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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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 12

5pm + Brenda Lee Whelan

Sunday, October 13

9am + Mac Waters
11am Parishioners

Tuesday, October 15

8:30am + Ramona Udasco

Wednesday, October 16

8:30am Parishioners

Thursday, October 17

8:30am Parishioners

Friday, October 18

8:30am + John & Mary O'Toole

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 7.7-11
Psalm: Ps 90.12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Second Reading: Hebrews 4.12-13
Gospel: Mark 10.17-30

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 opens the opportunity for friends and families to pray at the tabernacle knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intentions of:

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?

In today's Gospel, the man does not want to inherit eternal life. He comes to Jesus as to a teacher whose wisdom is already well known. Jesus deflects the appellation 'Good' away from himself and on to God alone. God is the author and giver of life. Questions about 'life' must be considered strictly in relation to what God has laid down and this, in first instance at least, is to be found in the commandments of the Torah, several of which – all ones dealing with duties to one's neighbour – Jesus lists.

When the man responds that he has kept all these from his youth, the interaction moves to a new level. Jesus, we are told, 'looked steadily at him and loved him'. How the love was evident we are not told – possibly in the nature of Jesus' gaze on the man, possibly in some gesture of affection such as an embrace. What the report of Jesus' reaction does establish, however, is that the discussion, from being a theoretical one about the requirements of the Torah, is now placed within a context of personal relationship, with the initiative from Jesus' side. The series of instructions that follow next -- 'You lack one thing: Go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me' -- do not stand by themselves but flow entirely from the relationship now offered. The sense of being chosen ('looked upon') and 'loved' by Jesus communicates the freedom from attachment to wealth that following him will require.

Most Jews in Jesus' day regarded wealth as a blessing and as an opportunity for doing good. In an insecure world, wealth is the most obvious form of security for the future. For Jesus the only real source of security is to have 'wealth' not in an earthly bank, but in a heavenly one ('treasure in heaven'). And the only way to deposit that treasure in that heavenly bank is to give it here and now to the poor. Where earthly banks can easily fail, the heavenly one has a divine guarantee. Everything comes back then to the man's being prepared to share something of Jesus' radical trust in God.

Jesus hardly required literal abandonment of possessions from all his followers. However, all are called to a freedom from the kind of attachment to wealth that shows distrust of the God proclaimed by Jesus: One who can be trusted absolutely to bestow (eternal) life on those who follow Jesus' way.

What, then, are the "many possessions" that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to—material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel? (*Fr. Brendan Byrne, SJ*)

PARISH NEWS

All Souls' Day November 2nd - 9am Mass

This year, All Souls' Day falls on Saturday, November 2nd. A special Mass will be celebrated at 9am that morning for all deceased souls in our families and our parish. We will accept multiple Mass Intentions for that day only.

First Communion & Confirmation Registration

The Registration forms and Schedule of classes for the preparation of your children to receive these sacraments is now posted on our website. Please register your child or children as soon as possible. Registration for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation closes on October 13th, 2024.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:
Grade 2 and above: Information Meeting with parents & children and Journey Through the Mass for children and parents will take place on October 19, 2024. This meeting is mandatory.

Confirmation: Grade 7 and above: Information Meeting with parents and candidates and Journey Through the Mass for candidates and parents will take place on March 8, 2025. This meeting is mandatory.

Note: Please check online for the change of dates for Confirmation Rehearsal and the day of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Volunteers for Children's Liturgy

We are starting up catechism classes in November! We need volunteers during the 11am Mass on Sundays for children in JK to Grade 1. For now, Grade 2 children will also be welcome until more volunteers participate in this important spiritual education for your children. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Mani.

Bishop Allen Academy Grade 8 Open House – October 17th

Grade 8 students and their parents are invited to attend an Information Evening and Open House at Bishop Allen Academy on Thursday, October 17th at 6:30pm. Learn about the Advanced Placement Program, Enrichment Classes, early and middle French Immersion, Gifted Program, Leadership Development, Athletics, and arts programs.

Coffee Sunday – October 20th

Come and join us for the next Coffee Sunday on October 20th after the 11am Mass.

St. Michael's College School October 17th and 22nd

The Office of Admissions is now considering applications for September 2025. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. Open Houses are being held on October 17th and October 22nd at 7:00pm. Contact 416-653-3180 or www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com.

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection this weekend, October 12-13, for the Parish Building Fund. *Please note that for those whose donations are through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), you may also wish to contribute to our second collections, as well as to special collections. This can be done on our website at <https://saintpiusx.ca> by choosing "Credit Card Giving" under the "Donations" tab. This will automatically take you to our Parish's archdiocese website where you can contribute to our Parish Building Fund and other collections.*

Month of the Holy Rosary and of the Missions

October is the month of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and also of World Missions. Archbishop Francis Leo has issued a Message for October: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/archbishop-leos-message-for-october-month-of-the-holy-rosary-and-of-the-missions/>. In it, he urges us to read Pope St. John Paul II's 2002 Apostolic Letter, "The Rosary of the Virgin Mary". Also, World Mission Sunday is on October 20th. There will be a Special Collection on the weekend of October 19-20 for World Missions. Please look for envelopes in the foyer.

Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- + How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- + How to create your own legacy
- + About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

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