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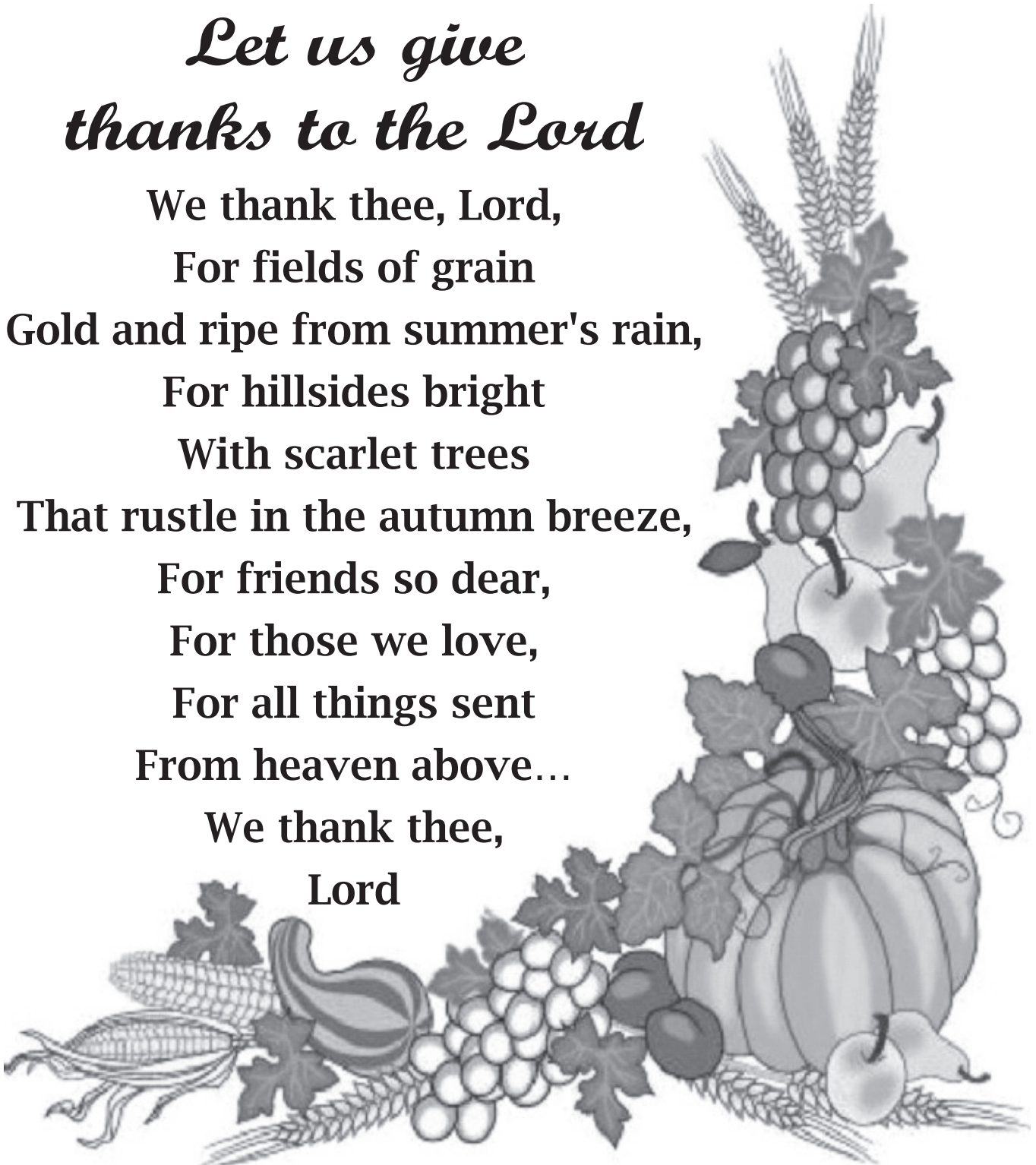
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Let us give thanks to the Lord

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



OCT 11, 2026

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-10A

The Lord will provide richly for His people.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14,19-20

Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

Today's Gospel reminds us that God invites all of us to his kingdom. How do we respond to this invitation? In theological terms, God has granted us free will to accept or reject salvation. The parable of the wedding feast reminds us that God desires our wholehearted acceptance of his invitation to salvation.

