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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 9th, 2020

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Thanksgiving to all!!

By coming to Mass this weekend, you are thanking God in the best possible way. It is a beautiful holiday. Jesus shows us the importance in giving thanks. This weekend is also a time to be more intentionally thankful for the gifts and blessings God has graciously bestowed on us. By expressing gratitude, we overcome sadness; we cement relationships with each other and with God. However, it is important to not relegate the gratitude to solely one weekend a year. As stewards we are called to be grateful disciples of Christ. Gratitude is at the very core of what it means to be a steward.

The power of gratitude can be seen by way of contrast. The opposite of gratitude is complaining. We complain because we are unhappy, ungrateful about our lives. Most of our complaining and criticizing does little good, but a word of gratitude can make someone's day, maybe even change their life.

In our hearts, we know the importance of gratitude. Parents spend time teaching their children how to say "thank you", and how to write a note of appreciation. But then we adults often fail to take the time to say, "thank you." One practice that is often recommended to children is to "count your blessings."

There is great spiritual fruit to be discovered through this practice, even as adults. Often times we place greater weight on the few negative things in our lives rather than focusing on the hundreds of blessings. Let us intentionally set aside a few minutes this weekend to concretely identify all of the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us... even though the country and around the globe has been suffering this year with the COVID19 pandemic, there is always something to be thankful for!

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

ShareLife	October 10 th & 11 th THIS weekend
World Mission Sunday	October 17 th & 18 th
ShareLife	November 8 th & 9 th (last weekend in 2020 Campaign)

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

October is the Month of the Rosary

The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lays the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate on the lives of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with her, the Mother of God.

COVID 19 ~ UPDATE ~ Masks ARE mandatory in all GTA municipalities including St. Joseph's Church and St. Anthony's Mission Church. Please respect the mandate and wear your mask!

First Friday in the Month ~ beginning in November and through to April 2021, the weekly evening Masses will be at 6:00pm instead of 7:00pm. Mass times for first Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be;

St. Joseph's Church ~ Friday November 6th @ 11:00 am
St. Anthony's Mission Church ~ Friday November 6th @ 4:30 pm

I do hope and pray I will see a good number attend those Masses.

Praying for you and your families and wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in Christ,

Rev Oswin Fernandes
Pastor