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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.

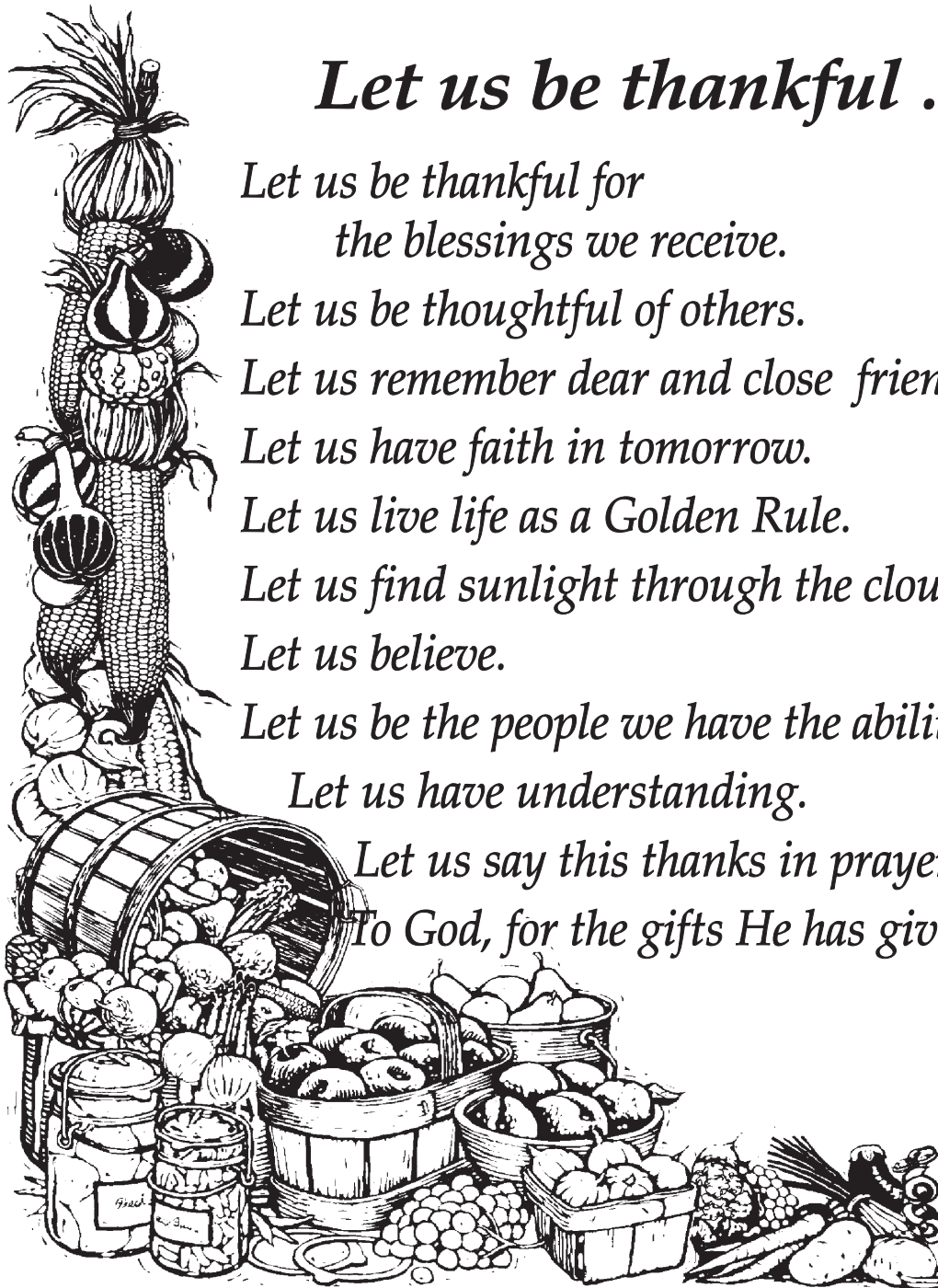
Let us believe.

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.



