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## *Let us be thankful ...*

*Let us be thankful for  
the blessings we receive.*

*Let us be thoughtful of others.*

*Let us remember dear and close friends.*

*Let us have faith in tomorrow.*

*Let us live life as a Golden Rule.*

*Let us find sunlight through the clouds.*

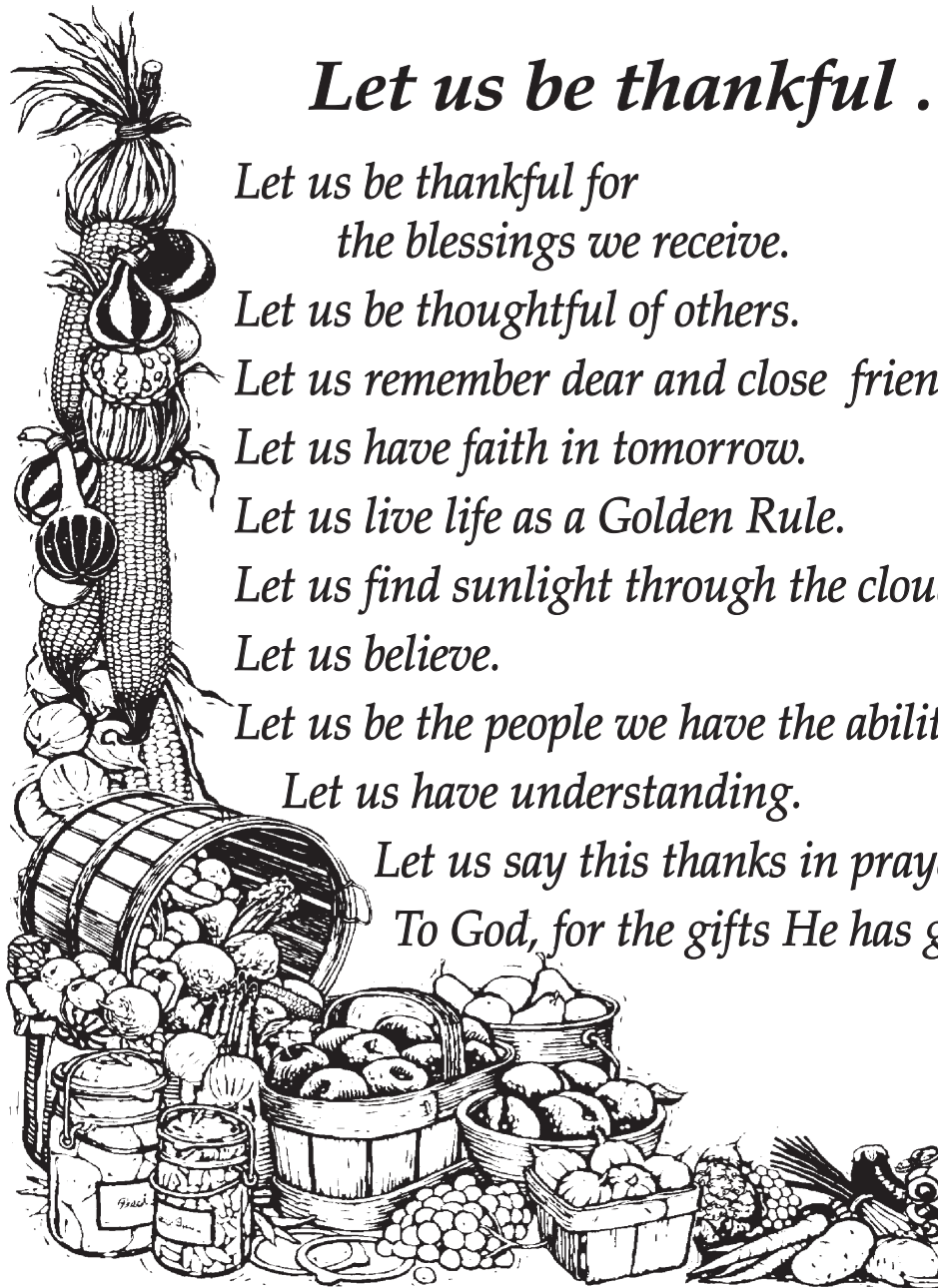
*Let us believe.*

*Let us be the people we have the ability to be.*

*Let us have understanding.*

*Let us say this thanks in prayer*

*To God, for the gifts He has given.*



# Teach me Your ways, O Lord . . .

When Jesus upheld the permanence of marriage he was going against the popular opinion of his time. It is clear from his teaching that he expected the highest of standards in marriage, as in everything else. Christ never promised that marriage would be a lifetime of romance and bliss as, for all its great joys, it is immensely difficult. Like all great tasks and all great callings, marriage is no easy choosing. It is a serious undertaking and anyone believing that marriage will bring instant happiness is going to feel shortchanged. Marriage is a tried and tested way in which children can grow up to be loved as well as given stability and security that they need. No other setting has been proven better for the nourishing and flourishing of children.



