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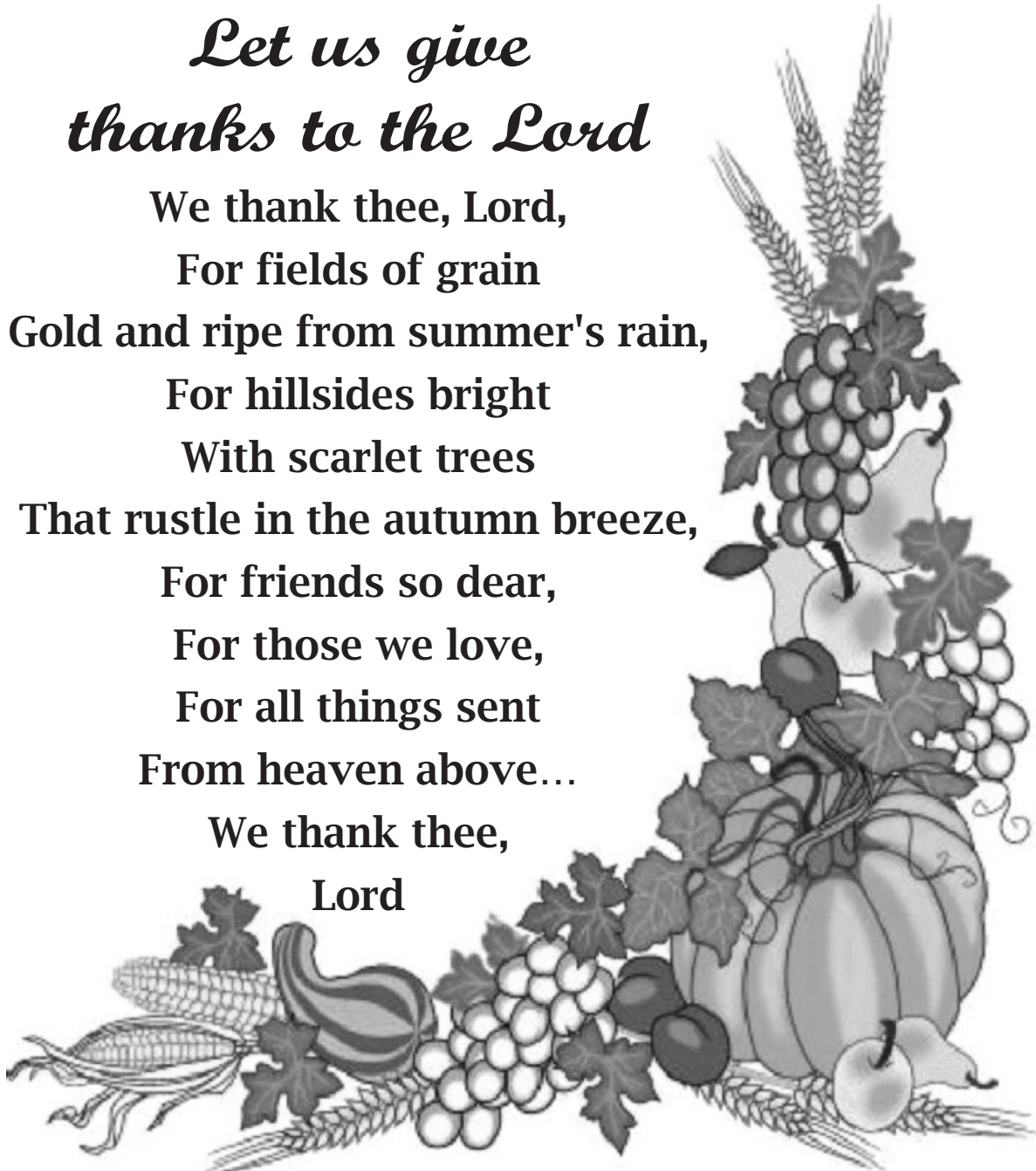
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Let us give thanks to the Lord

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





Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 11

4:30 pm (vigil) Joseph & Guiseppina Povolo
59th Wedding Anniversary

9:00 am + Nazaria & Rosendo Cantaoe

10:30 am + Arsenio & Natividad Ortega

12:15 pm People of the Parish

Monday, October 12 (Thanksgiving Day No Mass)

Tuesday, October 13

8:00 am Annalea Hernandez (For Healing)

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 pm Lita Lopes (Intentions)

Thursday, October 15

8:00 am Abuel Family (Thanksgiving)

7:00 pm Reserved

Friday, October 16

8:00 am + Rufina Baltonado

Saturday, October 17

9:00 am Thevakumar Kulasingham (Thanksgiving)

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The Great Man Theory.

The history of what mankind has accomplished in this world is at bottom the history of Great Men. All things that we see standing accomplished in the world are properly the embodiment of their thoughts. — Thomas Carlyle

I recently came across a video of a talk given by Fr. Benedict Groeschel. It was a poignant reminder of how important he was for the revitalization of the Catholic faith in America. My first encounter with Fr. Groeschel was through his book 'The Reform of Renewal,' which clarified many things for me as I was discerning my vocation.

