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A Thanksgiving Prayer

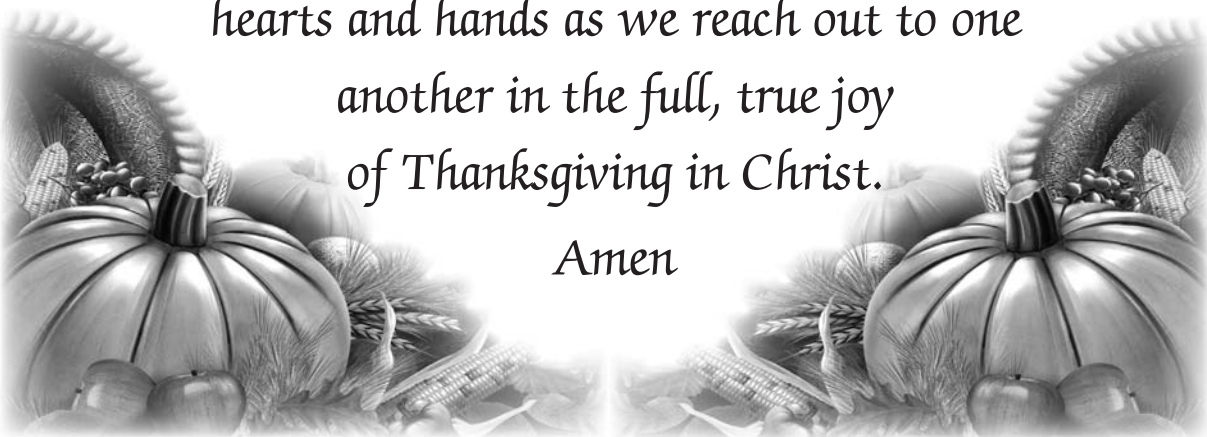
Heavenly Creator,

In this season of gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.

Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.
And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one
another in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen



**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 25:6-10 The Lord will provide for all peoples.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.

Matthew 22:1-14 Many are invited, but few are chosen.

We ponder the kingdom of heaven as a wedding feast. God has great things prepared for those who are invited into the kingdom. But not all those who are invited accept the invitation. And some who accept are not prepared to enter. God's invitation is gracious and open to all, but we must respond. In our very busy, noisy world, can we hear God's invitation? Hearing his invitation, do we make time to purify our souls so that when we are called, we are clothed properly for His Eternal Banquet?



*To all Parishioners & Families
Of Nativity of Our Lord Parish*

Coffee Sunday on Zoom

On Sunday, October 25th at 1:00pm, join us for Virtual Coffee Sunday on ZOOM. To submit a question for Fr. Michael to answer and to sign up to receive the link to join, visit our Parish website <https://www.myparish.org/post/5f749b345527d20060d9e102> Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please email Courtney: youthminister@nativityym.com

1st Communion

Please note that we will have 7 children making their 1st Holy Communion next Sunday, October 18th at the 11:30am mass. Please pray for our young people and their families!

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

Thank you, for all you do to support our church. Our work is made possible through the giving hearts of parishioners like you. Our thanks to those who registered for our Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Program. Those who still wish to sign-up, you may continue to do so. Please contact the parish office to obtain the registration forms. We ask you to return the form with a void cheque to the office or drop it in the offertory basket. We will confirm receipt of your completed form so please make sure we have your contact details. PAG allows you to support your parish during times when you are not able to make it to church or when you are away—a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long. For more information, please call our parish office at 416 621 2732.

Confirmations

Good news! Our 2020 Confirmation candidates will be able to be confirmed at the end of this month at the following masses listed below. Please pray for our young adults and their families!

- 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 27th
- 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 28th
- 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 29th

Webinars for Lectors

On Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., all current lectors are invited to attend a formation webinar. The webinar will explore: how the Scriptures came to be and the Church's interpretation of them; the role of the Liturgy of the Word during Mass; the importance of the Proclamation of the Word of God; and the policies of the Archdiocese of Toronto, best practices and practical tips. This webinar will cover the same topics as the in-person workshops offered by our office. Please note there is no cost to attend, but online registration is required.

Please register by this Thursday, October 15 at: <https://bit.ly/LFW-RegisterOct2020>

Mass Updates due to COVID-19

Daily Masses & our weekend Sunday masses have resumed as per our regular schedule:

Please note that the weekend masses are via on-line reservations, please see our website for full details.

Sunday Vigil mass on Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:30am.

Sunday mass will continue to be broadcast on YouTube, the link can be found in the post each Sunday on the home page or our website www.myparish.org.

Please keep in mind the various cautions regarding participation:

- If you are in a "vulnerable age group" with a medical condition, gathering with others is not recommended.
- If you are ill with anything or have a fever gathering with others is not permitted.
- Wearing of a mask at all times while in church is mandatory as is sanitizing your hands prior to entry at the church doors.

** Please remember that the obligation to attend mass is suspended during the pandemic. Thank you for your goodness, your patience and your prayers. Your safety is our primary concern.

All future updates will also be on our parish website: www.myparish.org.

Annual Memorial Mass

On Saturday, November 21st, at 1:30 pm, we will celebrate our **Annual Memorial Mass** in remembrance of your loved one/s, along with all the other parishioners, who passed away this year. During the Mass, their names will be announced and they will be honoured in our own special way.

Because of the pandemic, we need to limit numbers due to our reduced capacity. For this year, attendance may have to be restricted to family members of the deceased. Further details to follow.

Nativity of Our Lord YOUTH MINISTRY

 LIFE TEEN



Stay safe, stay tuned and looking forward to seeing you soon!

October the Month of the Holy Rosary



The month of October is a good time to commit praying the Rosary every day. The Rosary can bring great peace and holiness to your life. It can be a powerful instrument for conversion. The Rosary is a wonderful method of honouring Mary.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

They continue to serve and help those in need in our community. Please remember that the St. Vincent de Paul boxes are available to drop off your donation. You may also drop your donation off in the offertory baskets which are now located at the entry and exit doors. PLEASE make certain to include your name and current envelope number, address and specify that the donation is for "St Vincent de Paul".

Unused Christmas Cards

St. Vincent de Paul is requesting donations of unused Christmas cards, left over from previous years, which will be used by the prison ministry for inmates at the Toronto South Detention Centre to send to their families this Christmas. Please drop donations off at the parish office mailbox.

Our Office Hours During COVID-19

Please note that during COVID-19 our office will be open by appointment only – from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We ask you to call the parish office at 416 621 2732 to arrange an appointment.

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