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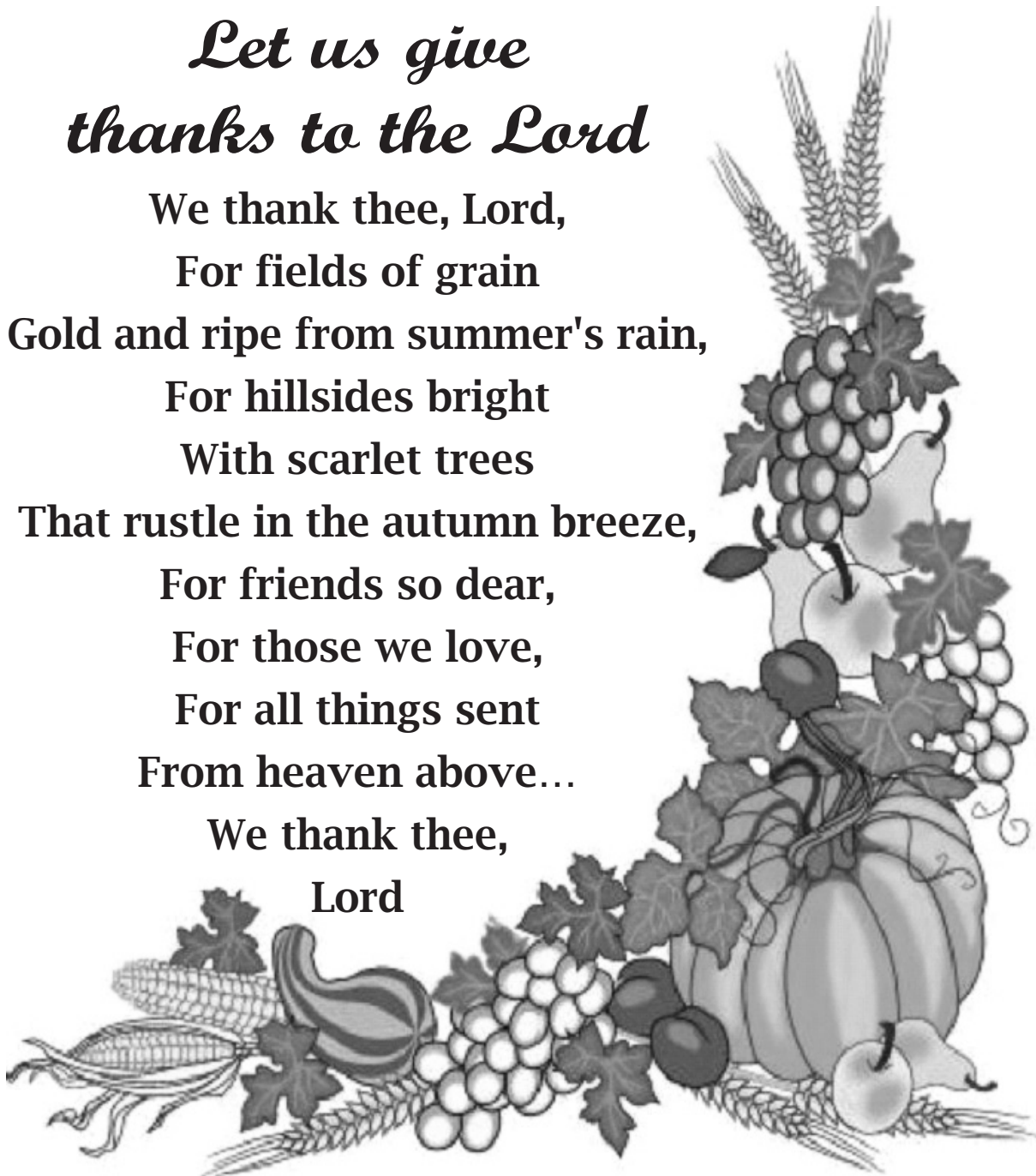
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*Let us give
thanks to the Lord*

We thank thee, Lord,
For fields of grain
Gold and ripe from summer's rain,
For hillsides bright
With scarlet trees
That rustle in the autumn breeze,
For friends so dear,
For those we love,
For all things sent
From heaven above...
We thank thee,
Lord



OCTOBER 11, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 11 | 9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY

REYES & BUENO FAMILIES IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD
FOR ALL BLESSINGS AND GRACES RECEIVED

Offered by Mariel Bueno

FOR PERSONAL INTENTION OF

CHRISTOPHER LANGLOIS

Offered by Chris & Sharon Bullock

Sunday, October 11 | 11:30 AM

PROSPERITY AND CONTINUED HAPPINESS OF NELLO &
MARIA DEL RIZZO ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THEIR MARRIAGE

