



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

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## **Celebration of The Eucharist**

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am  
Thursday: 12:00 noon

**Eucharistic Adoration** (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Or by appointment.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Second Sunday of the Month  
By appointment only.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.  
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

## **Parish School**

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# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Oct. 11, 2020

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



**Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 am – Steven Cheung †

Wed. 8:30 am – Erik & Anne Cheung †

Thurs. Noon – Pietro Mollicone †

Fri. 8:30 am – Isabella Kilp †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Paulo Correia †

## READINGS FOR – October 18<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 45.1, 4-6

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Thessalonians 1.1-5ab

Gospel: Matthew 22.15-21



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## World Mission Sunday

**October 18**



At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions.



**“How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction! ... I once more invoke the Holy Spirit. I implore him to come and renew the Church, to stir and impel her to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples.” Pope Francis**

## SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

In order to assist in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to adhere to the regulations of the Government of Ontario during this state of emergency, all churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto have limited attendance capacity at this time.

At a time like this it can be uncomfortable to talk about giving. Our primary concern is the health and well-being of our parishioners. However, these difficult circumstances show just how important the offertory is to the life of our parishes. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate – parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) are funded through the generosity of its parishioners. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection.

If you are unable to attend Mass at this time, there are several ways you can continue to support your parish at this time:

- Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving if your parish offers it. You can obtain a form from your parish office. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.
- You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. To do this, we need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail us at [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org). In the body of the email provide us with your name, address, parish name and municipality. We will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to your parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to your offertory.

If you have any questions we'll be pleased to assist in our Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540.



We have received approval from the Archdiocese to go ahead with Masses for First Communion celebrations. For the children initially registered for First Communion in 2020, effected by COVID, this will take place on **Sunday November 1st at 3pm** and **Sunday November 8th at 3pm**, to divide the group in half. These will be dedicated Masses for the First Communion candidates, so that each family has an entire pew to themselves, to be able to invite up to 10 members from your circles to attend. Social distancing guidelines will be followed throughout, with details closer to the dates.



### Community Service Projects Good Shepherd Centre



Trays and recipes will be handed out after all Masses this weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles next weekend, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>. We thank those who have been so committed to this program and invite all other parishioners to participate.

### OLD TOWELS

Do you have towels that have seen better days? Good Shepherd Centre is in need of your old towels to reuse for cleaning their facility.

Please drop off weekend of Oct. 17th and 18th. Thank you!



### Ministry with Maturing Adults

Over the last two months we have been meeting virtually on **Zoom**. On July 30th, Linda Ind, the Program Coordinator for CHATS did a presentation on "Elder Abuse." On September 24th, Linda enlightened us on "Navigating the Health Care System." Both sessions were well attended.

The Life Story Writing program began on September 16th and will end on November 4th. Our new endeavor is "**Moving to Music**," a virtual Zoomba. Come stretch and dance with us starting on Friday, October 23rd until November 27th at 9:30 am for 35 minutes. Please register by calling or emailing the church office by October 19th to get the Zoom link. There is no cost!

Drive the COVID-19 blues away in a caring community.

Facilitator: Viola Athaide

### THE WORD THIS WEEK

*"Invite everyone you can find to the wedding."*



Wedding feasts are celebrations of joy. The one in today's gospel, however, turns ugly. The guests refuse to attend; they attack the king's slaves. The king retaliates with murder and destruction. But the feast must go ahead. Just when things seem to be improving, the king notices a man without a wedding robe and casts him out into the darkness. Aspects of this parable are shocking, challenging us to critique our relationship with God. The big danger is complacency: we are baptized, we go to Church and we have got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. We cast ourselves into the darkness when we refuse God's offer of friendship. The Mass is a transitional time between the present and eternity. It is God's standing invitation to enter more deeply into relationship with God and others. Our presence here expresses our willingness to put on the robe of Christ so that we may stand confidently and joyfully in the light of God's friendship.

### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

*Lord, thank You for this special day when we bow our heads in thanksgiving and consider our many blessings.*

*We thank You for our health and our homes and the beauty all around us.*

*We thank You for answering our prayers and for knowing what we need even before we ask.*

*Most of all, we thank You for surrounding us with the gifts of family and friends - for their laughter, trust and love.*

*Please bless those who can't be with us yet remain close to our hearts, and continue to bless and protect us all. This is our loving prayer to You on this Thanksgiving Day.*

*Amen*





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