This has got me thinking about The Great Man Theory, the idea that world history can be told as the biography of great men. In this context 'great' does not mean 'good.' Time Magazine's 'Man of the Year' in 1938 was Adolf Hitler, followed the next year by Josef Stalin — historically important individuals who caused untold death and misery.

As Catholics, we have always recognized that God intervenes in history by means of individuals who play a critical role in his plan of providence. Throughout the year we honor many Saints and Doctors of the Church.

This week we honor St. Teresa of Avila, one of the truly 'great ones.' She was born in 1515, two years before Martin Luther issued his 'ninety-five theses.' While the Protestant 'reformers' were tearing apart the Church in northern Europe, Teresa was discerning a call to a different kind of reform: a call to deep conversion and deep prayer.

Teresa did not have any grand ideas for reforming the Church; she simply wanted to live a life of prayer according to the original rule of the Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. At the same time, so many others were yearning for a closer union with God that they were inspired by this return to the traditional Catholic faith. This led not only to reform, but to a transformation of religious life, beginning in Spain and then spreading to other countries.

Who are the 'great men' in the Church in our own day? At the top of the list we must put Pope John Paul II. His pontificate set the pattern for the Church in the new millennium. Second on the list I would put Mother Angelica, the founder of EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network). Pope John Paul II said, "EWTN is the key to restoring the Roman Catholic Church in America."

Like Teresa of Avila, Mother Angelica was not proposing a 'new theology' or adapting the faith to the 'mind of modern man.' She simply taught the faith without fear or compromise. You may not have been directly influenced by Teresa or Angelica, but their influence has permeated the Church. We are where we are today because of them. The history of the Church is, in a way, the biography of great men — including women.

28th Sun in OT – 11 October 2026

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you contact Rev. Fr. Matthew



McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Rev. Fr. A. Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.

Next Week Readings – 18 October 2026

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 45.1,4-6

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5 ab

Gospel: Matthew 22.15-21

The Pharisees and Herodians question Jesus about paying taxes to Caesar.

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

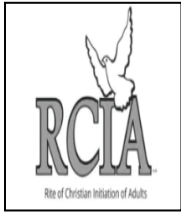




OCTOBER 11, 2026



R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2026 – Apr. 2027



The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program will begin on **Sunday, October 18, after the 12:15 p.m. Mass, in the Church Hall.** Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church, deepening their faith, or learning more about the Catholic faith is welcome to

attend. For more information, please, contact the parish office, during office hours, pick up a form or phone us on (416) 757-2806. Email: olfatimasc@archtoronto.org

First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy 2026-2027



This Sunday October 11 is Thanksgiving long weekend therefore there will be NO meeting for both program. Next



meeting will on October 18. Parents and candidate are ask to attend weekly Mass. Thank you.

Confirmation 2026-2027



Applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now available at the office. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please visit the parish office during office hours. Classes will begin in January 2027. Thank you..

Mass Attendance Survey 2026

This survey requested by Archdiocese is intended to provide an accurate profile of 'Mass Attendance' for all parish and mission communities. It will be done during all the weekend Masses and over two weekends – **October 17/18 and 24/25**– and it will involve a number of ushers and volunteers doing a 'head count' in every section of the church at the start of the homily. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding. Thank you for your co-operation in this exercise



Please pray for the newly wed in Christ.

For the month of October 2026:

♥ **Royce Jerome Ferrer**

& **Kamille Santos Gonzales**

May God's love be the bond that holds your marriage together.

"And the two shall become one flesh." Mark 10:8

World Food Day : October 16... I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...Mt 25.35

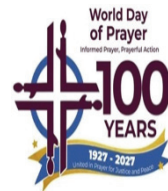
Municipal Elections 2026 – Cast Your Vote!

A municipal election will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2026.** All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Leo has given permission for these candidates (or their volunteers) to distribute literature to parishioners departing Mass on weekends from **October 3/4** through **October 24/25.** We hope you'll take the time to get to know those seeking elected office for this important role. To ensure your vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an Application to Amend Voters' List. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal election!

An Invitations from the Women's Inter-church Council of Toronto

To the 100th Anniversary Launch of World Day of Prayer!

- WDP 2027 resources will be shared
- An historical skit will be performed
- Music for WDP 2027 will be learned
- How to plan a WDP service will be discussed
- Social time with refreshments will be enjoyed
- A donation of \$20 is suggested



Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026

Registration: 9:00 am to 10:00am

End time: 1:00 pm

Location: Cummer United Church; 53 Cummer (east of Yonge; halfway between Finch and Steeles)

Questions? Email ruthcurrie09@gmail.com

RENEW Toronto 2026

RENEW Toronto will take place on **November 20–21**, Christ the King weekend, for young adults ages **18–39.**

Theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" John 16:33

This annual Catholic conference will feature **inspiring talks, engaging workshops, Eucharistic Adoration, vibrant worship, and opportunities to build community** with other young adults. This year's conference will be held at **12Fifty Event Centre in Scarborough.** For more information and registration, please visit renewtoronto.org. See you there!



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