Offered by Del Rizzo Family

FOR PERSONAL INTENTION OF SARAH LANGLOIS

Offered by Chris & Sharon Bullock

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE D'SOUZA FAMILY

Offered by A Parishioner

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
NATIVITY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE COUNCIL

Offered by Nativity Catholic Women's League

Monday October 12 | 9:30 AM

IN THANKSGIVING FOR MANY BLESSINGS

Offered by A Parishioner

ROBERT & ZRINKA DOMAGALA ON THEIR

30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Offered by Robert & Zrinka Domagala

FOR BRANDON YABUT

Offered by Mariel Bueno

FOR THE SOUL OF TRESCIE PEREIRA

Offered by Elsie Alvares

FOR THE SOUL OF DORVALINO BRANDAO

Offered by Turalija Family

Tuesday, October 13 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE SOUL OF NELLA JANNETTA

Offered by Frances Jacques

FOR CATHY BLODGETT, WITH WISHES OF A

SWIFT RESTITUTION OF GOOD HEALTH

Offered by Chris & Sharon Bullock

Wednesday, October 14 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE SOUL OF ANTONIO CAVATASSI

Offered by Lucia Cavatassi

FOR PERSONAL INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL AND FAMILY

Offered by Chris & Sharon Bullock

Thursday, October 15 | 9:30 AM

FOR THE SOUL OF ANTONIO DIAS

Offered by The Dias Family

Friday, October 16 | 9:30 AM

FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION FOR IVES HUAYTAN

Offered by Chris & Sharon Bullock

Saturday, October 17 | 5:00 PM

FOR THE SOUL OF MARY FORAN

Offered by Diane Winiarz And Family

FOR THE SOUL OF FLORINDA LOBO ON THE

50TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Offered by Her Grandchildren And Great Grandchildren

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE ALVARES, GOMES

& PEREIRA FAMILIES

Offered by Elsie Alvares

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE SOUL OF LUCIEN CONRAD

Offered by The Nativity Alpha Community

Vocations

"Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, Who called the Apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in Your Holy Church. Teach them that to serve You is to reign: to possess You is to possess all things. Kindle in the hearts of Your people the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread Your Kingdom upon earth. Grant them courage to follow You, Who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life; Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen."

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The collection of non perishable food items for the Good Shepherd Ministries is ending Monday October 12. Please consider making a donation, share your blessings with individuals and families in need. Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful but also to be compassionate and kind, your gesture can mean a lot to another person. Thank you.

Municipal Election 2026

Happening on October 26. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. Save the date, make sure your information is up to date and educate yourself about the candidates, to ensure you make an informed decision.

Christmas Cards

Christmas is just around the corner, and the Nativity Christmas Cards have arrived! Get yours today at the Parish Office and send your Christmas wishes in style this year! Price is 2\$ each or 15\$ for a bundle of ten.

Nativity Memorial Mass for All Souls Departed

Brothers and sisters, This coming November 11th at 7:00 PM, we will gather for a special Mass for All Souls Departed in our Parish. On this day, we remember and pray for all our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. We warmly invite everyone to attend in memory of the family members and friends you wish to commend to God's mercy. Let us come together as a parish community to lift them up in prayer and to find comfort in the hope of the Resurrection. Please mark your calendars and join us for this beautiful and meaningful celebration.

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in December 2026 & supports the bulletin service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422. Please remember that the bulletin is an important way in which we keep parishioners informed about what is happening in the church, so we would like to keep it running, we strongly encourage you to use this mean of publicizing your product or service.



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SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582) was a Carmelite nun, mystic, author, and reformer who dedicated her life to prayer, friendship with Jesus, and renewing the Carmelites. Her writings on prayer and spiritual life continue to inspire the Church.



THE STORY

Teresa entered the Carmelite Order and worked courageously to renew its life of prayer, simplicity, and faithful service.



FUN FACTS

Teresa was a joyful mystic, reformer, writer, and Doctor of the Church. She taught that prayer is friendship with Jesus.



YOUR FAITH MISSION

Spend five quiet minutes talking honestly with Jesus today. Listen in silence and trust that He is near.



PRAYER

Saint Teresa of Ávila, pray for us. Teach us to pray with confidence, persevere through difficulties, and remain close to Jesus. Amen.

✠ READ: JOHN 15:9-17 • PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9 • PSALM 46

LIVES OF SAINTS

October 17 — Saint Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial)

Early bishop and martyr, known for his powerful letters written on the way to his execution in Rome. Fun fact: He is the first writer to use the term "Catholic Church." Curiosity: His letters show remarkable courage — he begged Christians not to stop his martyrdom, seeing it as union with Christ. Prayer: Saint Ignatius, strengthen our faith and love for the Church.

