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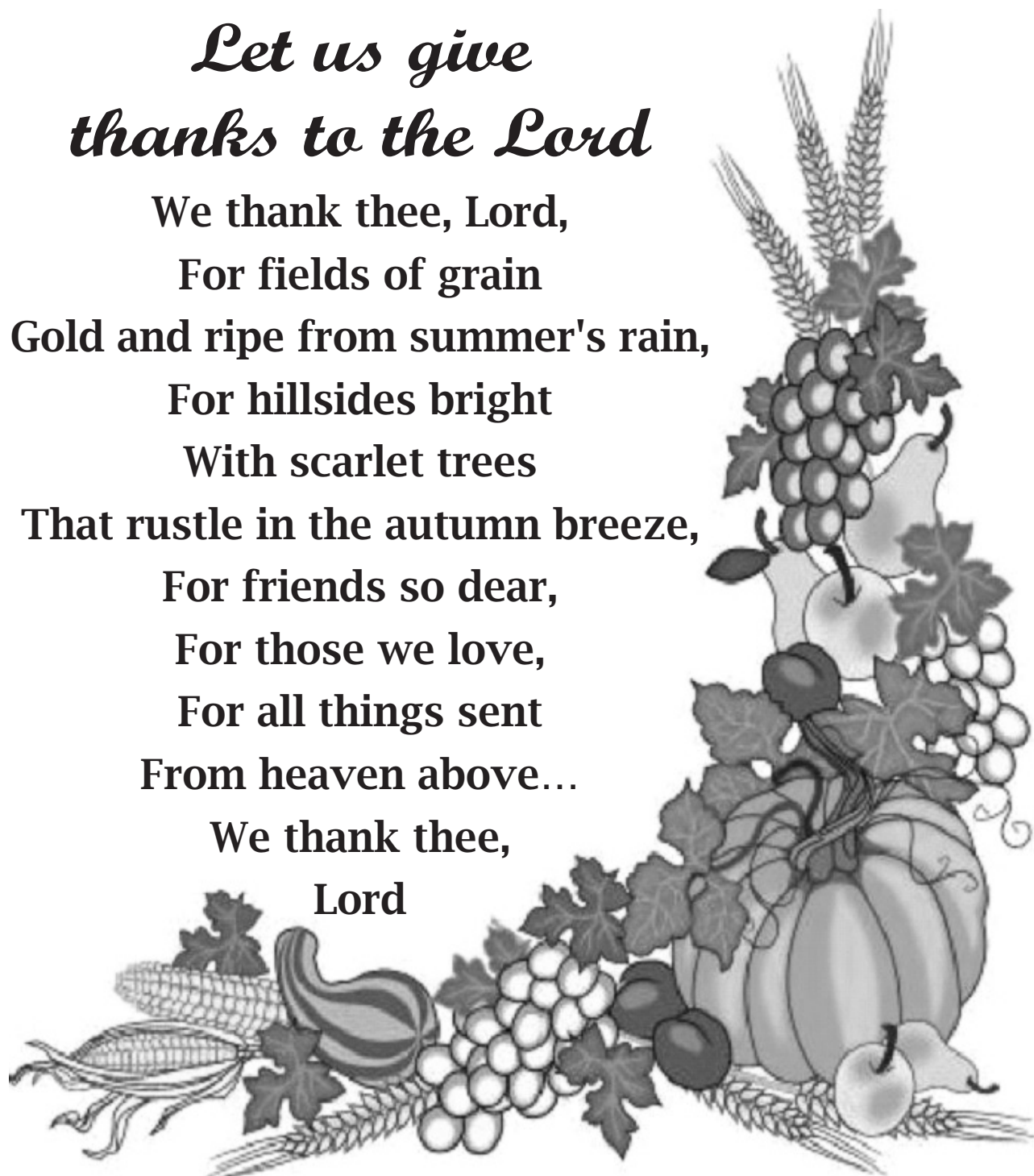
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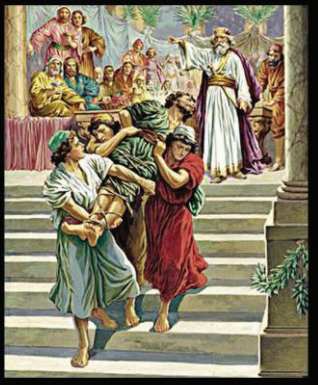
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Let us give thanks to the Lord

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



**The Parable
of the
Wedding
Feast
(Matthew 22)**



MASS **SCHEDULE
& INTENTIONS**

Tuesday Oct 13TH

6:30pm CONFESSIONS
7:00pm Intentions Sita Abeywickrama on her
99th Birthday
Requested by the Family

Wednesday Oct 14th

8:30am Unannounced Mass Intentions
Devotion to our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday Oct 15th

8:30am Unannounced Mass Intentions

Friday Oct 16th

7:30am HOLY HOUR
8:30am Unannounced Mass Intentions

Saturday Oct 17th

8:30am Unannounced Mass Intentions
3:30pm CONFESSIONS
4:30pm +Gordon Campbell
Requested by Susan Cambbell-Fournell

Sunday Oct 18th

9:00am For the People

11:00am +Andy & David Calado
Requested by Helena Calado

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks. The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city. We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience. With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins. Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

Please Pray for the Sick

Gordon Norris, Emilie Spence,



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Cathy Ceniti



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish
Oct 11th to Oct 17th, 2026



Sunday Oct 4 th	
Inc PAG	\$5,926.05
ShareLife 2026 Goal	\$46,000.00
Raised So Far	\$32,976.09
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$1,624.55
Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation	\$1,311.40

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Catholic Women's League – Second Wednesday of the Month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. All women of the parish welcome. For more information visit our website at COLLCWL.CA

Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Fr. Lally Council
1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month – 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree – St. Francis Assembly. 4th Wednesday of the month 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Mother Group – This month's meeting will be Monday Oct 26th 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – 3rd Wednesday of the month 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling lapel roses (Roses for Life) this weekend October 10th and 11th, after all the Masses. All proceeds will go to the Collingwood District Pro-Life.

CWL – ENDOW Study Program

The St. Mary's CWL extends a very warm welcome to all women of the parish who would like to deepen their love for Mother Mary and grow in faith together. The study will focus on "Redemptoris Mater – Mother of the Redeemer", written by Pope Saint John Paul II and is part of the Endow (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) series.

The study will take place on six Saturday mornings in the basement of the church, from October 17 through November 28 from 9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets can be found at both church entrances.

Calling ALL Moms!

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World Mission Sunday Special Collection Oct 18

Since 1922, the Pontifical Missions Societies through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has supported the temporal needs of missions as well as created awareness of the work of the missions throughout the world. Some examples of projects include: building churches, pastoral centers, cathedrals damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, religious houses of formation, homes for the clergy, formation programs for lay missionaries, radio and television production, audio-visual materials for remote mission areas as well as support of pastoral work in various rural dioceses.

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A Thanksgiving Prayer for Our Parish Family

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." — *Psalms 118:1*

Heavenly Father, source of all blessings, we raise our hearts to You in gratitude. Thank You for the gifts of life, faith, and family, and for the grace of the Holy Eucharist which unites us as Your people. Lord, You have blessed us abundantly with the fruits of the earth and the comfort of our homes. Grant us generous hearts this Thanksgiving Day to share these blessings with those in need, and keep us always mindful of Your endless mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



The Office will be closed on Monday October 12th

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