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

MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (October 7)
5:00 PM Thanksgiving for Marivic Aguilar

SUNDAY (October 8)
7:30 AM For the Parish community
9:00 AM +Rodel Arellano
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Huynh-Hoang Family, +Carol David Bella, +Consolacion Chua, +Raymond Chua, Rita & Kalim Sherrif
12:30 PM +Brendon Fritzgerald

MONDAY (October 9)
9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day

TUESDAY (October 10)
7:30 AM Open

WEDNESDAY (October 11)
7:00 PM +Agnes D'Costa

THURSDAY (October 12)
7:30 AM +Lucy & John Texeira, Raul Mina Caberte, +Wilfredo Veleró

FRIDAY (October 13)
7:00 PM +Jason Avelino Mistry

SATURDAY (October 14)
9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Jason Avelino Mistry

CANADIAN
THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
Monday, October 9, 2023
9:00 AM

Church and Office will be closed for the day after the Holy Mass. We will resume regular schedule on Tuesday, October 10.

THANKSGIVING AS A WAY OF BEING

At the Preface of our Eucharistic Prayer, we say:

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving, Eucharist, Gratitude. Those are familiar words. We say them every week at the Eucharist (from the Greek word meaning thanksgiving). What if, however, we thought of the Eucharist as larger and more expansive than what we do on Sunday mornings? What if every offering of our thanks was a moment of Eucharist? What if we fed on the bread of gratitude in every moment, with every person, and in every place?

I am not just talking about the act of counting or naming our blessings, though there is nothing wrong with that. I am really talking about thanksgiving as a way of being, seeing, and relating. What if we understood thanksgiving to be more about what is happening within us than what is happening around us? Maybe we would look at each moment, each place, each person and hear those other familiar words, "The Gifts of God for the People of God."

May we celebrate Thanksgiving Day with love in our heart, hope in our vision, continued trust in God who make everything possible.

HAPPY CANADIAN
THANKSGIVING!

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 4,099.35
Building Fund	\$ 2,857.90
Mass Stipend	\$ 600.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 55.90
Flower Donation	\$ 215.00
Confirmation	\$ 2,350.00
First Holy Communion	\$ 1,445.00
Candle Offering	\$ 479.70
Humanitarian	\$ 80.00
Rectory Fund	\$ 286.16
Youth Ministry	\$ 25.00
Empanada	\$ 190.00
Needs of the Church	\$ 130.00
ShareLife	\$ 300.00
Indigenous	\$ 320.00
Baptism	\$ 585.00
Total	\$ 14,019.01

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We invite parents with children who are enrolled in public and private schools to register for sacramental preparation. Since the children in public and private schools do not receive religious formation as in our regular Catholic School setting, their preparation will be more on a weekly basis. Often times, we do not only prepare this children for First Reconciliation & First Communion, but also Baptism and Confirmation. The program we have for them is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC). Please get a form at the parish desk and submit the necessary requirements as soon as possible. We hope to begin our sacramental preparation by November.

We have a similar program for Adults, we call the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). If you or some one you know would like to explore more about the Catholic Faith or complete their Christian Initiation, please see Fr. Mark. Thank you so much.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

(IFF) and Dancing!

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 6 pm
St. Josephine Bakhita Parish Hall
Hosted by The Daughters of Isabella
All proceeds to go to the Building Fund

RENEW TORONTO

a conference for all young adults
ages 19-39 taking place on Saturday,
November 4, 2023 at Canada

Christian College in Whitby. The day includes keynotes by Jackie & Bobby Angel, worship led by Steadfast Worship, various workshop speakers, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and fellowship. This conference offers unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. Renew your heart. Renew your call. Renew our community. Registration now open! Early bird pricing until September 29. For more information and to register, visit: www.renewtoronto.org.

COME AND SEE

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 17 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 19 (2 p.m.). This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeesee

FOOD DRIVE

Our Parish is collecting food items this weekend and the following weekend to mark Canadian Thanksgiving. Our local Knights of Columbus will be responsible in gathering and delivering these Food Items to support the Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!

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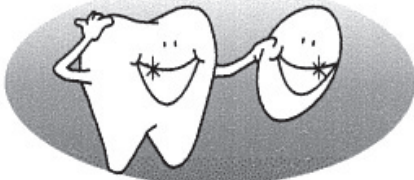
OUR PARISH IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Would you consider giving some of your time and talent to help us build community together and bring about the Kingdom of God in our midst?

These are some of the possibilities:

- A Ministry for 18-35 years of age. We have established ministries for children and older adults, but this age range is often overlooked. We would like to address that if we can.
- Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL). This is a program to help parents with children zero to six year old and to foster in the home a culture of faith in the earliest stages of family life. We are looking for at least 3 volunteers who can run this program. Training will commence in early 2024.
- More Catechists. In fact, if only you can all become Catechists. If you are interested, we can provide you with the tools and the training through the Office of Formation for Discipleship and St. Monica Institute in partnership with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation at the University of Dayton.
- Ministry for Maturing Adults. This is a ministry that is suitable for seniors ministering to fellow seniors.

If any of these interest you, please see Fr. Mark. Thank you!



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