Mass Intentions

OCT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
11 Mon 9 am	THANKSGIVING DAY MASS Ronald Jacinto +	Nerissa Jacinto
12 Tues 9 am	Ruben Gutierrez +	Fe & Vinda Olase
13 Wed 9 am	Beth & Connie Escabarte – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Fe & Vinda Olase
14 Thurs 9 am	Beth & Connie Escabarte – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Lolit, Elena & Ligaya
15 Fri 9 am	Maria Eliza Goldring +	Staff of HC School
16 Sat 9 am	Fidel Dizon + All HC Volunteers & Parishioners	Cristy Dizon
5pm	Andrea Rada +	Cora Manrique
17 Sun 9 am	For Michaelangelo Cervantes+ and for all the Deceased Members of Cervantes Family	Marie Cervantes
11 am	Rufina Baquial – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Fe & Vinda Olase



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Monday to Friday after the 9:00 a.m. mass until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church except on holidays.



Let us pray for the sick

Catherine Young Ron Skura
Briccio Delizo

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*

Meditate on *God's Word*



1st Reading : Wisdom 7.7-11
2nd Reading : Hebrews 4.12-13
Gospel : Mark 10.17-30 – *The Rich Man*

Fostering an Attitude of Gratitude

This Thanksgiving weekend provides us the perfect opportunity to reflect on our lives and our commitment to stewardship. Let us consider the following passage from Cardinal Collins' *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship**. "Deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability. Stewardship is sometimes called 'the attitude of gratitude.' We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God ... If each of us is profoundly aware that all is gift, then we are freed from possessiveness, and can be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us in life, sharing generously."

Before we can generously share our time and talents with the parish community we must first realize that they are gifts from God. There are many fruitful practices we can adopt to help us cultivate this deeper sense of gratitude. Firstly, we must always remember that life itself is a beautiful gift. We can try to begin each day while we still lie in bed to simply say "thank you Lord for blessing me with another day." We will then be able to have a greater appreciation for our time on earth and work towards making better use of our lives.

Additionally, this weekend when we have our family Thanksgiving dinner, perhaps we can go around the table and have each person say what they are thankful for this past year. Let us challenge ourselves to go deep and truly examine all of the blessings God has bestowed on our lives that we so often take for granted. Let us grow in our stewardship this weekend as we foster an "attitude of gratitude."

Summary

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<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation

To all Parents of Grades 2, 3, 7 & 8

We are now preparing for the registration on the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The **letters** and **registration forms** will be distributed in **Holy Cross Catholic School** by their respective teacher in charge on the second week of October 2021.

For students who registered for the **Confirmation in 2019**, we will be getting in contact with you by email. If there is a change in your email address please inform us at holycrosssto@archtoronto.org.

Registration & Parent Information Session

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
November 6, Saturday
Grade 2 @ 9:30 am / Grade 3 @ 11:00 am
Parents only.

Confirmation
October 30, Saturday
Grade 7 @ 9:30 am / Grade 8 @ 11:00 am
Parents and students MUST attend.

Venue: Holy Cross Parish Hall

MUST bring the required documents:

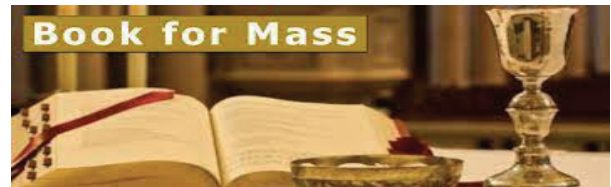
- Registration Form. *Completely filled-up.*
- Child's Baptismal Certificate (Photocopy)
- For Confirmation only: Sponsor's Baptismal or Confirmation or Marriage Certificate (Provide 1 photocopied document.)



ANNUAL WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

October 16-17 & 23-24

It is time once again that every Parish will conduct its yearly Mass Attendance count. This exercise helps provide an accurate data in the Archdiocese for their upcoming regional/zone meetings. We would like to let you know that the counting will take place during the homily portion of the Mass.



BOOKINGS for 2022 MASS are now accepted!

- Email us at holycrosssto@archtoronto.org
We prefer to receive your bookings by email. Our office is overwhelmed with parish work as we begin with the Sacramental Preparation Programs; or
- Fill up the **Mass Request Form** and drop it in the office's mail slot. *The form is available at the Church entrances.*

You can give your donation either in cash or in cheque addressed to Holy Cross Parish.

Thank you very much.

For Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and other inquiries

Please email us at holycrosssto@archtoronto.org or call 416-421-5225 (press 0), leave a detailed message and we will call you as soon as we can.



For the meantime, the office will be open every Monday & Friday from 10 am to 12 noon.

Please email or call the office at 416-421-5225. Press 0 – Office and press 3 for St. Vincent de Paul for your inquiries.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

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