As you gather as a family, discuss what you consider appropriate attire for various occasions. For example, if your family were invited to a neighbor's barbecue, what would you wear? If you were planning to attend the symphony, what might you wear? If invited to an evening wedding, what might you wear? Discuss how our preparations for an event and our choice of attire indicates the importance and value we place on the occasion. In today's Gospel Jesus uses this metaphor to talk about the kingdom of heaven. Read Matthew 22:1-14. Discuss why the guest was thrown out of the wedding feast. What does Jesus expect of those who accept his invitation of salvation? What would be the evidence of our conversion to God's salvation? Pray together as a family that you will respond wholeheartedly to God's invitation to salvation. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 23.

Despite our best efforts, minor oversights may occur - nobody is perfect. We ask for your understanding and invite everyone to stay focused on what truly matters: Our Faith, Our Community, and Our Shared Mission

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Saturday

OCT 10, 2026

9:00 AM

**CANAGASURIAM &
BASTIAMPILLAI FAMILIES (†)**

5:00PM

BEN PINTO (†)

Sunday

OCT 11, 2026

9:30 AM

**FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF
ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS**

11:15AM

ELAINE CORTEZ (†)

Monday

OCT 12, 2026

WHOLEDAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY

Tuesday

OCT 13, 2026

8:30 AM

**THANKSGIVING FOR
CORA BELTIJAR & FAMILY**

Wednesday

OCT 14, 2026

8:30 AM

**THANKSGIVING FOR
ALEX & JEANNIE LOO**

Thursday

OCT 15, 2026

8:30 AM

LILIBETH BERCASIO (†)

Friday

OCT 16, 2026

8:30 AM

**-CESAR FERNANDEZ (†)
-BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR
NICOLE DENGAYAN**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Welcome to Your Journey of Faith!

Children, we're excited to walk with you as you grow in God's love and discover the joy of following Jesus.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026 – 3:30-4:30 PM

- Parents, please drop off your child(ren) by **3:15 pm** and return for pick-up at **4:15 pm** so your family can attend the **5:00 pm Mass**.
- During the session, you are welcome to wait in the Narthex (South Lobby/Main Entrance), but please do not remain inside the church. For the 5:00 pm Mass, families are encouraged to join the parish community inside the church.
- Send a **nut-free snack** and **water** for your child(ren).



CONFIRMATION SESSION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 – 12:30-2:00 PM

- Confirmandi should attend the **11:15 am** Mass beforehand.
- Be sure your child(ren) have a **hearty breakfast** and bring a **nut-free snack and water**.



Communication

We primarily communicate by email—please check your inbox regularly. For general parish communication, email st.barts@archtoronto.org.



Sacramental Questions

All inquiries regarding the sacraments should be solely directed to Fr. Fernan Serrano, Pastor.



Parish Office Hours

Tuesday–Friday:
9:30 am–12:00 pm and
1:30 pm–3:30 pm.

Growing in Faith + Walking in Love + Living in Christ

PARKING LOT ADVISORY

PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS ARE RESPECTFULLY ADVISED THAT CERTAIN AREAS OF THE PARISH PARKING LOT HAVE UNEVEN SURFACES. ALL ARE ASKED TO EXERCISE DUE CARE AND CAUTION WHEN WALKING WITHIN THE PREMISES.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

OCT 11, 2026

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebration of Life Candle

As we approach November—a traditional time of remembrance—we invite you to honour the memory of your beloved family members and friends who have passed away, whether recently or years ago. Lighting a candle is a beautiful way to keep their memory alive in prayer.

For a donation of \$10 per candle, your dedicated tribute will be continuously lit before the altar throughout your chosen week, serving as a constant, glowing symbol of our prayers and enduring affection.

