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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.*

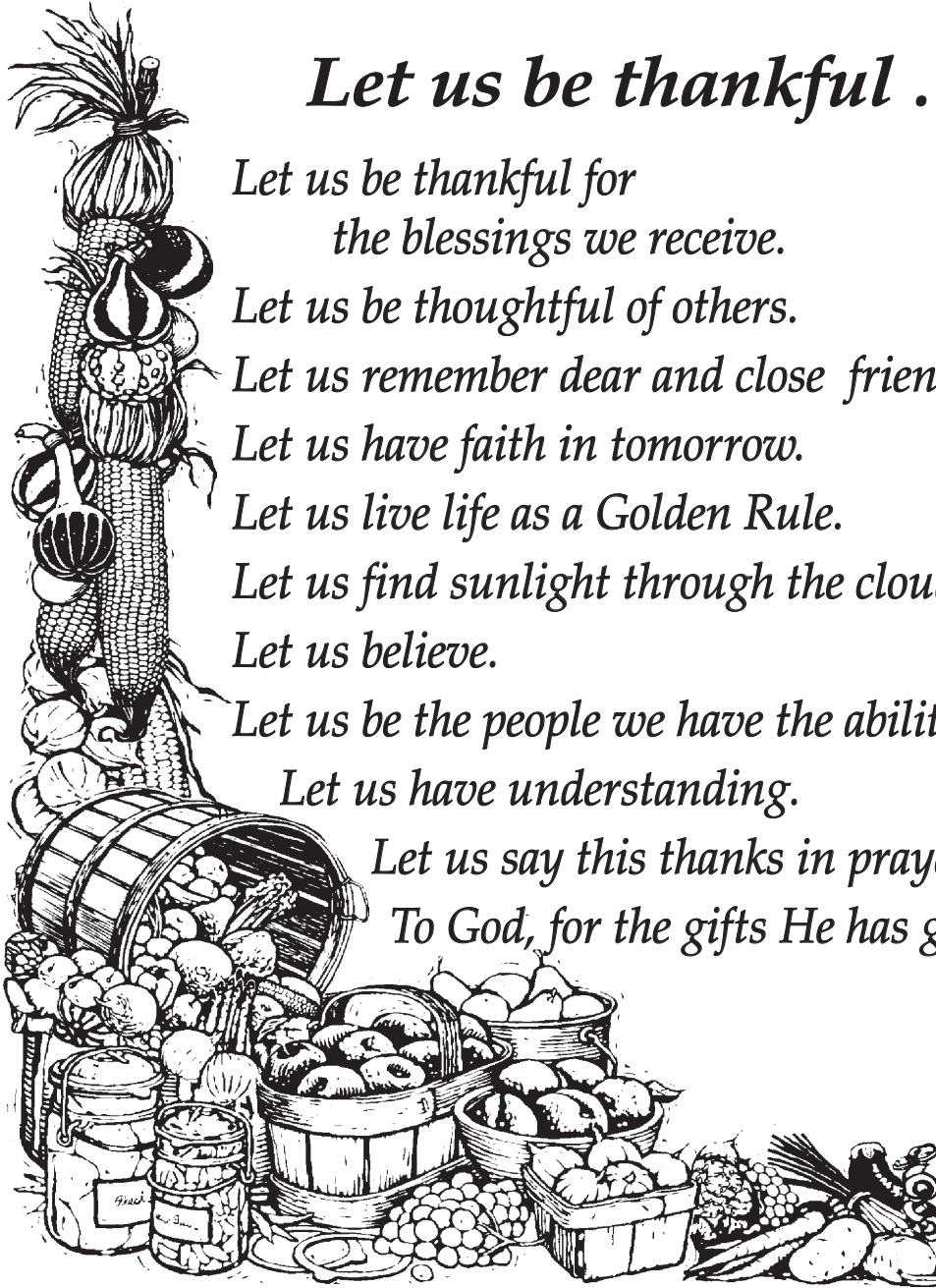
*Let us believe.*

*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.*



# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 7, 2018

## “What God has joined together, let no man put asunder”

What is God's intention for our state in life, whether married or single? Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his listeners back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for the human race. In Genesis 2:23-24 we see God's intention and ideal that two people who marry should become so indissolubly one that they are one flesh. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. They are the pattern and symbol for all who were to come. Jesus explains that Moses permitted divorce as a *concession* in view of a lost ideal.

Jesus sets the high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands. Jesus, likewise sets the high ideal for those who freely renounce marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:11-12). Both marriage and celibacy are calls from God to live a consecrated life, that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Our lives are not our own, but they belong to God. He gives the grace and power to those who seek to follow his way of holiness in their state of life. Do you seek the Lord and his grace in your state of life?

