showing gratitude to those who do good to us. The beauty of this virtue is that it is intended to perfect our capacity for acknowledging the many and varied benefits we have received.

This weekend celebration naturally leads us to ask the questions: What am I thankful for in my life? What are the “good things” from which I benefit? Who are those men and women who are channels of God’s goodness to me and who witness to the goodness of the Lord calling forth my acknowledgment and gratitude? Sometimes we stop and recognize the blessings formally around the Thanksgiving table, with each person sharing what they are thankful for in their lives. At other times it is done informally with a kind word or simple sentiment of thanks.

I would encourage you to take time to consider this question in a more fulsome way. As a healthy and life-giving spiritual exercise, it is imperative to express what we are thankful for, on a daily basis. Why daily? It is crucial that we recognize the Lord in a such a way, as being the origin and font of all goodness, that all is grace, that we are daily recipients of His bounty, and we are called to co-operate with His loving plan. The transformative choice and act of giving thanks involves a process of reflection, recognition and response. **Reflecting** on what is happening in our lives, in more than just a perfunctory

way; **Recognizing** the gifts and goodness we have received are from God; and **Responding** by giving thanks and hopefully being willing to share our bounty with others. Reflecting, recognizing and responding is a spiritual exercise that will help us to grow in love and service of God and others.

More than a simple, pious and polite platitude calling people to say, “Thank you”, the Church sees prayers of thanksgiving as fundamental to the very life and being of the Church. The highest prayer of thanksgiving which the Church offers is indeed the holy Eucharist. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we recall God’s works of creation, redemption and sanctification and we give thanks.

At the Last Supper Jesus instituted the sacrifice of the blessed Eucharist, offering praise and thanksgiving. His sacrifice on the Cross was the culmination and ultimate expression of his praise and thanksgiving to the Heavenly Father. This sacrifice of thanksgiving was done once and for all people, and when we celebrate the Eucharist, we unite ourselves to Jesus becoming sharers in His Body and Blood and forming a single Body - the Church. This is who we are and what we hope to become more fully.

May God bless you and your family and friends, your community and loved ones on this Thanksgiving weekend. Know that I give thanks to God for all of you, for the wonderful People that make up the Archdiocese of Toronto and I am grateful for all that you do to show the Face of Christ in new and life-giving ways to those the Lord providentially places on our path.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, pray for us and make us truly gratitude by God’s grace.

Most Reverend Francis Leo

The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Registration is almost complete




Candidates wishing to receive either sacrament must provide a hard copy of their Baptismal Certificate.



Please contact the office as soon as possible if you wish to register for either Sacrament.


olpeace@archtoront.org or 416 239 1259 ext.0

 Mass Intentions Saturday October 12th 5pm
†Special Intention
Sunday October 13th 10am
†Loretta & †Louis England
11:30am
†Robert Emerling Requested by His Parents & Brother †William (Bill) Jarosz Requested by Genoveffa Jarosz
Monday October 14th No Mass – Happy Thanksgiving
Tuesday October 15th 9am
†Eugene Sulej Requested by Doplaga Family
11am
Funeral Mass for †Helena Bartosik
Wednesday October 16th 9am
† Giuseppe & Eugenia Marcuzzi Requested by De Martin Family
Thursday October 17th 9am
† Marie Cybulski Requested by Doplaga Family
Friday October 18th 9am
Intentions of the Ryce Family Requested by DeMartin Family




Coffee & Tea Sunday
October 20th after
10:00am & 11:30am Masses

We warmly invite you to join us in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship. It's the perfect way to connect and share in some delightful moments with fellow parishioners.



Bingo & Pizza Night!
Friday, October 25th



Bring your family and friends to a fun-filled Pizza & Bingo night on Friday, October 25th 6:30 pm 2024 in the Parish Hall. Admission for Adults & Children is \$10.00. Includes: one slice of pizza, Caesar Salad, beverage and dessert. Additional pizza slices are \$2.00 each. We'll have exciting Bingo Games with many prizes to be won!

Reservations are required.

Tickets are available after each Weekend Mass, the parish office or contact Joan Grima at 647-278-9362

Donations of bingo prizes (gift cards or unused items) and desserts would be appreciated

Sanctuary Candles Intentions



Sacred Heart: †Personal Intentions
 Requested by Ivy Luguay

St Joseph: †Special Intentions
 Requested by Geraldine Frost

TUESDAY TREASURES!



Every Tuesday in the Parish Hall
 9.30am-12.30pm.

A beautiful relaxing morning as we continue to watch and discuss "The Chosen"—A multi-season series about the life of Jesus.

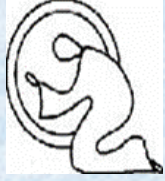
Please come along, connect and chat with friends, while enjoying Teas, Coffee & Refreshments
 Everyone is Welcome, Drop in or stay awhile!
 We look forward to seeing you there!
 Any questions?
 Please call the Parish Office 416 239 1259 ext. 0



Please pray for

† Helena Bartosik

who have passed away recently



May she Rest in Peace

~Mark Your Calendars~

Our Lady of Peace Parish Christmas BAZAAR on Saturday, November 30th, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Vendor Tables, Bake Sale, Donuts, Coffee, Tea, Lunch, Children's Activities & More!

If you are interested in selling your crafts or gift items, vendor tables are available for \$25.00 each. Contact the parish office for more information. olpeace@archtoronto.org - 416 239 1259 ext. 0

OLP 2024 YOUTH MINISTRY

Second Meeting:
Oct 18th, 2024

6:30PM to 9:00PM

Location: St. Elizabeth Elementary School
 at 5 Redcar Ave., Etobicoke

&

The Parenting Children Course
 For those parenting children ages 0 to 10
 Session 2: October 18th, 2024
 Session 3: November 8th, 2024
 Session 4: November 22nd, 2024
 Session 5: December 6th, 2024

Still Interested in Joining?

Registration is still open and can be completed on our parish website under the "Youth Ministry" page, or by contacting Arnold Samson asamson@archtoronto.org
 Catch up on Session 1 before Oct 18th by contacting Arnold Samson at asamson@archtoronto.org



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