Choose your preferred weekly batch:

(Please note: Each weekly batch is limited to 150 candles and 150 corresponding forms for church and fire safety.)

- ☐ Batch 1: October 31 – November 6
- ☐ Batch 2: November 7 – November 13
- ☐ Batch 3: November 14 – November 20
- ☐ Batch 4: November 21 – November 27

BOOKING BEGINS 1ST WEEKEND OF OCTOBER.

Forms are available with the hospitality ministers.

Our parish community will continue to pray for the faithful departed and for the families of our parish throughout the month of November.

Memorial Mass

Friday,
November 13, 2026
at 6:00 p.m.

Guidelines

- † This Mass is requested by IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY.
- † It is intended for loved ones who passed away between November 2025 and the present.
- † The funeral service must have been held at St. Bartholomew Parish or presided over by Father Serrano.
- † ONE CANDLE WILL BE PROVIDED PER FAMILY. (Additional candles may be requested with a donation of \$10 each.)
- † Please submit the following information ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026:
 - Name of the deceased
 - Date of death
 - Your relationship to the deceased
- † Sign-up form is available on the clipboard approach the Hospitality Ministries after Mass or email the parish office. (please use the subject line: Memorial Mass).

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SECOND COLLECTION

OCTOBER 18, 2026
EVANGELIZATION
OF NATIONS
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



PLEASE ENSURE YOUR SPECIAL COLLECTION DONATIONS REACH THE PARISH WITHIN ONE MONTH OF THE COLLECTION DATE. YOUR GENEROSITY IS VITAL, AS 100% OF THE DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO ITS INTENDED CAUSE

Thank you for your support

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK A Thanksgiving Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we are reminded that gratitude is at the heart of our Christian life. Life does not always unfold as we hope. We experience joys and blessings, but also disappointments, worries, and seasons of uncertainty. Yet through it all, God remains faithful. When we pause and look back, we begin to recognize how often His grace has carried us and how many blessings we may have overlooked along the way. I am especially grateful for each one of you and for the many ways you support St. Bartholomew Parish through your prayers, generosity, time, talents, and faithful presence.

Thanksgiving also invites us to remember the people who have been part of our journey. Around our tables and in our homes, there may be an empty chair where someone we love once sat. There are voices we wish we could hear again, familiar faces we long to see, and moments we would give anything to relive just once more. Some losses are recent; others happened many years ago, yet love has a way of keeping people close. We remember our parents and grandparents, spouses, children, siblings, relatives, friends, and parishioners who have gone before us. Their absence may still be deeply felt, but so too is the love they left behind.

Since 2019, our Celebration of Life and Memorial Mass have become meaningful traditions at St. Bartholomew Parish—a time for our parish family to remember, pray for, and honour our deceased loved ones. These traditions remind us that those who have died are never forgotten. Their names may no longer be heard in our everyday conversations, and their places among us may now be empty, but their lives remain woven into our own. Our faith assures us that death does not have the final word. We carry their love, sacrifices, laughter, lessons, and memories with us, and we entrust them with hope to the mercy of God. **We grieve because we have loved, and in remembering them, we give thanks that they were part of our lives.**

This Thanksgiving, may we hold our loved ones a little closer, forgive a little more freely, and treasure the moments we too often take for granted. Let us give thanks for those who still walk beside us and remember with love and prayer those who have gone before us. On behalf of St. Bartholomew Parish, I wish you and your families a blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving. May the Lord fill our homes with love, our hearts with gratitude, and our lives with the hope that one day, in Christ, we will be reunited with those we love. **Happy Thanksgiving!**



In Christ,
Rev. Fernan Serrano
Pastor
St. Bartholomew Parish

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH



Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone is enough.

ANNOUNCEMENT!
PARISH HEAD COUNT
JOIN US DURING MASS
ON:
OCT 17-18 & OCT 24-25

Your Presence Matters.
Count Every Soul, Every Mass.



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