Do you seek to help others draw near to the Lord? The parents who brought their children to Jesus wanted Jesus to lay his hands upon them. They knew of the healing power, both physical and spiritual, which came from Jesus' touch. Jesus, in turn, rebuked his disciples for hindering the children from coming. No doubt the disciples wanted to shield Jesus from the nuisance of noisy children. But Jesus delighted in the children and demonstrated that God's love has ample room for everyone.

No one is unimportant to God. He comes to each person individually that he might touch them with his healing love and power. May we never hinder our youth from coming to the Lord to receive his blessing and healing power. And as we grow with age, may we never lose that child-like simplicity and humility which draws us into Christ's loving presence. Do you show kindness to the youth you encounter in your neighborhood, home, and church and do you pray for them that they may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of Jesus Christ?

*"Lord Jesus Christ, your call to holiness extends to all in every state of life. Sanctify our lives - as married couples and as singles - that we may live as men and women who are consecrated to you. Make us leaven in a society that disdains life-long marriage fidelity, chastity, and living single for the Lord."*

### BUNDLE UP SUNDAY



On the weekend of October 13 and 14, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of gently used clothes and leather shoes. Thank you for your generosity.

### K of C MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

There will be an opportunity to speak to the Knights of Columbus after all Masses on the weekend of October 20 and 21 about the work of the Knights and to consider joining this fraternal Catholic organization.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 27 through November 5, you're invited to join others in a peaceful daily prayer vigil asking for God's protection of all human life. Vigil runs daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for 40 days at the public right-of-way outside Mississauga Women's Clinic, 101 Queensway (at Confederation). Our parish has been asked to adopt October 31, 2018 to pray at the vigil site. If you cannot be there on that day you can sign up on line or contact [www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga) or [miss40days@gmail.com](mailto:miss40days@gmail.com) for information on other dates.

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9 – 8:00 A.M.**

Intention Available

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Xavier Mario Rutherford

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Carla Matteazzi

+ Jim Fleming

**SUNDAY, OCT. 14 – 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:30 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**10:00 A.M.** Intention Available

**12:00 P.M.** Intention Available

**THANK YOU**



Thanks to your generous donations our parish raised \$128,172.27. Your support of the work of ShareLife agencies helps fulfill the message "Living the Gospel by providing for those in need".

**COME & SEE WEEKEND**

St. Augustine's Seminary is hosting a "Come & See Weekend" for men 18 years and older November 2-4. Join others and cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information call 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**LAY FORMATION PROGRAM**

This first annual Day of Reflection for Men will be held on October 13. It is offered by the Lay Spiritual Formation Program of St. Augustine's Seminary. Cost is \$50 which includes lunch. For more information call St. Augustine's Seminary at 416-261-7207.

**WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

The ACTS retreat is a three-day retreat led by those who have attended prior ACTS retreats. The retreat focuses on adoration, community, theology and service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guidelines. The retreat will be held the weekend of November 15 at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. Contact Willy Klaudusz at 647-281-5990.

**HUMANAE VITAE CONFERENCE**

On November 10 all are welcome to attend a one-day conference marking the 50th anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter *Humanae Vitae*. Mary Eberstadt, Dr. Maria Wolfs, Steven Mosher and Fr. Raymond de Souza will speak on the prophetic and enduring wisdom of this encyclical. The day begins with Mass with Cardinal Collins at St. Basil's Parish, followed by a full-day conference at the University of St. Michael's College. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and free for religious and clergy. To order tickets online please go to [bit.ly/HumanaeVitaeTO](http://bit.ly/HumanaeVitaeTO) or you can contact [events@archtoronto.org](mailto:events@archtoronto.org) for more information.



**RENEW TORONTO YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**

Renew Toronto is a conference for all Young Adults aged 19-39. It is an opportunity to grow in faith alongside like-minded people in a similar stage of life. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, young couples and families, men and women! On October 13 join the OCY at Isabel Bader Theatre, Toronto. For more information contact the Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676.



**VISIT OF THE PRECIOUS RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS OF CHRIST**

On October 13 the relic of the True Cross of Christ is coming to St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish. This relic is a part of the cross on which Christ our Lord had died and redeemed the world. The relic will visit Mississauga from the Shrine of the Precious Cross in Poland and has a certificate of authenticity. Holy Mass will be presided by Most Rev. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, followed by private adoration of the relic of the Holy Cross. For more information call 905-848-2420.

*Lord, grant that I might not so much seek to be loved as to love. St. Francis of Assisi*



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