## Mass Intentions

- Monday        Souls of **Julie McQueen**
- Tuesday      Souls of **Thomas Joseph Donnelly,**  
**Guadalupe Aquirre**
- Wednesday   For the **Intention of Rosaria Lee**
- Thursday      Soul of **George Shin**
- Friday         Soul of **Lucy Kok Moey Chin**

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE**  
905 881-2786 ext. 250

## The Sacraments our "Lifeline" for a Time of Crisis

In the past few weeks, our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group has been reading the story of Creation in the book of Genesis, where we hear how God saw that all creation was good. "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." (Gen.1:31) Then someone asked, "If all that was created was good, then why do we have suffering and pain?" Later in Genesis, we hear how man falls prey to temptation but God does not abandon him. God loves us as we are. God's love and mercy is immeasurable, unlimited and unceasing. We do not earn God's love and it is not offered because we are worthy. God just loves us. It is hard for us to believe this.

I was reflecting on this passage as I sat down to write this column for the bulletin. I too, like so many other Catholics have been struggling with the news and publicity about the sexual abuse of innocent children and the large number of victims. I was angry and ashamed for the church. I too feel the pain of the survivors of abuse and the betrayal. Our Church is broken and suffering, there is no doubt. The faithful are distraught, grieved and angry. They feel betrayed, ashamed and skeptical that anything has been done since the reforms adopted in 2002. One may ask, "Where is God in all this mess?"

In the Catholic Register, Bob Brehl, quotes Fr. Robert Barron stating, "We are not Catholics because of the moral excellence of our leaders. We're Catholics because of Jesus Christ, crucified and raised from the dead. We're Catholics because of the Trinitarian love of God. We're Catholics because of the mystical Body of Christ. We're Catholics because of the sacraments. We're Catholics especially because of the Eucharist." (Catholic Register, Sept. 8, 2018) Whenever I find myself in a crisis, I turn to prayer and the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I turn to the Gospels and the life of Jesus. I look to the examples given to us by Jesus and ask myself, "What would Jesus do in this situation?" I always find that, prayer and reflection on the Gospels has the ability to bring me clarity of thought and to restore peace within. In this situation, we repeatedly see Jesus being grieved and express righteous anger when confronted with wrong attitudes and 'hardness of hearts' of those before Him. We read in the Gospel of Mark, "He looked around at them with anger" (Mark 3:5) As Christians and members of the Body of Christ, we should be angry when faced with sinful action taking place by those who are religious leaders. It is our duty to pray for and to hold those in power accountable for their actions while seeking reform to make sure that this does not happen again. Jesus did become angry yet His anger was not an excuse for sinful actions.

Antoinette

October 7, 2018

## SUNDAY MORNING ROSARY BEFORE THE 8:45 MASS

When you plan to attend the 8:45 mass, why not come a few minutes early (8:15) and join your fellow parishioners in praying Our Blessed Mother's Rosary for world peace? If we don't pray, it won't happen.

## 2018 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

We need to pray the Rosary for Canada, for repentance and conversion. We need to bring Our Blessed Mother into our community. The goal is to have 1000 Public Rosaries across Canada –please come and join us on **Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon.**

Please see the Public Square Rally flyer in the narthex for meeting locations. *Prayer Group*

## EDGE YOUTH PROGRAM KICK-OFF & VOLUNTEERING

**Who:** Grades 5-8

**When:** Starting Friday, October 12, 7-9pm

**Where:** St. Luke's Church, 39 Green Ln., Thornhill, ON.

**Registration for students:** <http://tiny.cc/saintlukesedge>

**Contact:** Greg Garda. [SaintLukesYM@gmail.com](mailto:SaintLukesYM@gmail.com) OR ex.232.

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to attend our first Edge youth night of the year. Edge will kick-off with a BBQ, games, and praise & worship on **Friday, October 12 at 7pm.** Parents and family members are encouraged to attend the BBQ to meet our Edge leadership. For more info on Edge please visit the website above. Hope to see you soon.



## *Many, Many Thanks!!!*

to all the generous donors who helped make our Thanksgiving Food Drive such a success.

**Thanks also** to those who give at our Saint Vincent de Paul poor boxes at the back of the church. Your donations enable us to provide food vouchers to the needy in our community, help our twin in the Dominican Republic, and support the Society's Special Works in the GTA – shelters for abused women, homes for the developmentally handicapped and those with mental health problems, recovery homes for addicts, supportive housing, etc.

([www.svdptoronto.org](http://www.svdptoronto.org)).



## BUNDLE UP for SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

A Saint Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot the weekend of October 20/21 to collect **clothing, household linens, footwear, bedding, draperies/towels, and toys** in order to support the needy. Please share what you can with our neighbors in need. **Also please note, we do not accept books, video/audio cassettes, furniture or dishes.** Our container will be open all day Saturday until 5:30 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass.

## OUT OF THE COLD CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Out of the Cold Program will be starting up again in November. We need warm winter clothing for adults, both men and woman (no children's clothing). The clothing may be dropped off in the hall anytime. Please put a sticker on the bag of clothing to indicate that it is for the Out of the Cold program. If you have any questions please call Natalie at 905 881-2786 ext. 235.

## MOSAIC INTERFAITH PEACE MEAL

The annual Peace Meal will be held on **Sunday, October 21 from 2:30 – 5:00 pm. at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., Thornhill.** The topic is Charity & Justice. How are they different? Why we need both?

Please bring a nut free vegan dish to share. If you have any questions please call Natalie at 905 881-2786 ext. 235.

**THANK YOU!!!**

## FUNERAL MASS ALTAR SERVERS

The Chapel of St. Joseph, Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home has a need for adult altar servers to assist with Saturday Funeral Masses. If you are available to volunteer for a morning or an afternoon shift on a rotating schedule and would like more information, please contact Father Derek Ali [dali@cc-fs.ca](mailto:dali@cc-fs.ca).

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