

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017



## SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1~7

Psalm 80: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

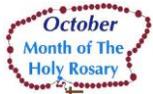
Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6~9

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33~43

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We are a people, who want assurance, and insurance, that we are saved. But salvation is not something we earn, attain or secure. True eternal life (otherwise known as salvation and heaven) is the fruit of how we receive God's gift and participate in nurturing the gift to grow in us. In the first reading and the Psalm, we are reminded that God has made the vineyard the people of Israel. This is prophecy that reminds us that no material thing – no church building, set of rules, or perfect performance – can earn us what God has planted within and for human hearts. Saint Paul tells us not to worry about anything. We must simply focus on whatever is good. Plant seeds of time, energy, money and life into what is good. No status, no track record of being right, no amount of wealth or power can protect us from being measured by the fruit of our lives. All this is to say that we cannot earn, attain or secure a place in heaven. The Kingdom of God will come to those who, one day and one decision at a time, give the gifts of their lives away in love. We are all capable of tossing the gifts away, hoping to take a shortcut back later. This week, Jesus reminds us to return to love, to place our security only in God's invitation to love.

## ARCHDIOCESE



The month of October is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary every day. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion. The Rosary is the best method of honouring Mary. It protects the Church from false teachings and keeps her safe from the attacks from the Enemy.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year, *World Mission Sunday* will take place on October 22, 2017. On that day, we celebrate who we are as Christians; missionary disciples. It's a time of prayer. We are also invited to look beyond our local Church in Canada and assist through financial gifts, the missionary work needed in the young dioceses in many developing countries. An example of this work is providing health care centres, building schools, and empowering lay pastoral workers, construction of convents and presbyteries. Please pray for the missions and show generosity on *World Mission Sunday*.

## PARISH

## ST. ANTHONY'S

**This morning after Mass** all are invited out onto the lawn for some refreshments and to say thank you to Father Robbertz.

## **PARENT MEETING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**On Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 at**

**St. Joseph's Church - after the 11 am Mass** we will have enrolment and a meeting for children in Grades 2 & 3 at Holy Family Catholic School and Public Schools receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion and First Confession. Parents *please* make every effort to attend this meeting. We will not be having another enrolment meeting so if you would like your child to receive the sacraments, you must attend that meeting.

### **LADIES OF THE PARISH**

The next Ladies meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm. New members are always welcome! Come join us for a short meeting then refreshments and social to follow.

### **FATHER OSWIN**

Father will be returning to the parish on Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be in the evening on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm followed by Adoration.

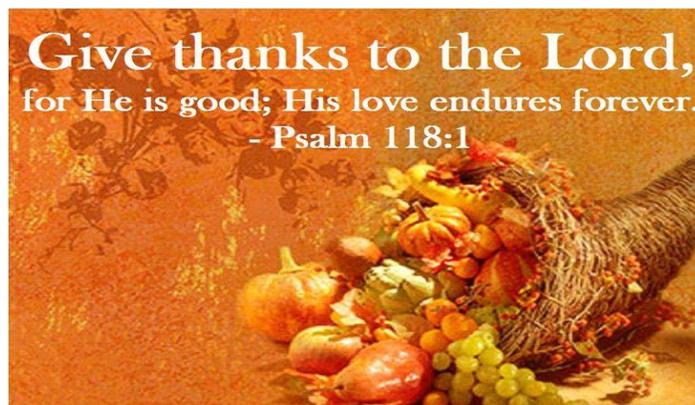
We wish to thank Rev. Manfred "Fred" Schmid who was our visiting priest here at St. Joseph's for the past four weekends.

We would also like to thank Rev. Matthew Robbertz who was the visiting priest at St. Anthony's. Without both of your priestly assistance, Father Oswin would not be able to enjoy his vacation, knowing his flock was in excellent spiritual care! God Bless you both and until we meet again.

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Flowers     | \$ 248.95 |
| Maintenance | 130.00    |
| Offertory   | 1,111.65  |

# Thank you for your generous donations!



# St. Joseph's Parish

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

| We join in prayer with those who have requested that Masses be offered for their loved ones, living (*) or deceased (+). |        |                              |                 |
|--|--------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Date   | Time   | Mass for                     | Requested by    |
| OCTOBER  |        |                              |                 |
| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>   | 5 pm   | + Mr. & + Mrs. M. Serranilla |                 |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 9 am   | * M. Camcam                  |                 |
|  | 11 am  | + Joan Carey                 | Sheila Brosnan  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 7 pm   | + Enrique Redor              |                 |
| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>  | 5 pm   | Souls in Purgatory           |                 |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | 9 am   | * Thanksgiving               | Carpio Family   |
|  | 11 am  | + Joan Carey                 | McSorley Family |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:15am | * Rita Reilly                | Jim Reilly      |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>  | 5 pm   | + Martin Laarakkers          | Mary Clark      |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 9 am   | + Margaret Horner            | Veronica Horner |
|  | 11 am  | + Freda Kennedy Tavaes       |                 |

## The Holy Father's

### Prayer Intentions for October, 2017



#### Workers and the Unemployed

**That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the sick and the hospitalized of the parish especially: Jean Adams, Noella Alcox, Dr. Jim Brown, Rita Coxworth, Weston Druery, Eleanor Flynn, Maria Fiume, Melinda McKillop, Jim Morrow, Sam Niccoli, Lillian O'Neill, Rita Reilly, Jack Sumner, Nadine Turner, Don Wood and all the sick of the parish.