

From the desk of.....

*Let them give thanks to the Lord for his  
unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for  
mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and  
fills the hungry with good things.*

*Psalm 107:8-9*

Thanksgiving weekend provides us with the opportunity to take stock of all the things that we have been given and give thanks to God for them. However, our life as Christians should be a continuous offering of thanksgiving, of gratitude to God and not relegated to just one weekend.

In Jewish culture, there was the practice of saying 100 times, from the rising of the sun to its setting, thank you to God. Even the smallest thing, which we can take for granted, is an opportunity to say thank you. For example, thank you Lord for allowing my eyes to open this morning. Thank you Jesus for the bed that I slept in. Thank you for allowing me to get out of bed this morning. This is the first 5 minutes of your morning and you are already at 3. What this does is that it forms in our heart an attitude of gratitude and makes us aware of God's smallest gifts to us each day.

Having a thankful attitude assists us in many ways. It assists us in our ongoing battle with consumerism. Instead of wanting more and more, we are able to give thanks to God for what we have. Instead of comparing ourselves to others based on what we have and being jealous of them because they have something that we do not, we give thanks to God for what we have. In one book that I read, it shows that an attitude of gratitude, a life that is continually giving thanks to God actually assists with feelings of anxiety and even depression. We read in Scripture: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Our Eucharist, our Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is the perfect place to form in our hearts a thankful attitude. It is right and just, our duty and our salvation to give you thanks!

*Fr. Michael*

**BUNDLE UP**

Thank you for the generous donations to Saint Vincent de Paul. The truck was quite full.

**CWL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm - CWL General Meeting. Please meet in the Church where we will be saying the rosary followed by the meeting in the Hall. All ladies of the parish (members / non-members) are welcome to attend.

**HARVEST YOUR TALENT  
MINISTRY FAIR - THANK YOU!**

A special thank you to all parishioners who attended the Harvest Your Talent Ministry Fair last weekend. Your participation is very much appreciated. A reminder to all who showed interest by signing up as a potential volunteer for a particular Ministry, that you will be contacted in the near future. St. Mary Star of the Sea thanks you for your support!

**COMMUNITY MEAL**

Another season for the Community Meal is just around the corner... We will launch our 2019/2020 program with a meeting of present and potential adult and youth volunteers on October 18th, @ 6:30 pm in the church hall. Please join us and bring your good wishes and creative ideas. Thank you.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
JOHN PAUL COUNCIL II**

Thanksgiving Food Drive | THIS WEEKEND (Oct 12-13)  
Knights of Columbus food drive for The Compass.  
Drop off your food donations at the church at any Mass this weekend. Many thanks for your generosity to help those less fortunate at this time of giving.

OCTOBER BRUNCH | Sun Oct 20 at 12:00 pm  
The Knights are happy to announce the first brunch of the fall season.  
On third Sundays of the month, following the last Mass.  
Plan to come out next Sunday to enjoy a hot & delicious brunch with your fellow parishioners.

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**SSVP - SEPTEMBER REPORT**

During the month of September, our members made 23 visits, and distributed \$2849.70 in grocery store vouchers and bus tickets. We also distributed \$1250 specifically for children, from a special donation we received. Thank you for your continued support of the poor in our community.

**WORLD MISSIONS COLLECTION**

A second collection will be taken up at all the Masses next weekend, October 19 and 20, for World Missions. Envelopes can be found in the pews and on the tables at the Church exits. Thank you for your generosity.

## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** **NOVEMBER 9**

It's BAZAAR TIME and the CWL will be holding their annual bazaar on Saturday, November 9. Please keep this date open for this popular Parish and Community Event.

**WHITE ELEPHANT** table can use your donations of SMALL, WORKABLE & SALEABLE treasures, i.e. jewelry, books, dishes, toys, ornaments, knick-knacks, etc. **HOWEVER, NO CLOTHES, LARGE ITEMS, FURNITURE, OUTDOOR ITEMS or ELECTRONICS PLEASE!!!** Items can be left at east side door of Hall.

For your Bazaar shopping pleasure, there will be our usual bake table with Port Credit's finest homemade goodies.

A gift table with a large variety of beautiful gift items, and The Craft tables large display of lovely handmade baby and children's items, a variety of sewing and related items, as well as a Christmas table with all kinds of items for your needs.

This is a good opportunity for getting an early start on our Christmas shopping!!!!

## **LEGION OF MARY - LIVING ROSARY**

Join us for a Living Rosary at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 26, 2019 in the Church.

## **LINKS TO FAITH – OCT. 13, 2019** **WEEK 41 – THE BOOK OF TOBIT –** **CATHOLIC ANSWERS WEBSITE**

“The story told in Tobit contains a whole series of teachings which are useful for the education of conscience and also encourage people to practice virtue, especially virtues to do with the works of mercy. Parents feel urged to educate their children in the love of God and in the practice of prudence, generosity, etc. and themselves to imitate Tobit's patience when they encounter unforeseen difficulties in their family life, even to the point of their own relatives turning their backs on them.....Additionally, the book shows us that angels are the protectors of men.”

To read this summary of The Book of Tobit by Antonio Fuentes, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: [www.stmarystarofthesea.ca](http://www.stmarystarofthesea.ca) and select [Week 41 – The Book of Tobit – Catholic Answers Website](#)

## **COINS FOR LIFE**

Coin boxes may be returned to the ushers on Sunday, November 3. Your generosity works to protect, in law, all innocent life from the moment of conception to that of natural death. CLC thanks you for your work to establish justice in Canada for the innocent.

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Sep. 25 to Nov. 3, 7 am to 7 pm near the Mississauga Women's Clinic at 101 Queensway at Confederation Parkway, join others in a peaceful daily prayer vigil for God's protection for all human life. Go to [www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga) or [mississauga40days@gmail.com](mailto:mississauga40days@gmail.com) to sign up.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 24 at 7 pm in the hall. All are welcome.

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

### **SATURDAY 12TH**

10:00 am Mass - Special intention of Mary Tellis  
Requested by her Godchild  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:30 am Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - †Giuseppe Tedesco  
Requested by the family

### **SUNDAY 13TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Deceased members of the Tonic, Baratto and Tedesco families  
Requested by the Tonic family  
11:00 am Mass – For the People of the Parish

### **MONDAY 14TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Umberto Rinaldo  
Requested by Lucia Bizzotto

### **TUESDAY 15TH**

NO MASS  
7:00 pm Choir practice (*Church*)

### **WEDNESDAY 16TH**

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (*SJR*)  
6:30 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Mass - †Anthony Menezes  
Requested by Jake & Aileen Alegado  
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (*SJR*)

### **THURSDAY 17TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Melvin Capillo  
Requested by Melinda Capillo

### **FRIDAY 18TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Edgar Da Costa  
Requested by the Mendes family  
6:30 pm Community Meal Meeting for Volunteers (*Hall*)

### **SATURDAY 19TH**

10:00 am Mass - †Joseph Bruce McCormick  
Requested by John Maynes  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:30 am Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - †Tony Perrotta  
Requested by his wife and children

### **SUNDAY 20TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Alan del Puerto Jr.  
Requested by the family  
11:00 am Mass – For the People of the Parish  
12:30 pm Bible Study (*SJR*)  
Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch after the 11 am Mass