PARISH LIFE

Nativity of Our Lord CWL 2026

Nativity CWL General Meeting, Tuesday October 13th
At 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Save the Date! CWL Annual Christmas Bazaar, Saturday November 14th, 9:00 am to 2:00pm. More details to follow Faith-fun-Fulfillment. Calling all ladies of the parish, if you are interested in joining this group of like-minded Catholic women, you can contact us at nativitycwl@gmail.com

Our Lady of Nativity-Legion of Mary

Focused on spiritual growth, and apostolic work: visiting the sick and nursing homes, teaching the rosary in schools and domiciliary visits of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We meet on Saturdays at 10 am for prayers, if you are interested in joining us, call the Parish Office

Fitness Classes

Drop-in every Monday and Thursday at 1pm. The cost of only 7\$/class. This program is geared for ages 60+ but it is still a moderately lively Aerobic Class, so all are welcome! For more information e-mail dalemm55@yahoo.ca

First Holy Communion/Reconciliation Program

For students in Grade 2 or higher. Information package is now available, and registration is open at the Nativity Website/Parish Life/Sacraments. You will need an English copy of the child Baptismal Certificate, and the cost is 60\$. For questions email miriam.fhc.rec@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.

Nativity Seniors Connection

A monthly gathering designed to bring our parish seniors together for fellowship and connection. We meet in the church Hall on the first Friday of each month, following the 9.30am Mass. The goal of this initiative is to support and appreciate our parish seniors by providing a welcoming space to enjoy conversation, coffee, and cookies together. Gatherings to follow on November 6 and December 3.

Nativity of Our Lord Bereavement Group

Join us starting on Tuesday/October 27 at 7:00 pm, in Room #1 for the next 6-week small group session. Following dates: November 3, November 10, November 17, November 24, December 1. Working through grief can be one of the most difficult times in our life. We offer support and important information to assist you in reconciling your loss and to companion you on your grief journey. There is no cost to participants. All are welcome. To register and for more information, contact Caroline D'Souza 416 200 0774 or parish office.

Assumption Cemetery & Funeral Home (Mississauga)

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us Saturday October 17 & Saturday November 14 at 9am for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and faith informed decisions. Register: 905-670-8801 ext 2410.

Social Committee

Join Fr. Jan and your fellow parishioners for a warm coffee and take the opportunity to get involved in our lively parish! Our upcoming Coffee Sundays will be held after each morning Mass on Sunday, October 25 and Sunday, November 29. Come for the coffee, stay for the community. See you there!

Knights of Columbus

KOC Dinner Dance, Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 6pm
Dinner, music, dancing, fellowship and prizes, while supporting the charitable work of the KOC. Dinner includes Beef Steak, Chicken, Fish, Veggie Rice, Garden Salad, Parisienne Potatoes, Vegetables, Dinner Rolls & Butter. We kindly welcome donations of gifts or prizes for our raffle. Thank You to all who have donated or promised to bring a donation. Tickets will be sold at the weekend masses or at the parish office on week-days.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Our Society helps more than 100 families coping with financial insecurity in our immediate area. Your generous support in the Poor Boxes makes this possible. Donations can also be made by e-transfer to ssvpNativity480@gmail.com. Please call (416)695-0169 if you require assistance or have any inquiries. We are eager to speak with anyone interested in helping to share in our mission of charity.

Nativity Youth Ministry

Our parish is pleased to announce the return of our Youth Initiatives. **EDGE (Grades 6–8) STARTED OCTOBER 9 and LIFETEEN (High School) IS STARTING OCTOBER 16** offering our young people a place to grow in faith, build community, and explore their relationship with Christ. Also, the **Confirmation package** is now available. All youth programs and Confirmation details, as well as online registration can be found at the Nativity Youth Ministry website @ nativityym.com. Come join us, make new friends and ask questions, we hope to see you soon!

Altar Servers

Nativity is welcoming new Altar Servers. We invite all children/youth, who received their First Communion, to consider becoming part of our team. Please speak with Fr Jan after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF MARY

October is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, inviting the faithful to deepen their devotion through prayer—especially the Rosary. The Rosary leads us into the mysteries of Christ with Mary and has long been considered a powerful source of peace, strength, and consolation, especially during troubled times. This month also includes the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, commemorating the Christian victory at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, attributed to Mary's intercession through the Rosary. Historically, October also held the Feast of the Divine Motherhood of Mary on October 11, introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1931, though this feast is no longer celebrated on that date in the current Roman Calendar. For these reasons, October has become a special time for parishes and families to honour Mary through prayer, catechesis, and devotion. At Nativity, we mark this tradition by displaying a statue of Mother Mary at the altar throughout the entire month of October, inviting all parishioners to pause, pray, and seek her intercession.

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