

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*In prayer we are looking up to God
Not down on others.*



*For whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*

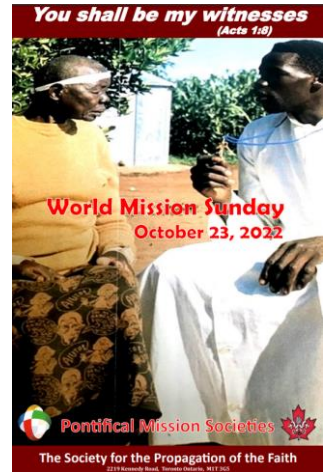
In the Gospel Readings today, once again Jesus focus on pray contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector. The Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

Liturgy Notes: SOURCE AND SUMMIT part 1: Drawn from the current "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (CCC 1324), this is the best image to consider over and over again as we aim for a deeper grasp of what is going on as we come to Mass on the Lord's Day (be that Saturday evening or Sunday morning). You come to the "Source and Summit of the Christian Life". What do you bring? What do you take away? These are two key questions to consider, as you approach the summit of Christian worship, and as you leave the Mass and return to everyday life. When you come, you bring your life with you, not parking it at the door of the Church, but bringing your experiences, your cares, your dreams, your sacrifices and your deep gratitude for every good gift: this is a small sampling of your life that you bring to Mass when you pass through the doors of the Church. You bring it to God, to offer it, by offering yourself; you bring your cares to the One who cares more deeply for you than you do for yourself; you bring your dreams of happiness and love between all people, hoping for a Kingdom to appear on earth; you bring the labour you have done in a week of work and prayer and suffering and rejoicing, and you lay down all these things before the Lord in sacrifice. Step back for a moment, and consider what you bring with you when you place yourself before the Lord at the Sunday Mass. Re-read the sentence above about what you bring; make a mental list; and next Sunday, intentionally place all these things you bring before the Lord in a quiet moment before the Mass.

.....Fr. John-Mark Missio

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

Today is World Mission Sunday otherwise known as the Evangelization of the Nations. 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.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 25th

For + PATRICK KERRIGAN
Requested by The Kerrigan Family

Wednesday, October 26th

For + FRANCES MARY CAIRNS
Requested by Isabel & John Cairns

Thursday, October 27th

For + JEAN HANEY
Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Friday, October 28th

For + SR. CAROLYN ALTPETER
Requested by Parish Friends

Saturday, October 29th

For + WALTER GODSOE
Requested by The Godsoe Family

Please Pray For The Sick

Wayne Denis Brown, Lena Gilmour, Michael Lanno,
Stella Avery, Carmel Richard



God our Father, you generously grant us all the gifts we have. Help us to understand that it is in the giving that we receive. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish.

	2019	2022
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$ 5147	\$ 2380
<i>Offertory PAG:</i>	\$ 1079	\$ 1183



HAVE YOU MOVED?: Please put St. John's on your list to be notified about any change of contact information. Email us at the office. If you've moved out of the parish, when you arrive in a new parish, make a note to register there. They'll want to hear from you!

In The News

COME & SEE WEEKEND RETREAT: for men 18 years and older at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 18 (6:30 pm) until Sunday, November 20 (2 pm). This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee. For more information, please email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

ALL SOUL'S DAY MASS: Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 5 at 2 pm. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations: • Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum • Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre • Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum • Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English) • Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum.

21ST ANNUAL FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST: High School Students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme is "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17). Write a five-hundred word essay that explores the 2023 theme. The contest runs from October 4 to January 16, 2023. Great prizes await! Contact ecumenism@archtoronto.org or call 416.934.3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

TRANSFORMING SPIRIT DAY OF REFLECTION: Join us for a day of reflection for men and women on Monday October 31st from 9 am to 4 pm at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering. As we once again enter the fall we return to our familiar patterns in life. It is sometimes easy for us to become trapped in our daily rhythms and yet the season of Fall is an invitation to each of us to reflect on a call to transformation in our lives. Fall reminds us of the beautiful colours of life even in our ordinary moments; the places where God is active in us in the here and now. Gift yourself with a day of quietness, peaceful reflection, personal and communal prayer and, if desired, an opportunity for reconciliation. Come away and be still with God! This day will include talks given by Sr. Mary Rowell, CSJ. Reconciliation Service, confessions available and plenty of time for private prayer and opportunities to walk the grounds. Lunch and break included. The day ends with Mass.

Little Levity: Brad and Johnny were having their usually Tuesday afternoon coffee chat when Brad commented on Johnny's plaid shirt, "Didn't I see you with that shirt before our COVID lockdown, or is that a new one and you bought it a size too small?" "I thought the dryer shrank it!" exclaimed Johnny, "Turns out it was the refrigerator!" Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa

Parish News

NOVEMBER 1st & 2nd: ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS: There will be 7 pm evening Masses on both All Saints and All Souls Day this year, since these are such important occasions in the life of the Church. For ALL SOULS' DAY (Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7 pm), if one of your loved ones died in the last 2 years, we invite you to send a picture which we can include in a collage, to be placed at our Marian shrine, where you can light a candle before the Mass, and where the names will be read aloud. Please send a digital copy to the parish by Thursday October 27th by 5 pm, indicating the full name and date of death.

2022/2023 SUNDAY MISSALS AVAILABLE FOR SALE: Before and After Masses the next two weekends or at the office during regular office hours, Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm. The cost for the adult missals \$7. Children's Missals have not arrived yet but we hope to have them soon.



November is the month the Church traditionally remembers the faithful departed. We invite you to record the names of deceased relatives and friends in our parish **BOOK OF LIFE** which can be found in the sanctuary. We will remember them in all our November Masses. If their names already appear in our book, no need to add them again, we will continue to pray for them.

BE A SERVER AT THE ALTAR AND SERVE THE LORD: If you are in 3rd grade and up and have received First Holy Communion, you are eligible. The Altar Servers form a very important part of the Church and every parish is enriched through their dedication and service. If interested contact Lisa Charette at lisacharette@rogers.com.



50/50 RAFFLE BACK AGAIN FOR ANOTHER TRY: The Knights of Columbus once again will be participating in the Ontario Knights of Columbus 50/50 raffle lottery. Tickets are just 15 tickets for \$10.00/ 40 tickets for \$20.00 / 100 tickets for \$40.00. All proceeds to St. John's Parish. To support our council ticket sales, visit the following link: <https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=7008>

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR REGISTERED PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH: will begin in early January 2023 so please check the bulletin and website for instructions, at that time.

SHARE A RIDE TO CHURCH MINISTRY: If you realize the importance of reaching our parish community by giving someone a ride to and from church, listening to people and have gospel conversations, have a valid driver's license and are willing and able, please contact the office. There are many parishioners who just can't get to church and they need you!