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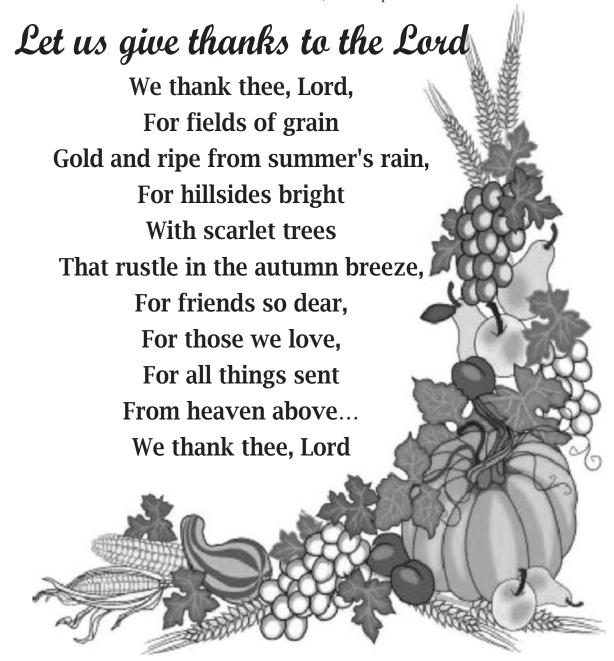
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I want to start by wishing you a very blessed thanksgiving. Most years, my family eats their thanksgiving dinner at noon. Rather I should say we start at noon! We take a few hours break before desert, which sometimes is a meal in itself. Of course, what is more wonderful than the food is being with mom, my siblings and their families, all gathered around the same tables and the family traditions that have developed over the years which speak to the bond of love that we all have for one another and for the Lord who of course, gave us all our good things.

Like many families, this year will sadly be different. We have some vulnerable people in the family and we will not be getting together. There may even be the temptation for many of us to wonder if there is much to be thankful for. Of course there is, we do thank God for our daily bread and that we live in a country with a strong sense of social concern that has tried to help people, who have had to stop working during this time, to put that daily bread on the table. I know that things are not always perfect in this regard, but we trust that there is a sincere desire to be.

More importantly, we thank God for our faith, that we know Him and through Him we know that we will conquer all ills and evils through Him who loved us. There is an old expression that says that just because the clouds obscure the sun, it doesn't mean that the sun is not there. Christ has never abandoned us, even in difficult times: in fact it is in these moments that His grace abides in us all the more. And that presence of Christ gives us hope. Hope not only that we will return back to a normal life, and we will, but a hope that His kingdom of peace and justice will find greater root in our heart and in our society. I am convinced, especially when I look at the history of the Church, that when we are sincere in being His people following His will, especially His great law of charity, all things are possible.

So, while I may not celebrate thanksgiving this year in the way I would normally want, I will celebrate it and I will begin by thanking God at Mass for all of his mercies and his abundance. I will especially thank Him for the gift of all of you. It is always a privilege to walk this journey of faith with you.

May God Bless you all and keep you safe, Fr. Boniface





HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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The 2021 First Communion Registration will take place on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 pm.

We ask that only 1 parent attend this meeting.

Please bring \$20.00 for the booklet for your child.

Starting next week we ask that you go online at www.stbernarddeclairvauxto.archtoronto.org to fill out a registration form, please attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate when you submit the registration form.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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CONFIRMATION

There will be a pre-registration meeting for those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 3rd, at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. Due to Covid 19 we ask only one parent and the Confirmandi be present. Before you come to the meeting, please make sure that:

- 1) You go to our website and fill out the Pre-Registration form. To find the form go to Sacraments, then Confirmation, you will find it at the end of the section.
- 2) A copy of your child`s baptism certificate
- 3) A fee of \$40.00 that covers the gown.

For those who's children attend St. Bernard School, you should have received a letter about Confirmation already.

For those who do not attend St. Bernard School but for whom this is your parish we are most happy to celebrate the Sacrament with you. Please simply follow the instructions as mentioned above.

If your child is 12 or over and not baptised, but would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation you must attend this meeting. Similiarly for those who are not baptized Catholic but would like to enter the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments. Please fill out the pre-registration form and speak to Fr. Boniface about Baptism and First Holy Communion.



Congratulations to Crystal Mah-Agoh Ambe Maria Fernanda Arredondo-Garcia Shadrel Malise Sumagang Basong Braxton Nicolai Costales Carpio Leah Maya Fajardo Clayton Gabriel Norberto Matos Da Rosa Alexia Kendra Edward-Lalsee Gabriela Sofia Estragadinho Jennifer Fernandez Reyes Giulia Mia Martino Giuliana Paniccia Nathan DeFreitas Silva who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, this Sunday, October 11th. May God continue to bless you as you draw closer to his sacred presence.

Lord, our God, may you fill these children with your Spirit so that the things of your kingdom are reflected in their faces. Guide them by your Word and Spirit, we pray for the children, their parents and guests for a beautiful celebration.



Celebrate Thanksgiving by helping in the fight against hunger.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to Church.

These donation will then go to the
Good Sepherd Ministries on Thursday, October 15th,
Good Shepherd are most in need of Mustard, Mayonnaise,
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Thank you for your support!!!

We will be celebrating a special Mass for Thanksgiving Day on Monday, October 12^{th} , at 9:00 am.

While this year we still have to respect social distancing and safety protocals, we hope to celebrate this Mass with you.



MASS INTENTIONS SAT OCTOBER 10th - SUN OCTOBER 11th, 2020

Sat 10th 1:00 pm Michele Bertone & Kathleen Spatola

Weddomg

5:00 pm Happy 10th Birthday Jeff Scofield

Esther Scofield (10 yr. death anniv.)

Catherine Mc Intyre Rosa Morrone

Sun 11th 9:00 am Anna Susanna

Maria & Raimondo Castellucci Beniamino & Liberata Alonzi

Giuseppe Dominicis Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Aldo Celebre

Serafino & Maria Gentile

10:30 am Spiritual Guidance of Jonathan Kiflu

Giuseppe Greco

2:00 pm First Holy Communion

Wed 14th 7:00 pm Antonio Rui Pereira

MASS INTENTIONS SAT OCTOBER 17th - SUN OCTOBER 18th, 2020

Sat 17th 5:00 pm Luigi & Francesco Sottile

Ferdinando Marchese Catherine Mc Intyre Assunta Noce

Sun 18th 9:00 am Michele & Annina Risi

Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Domenico De Fina

Fortunato & Fortunata Zappone

12:00 am Mary Drego

Arnold Drego

Wed 21st 7:00 pm Eliana Tapia 1 month death anniversary

Weekly Collection

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