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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator,

*In this season of gratitude and abundance, we give You
thanks for our many blessings as we pray for all
who struggle with hunger and want.*

Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

*And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one
another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.*

Amen

❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



More Than the Leaves are Turning Red

Last weekend we received the stunning news that our Archbishop, Francis Leo, will be elevated to the College of Cardinals, with 20 others, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th. The announcement was a surprise, but for our Archbishop it is novel in several ways. He will be the 3rd youngest in the college. He was the only North American chosen. Perhaps, most unusual is that we will have not one but two Cardinals of voting age, Cardinal Collins and soon Cardinal Leo.

Maybe a little “FAQ” would be appropriate here. What are Cardinals? They are bishops who become, in essence, part of the life of the Diocese of Rome. Cardinals who work at the Vatican often begin in the lowest rank, “Cardinal-Deacons”. Diocesan bishops who are elevated to the College are usually of the middle rank, “Cardinal-Priests”. The most senior Cardinals in terms of responsibility and/or seniority may progress to the highest rank, “Cardinal-Bishop”. The most numerous are the Cardinal-Priests and they make up a significant majority of those who will, someday, vote for the next Pope. Each Cardinal-Priest is made

an honorary pastor of one of Rome’s parishes. Our Archbishop has yet to receive the title of the church for which he will be nominally responsible. Cardinal Collins is the nominal pastor of “San Patrizio”, St. Patrick. The Paulist Fathers staff the parish. In principle, then it is the pastors of the parishes of Rome who elect the Bishop of Rome.

It is common that Cardinals who have dioceses are also appointed to sit on committees that oversee various Vatican Departments. It remains to be seen what additional responsibilities our new Archbishop may receive.

The College of Cardinals is supposed to have around 120 members of voting age. As of December 8th, it could be as high as 142. However, since Cardinals cease to be voting members of the College on their 80th birthday, it will likely drop to 127 or less by the end of 2025. Cardinals over the voting age can and are consulted in various ways, either in gatherings in Rome or by other means of communication.

Historically, Toronto had the honour of having a Cardinal at its head for the

first time in 1946, when James Charles Cardinal McGuigan was elevated. It was the first time there was a Cardinal in Canada outside of Quebec. Our next Cardinal was Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carter who was elevated by St. John Paul II, in 1979. As a bishop he participated in all of the sessions of the Second Vatican Council. His successor, Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic was elevated in 1998, and Cardinal Collins in 2012.

The Holy Father has been elevating bishops from a broader spectrum of the Church, even in places that have never had a Cardinal. He also has sometimes chosen bishops who are not in important dioceses. This might suggest to us that the Holy Father believes that our Archbishop has gifts that can really assist the Universal Church in the present and help it to prepare for the future. Please pray for him and for all of us who help him to be an effective shepherd and herald of the Good News here in Toronto.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 12

4:30 pm ♦ † Bridget & John Brosnahan

Sunday, October 13

8:30 am ♦ † Stephen Litowitz

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, October 15

5:00 pm ♦ Rebecca Valant

Wednesday, October 16

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, October 17

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, October 18

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thanksgiving Food Drive!



This is the final weekend to drop off non-perishable food for the Food Drive on behalf of the Good Shepherd Ministries, who help provide meals for the homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. Thank you to all those who generously donated. If you were unable to drop off food at our parish, you may bring it directly to the Good Shepherd across the street at 412 Queen St. East or donate financially by scanning the QR code or visiting goodshepherd.ca/donate.



Adoration and Social



All are welcome to join us after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, November 3 as we host Holy Hour (adoration) in the Church until 1 pm, followed by a social in the parish basement until 2 pm.

Young Adult Night



We invite all young adults between the ages of 18 and 39 to join us on Tuesday, October 29th at 7 pm for an evening of faith, fellowship and food. Email mmacmullen@archtoronto.org for info.

Office Holiday Schedule

The parish office will be closed Monday, October 14th for Thanksgiving. Have a wonderful long weekend!



Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
Oct 6	\$ 3,826	\$ 2,450	↑ \$ 1,376
Oct 13		\$ 3,499	
Oct 20		*\$ 6,184	
Oct 27		\$ 2,648	
Mth Target	\$ 3,826	\$ 14,780	↓ \$ 10,955

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Queen of the Apostle Renewal Centre Retreats

1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga

The Queen of the Apostle Renewal Centre invites both men and women to experience the following retreats, facilitated by centre team members and concluding with a Mass.

- » October 24th - God’s Healing Love: A retreat day for cancer patients and caregivers.
- » October 26th - Marian Retreat

The cost for each retreat is \$45, which includes coffee/tea, muffins and a hot lunch. Registration for both begins at 8:30 am. For more information please contact Jean at 905-278-5229 or email office@qoa.ca.

Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 9:00 am

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and the ArchTO estate planning team invite you to join this free webinar to learn about how to avoid issues with your Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. To register scan the QR code, visit qrco.de/WebOct24



World Mission Sunday Special Collection



Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

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