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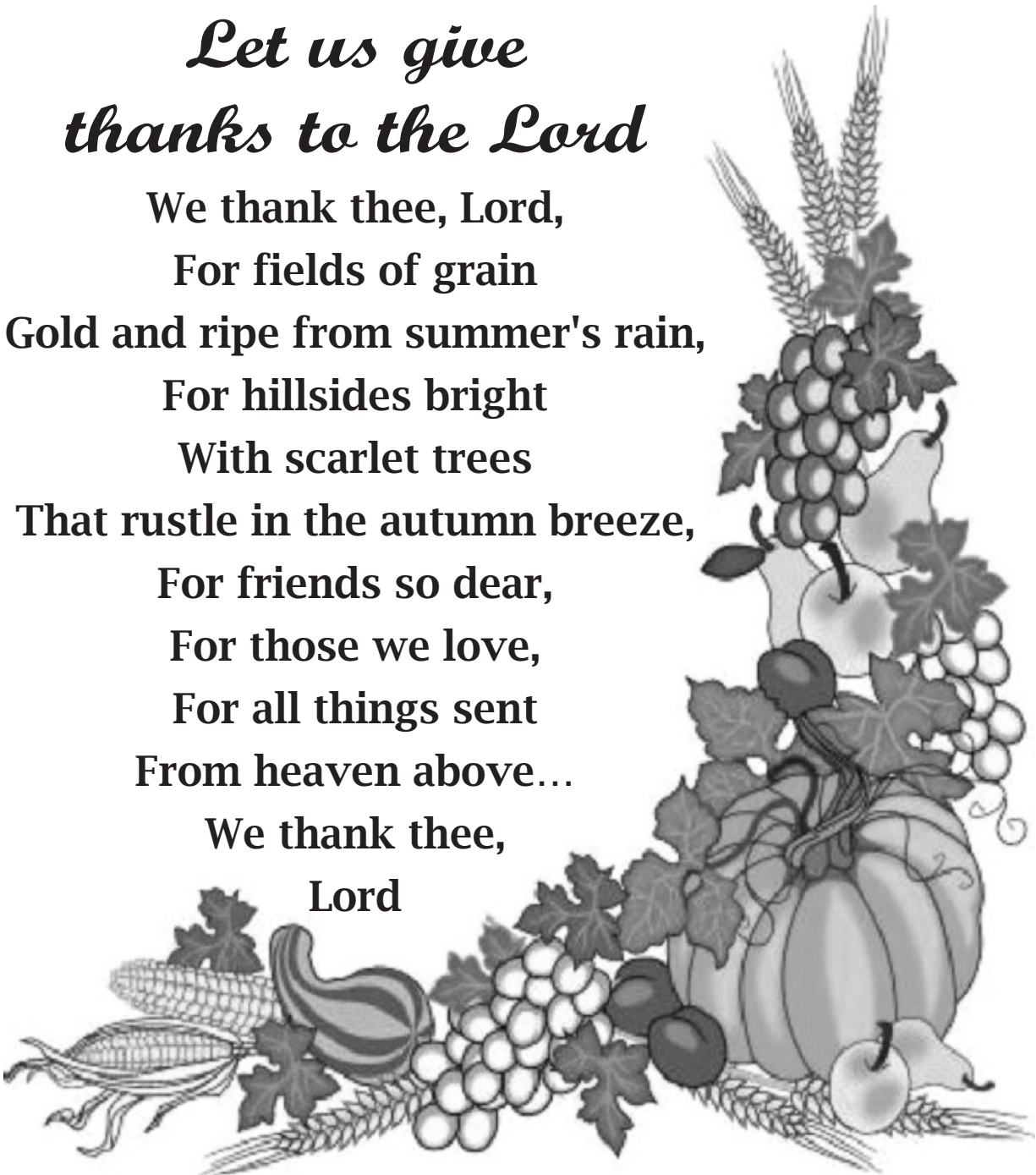
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Let us give thanks to the Lord

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





Dear parishioners,

This weekend gives us the opportunity to give thanks, as well as to consider what it really means to be thankful. St. Paul gives us an interesting insight from this weekend's Second Reading: **"I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty"** (Phi 4:12).

The Apostle was instructing the early Christian community that there are times when we might have plenty – we are comfortable, we have good health, we are "well-fed", and things are generally going quite well. In other times, though, this is not the case. We are struggling, we are suffering, we find it difficult to make ends meet, and it seems that our lives are full of worry and anxiety. In the first situation, thanksgiving seems more obvious and natural; in the second situation, it seems impossible. Why would we give thanks when we feel that we have nothing to be thankful for? Somehow, though, in both situations, the words of St. Paul are meant to encourage us to nevertheless be thankful. Yes, there are times when we have plenty and other times when we are in need. In those times of need, let us pray for the grace to dig deep and to still recognize the presence of God who is with us. Even when things seem hopeless, we join with St. Paul in saying, **"I can do all things through his who strengthens me"**.

Gratitude, then, is not something that is easy; it is not automatic. We have to develop gratitude as a habit. We need to learn to recognize what it is that we have received from God, even when it seems that all God is doing is taking things away from us. A great piece of advice that I once read that is very helpful in this regard is to focus on the good things in life, and not on the troubles.

Ingratitude is also something that troubles us, especially when we experience it from others. It can be disheartening when we help others, sacrifice for others, give to others, but experience no thanks from them. In these times, let us not let ingratitude bring us down. Happiness comes when we do not expect gratitude, but when we simply give to others for the joy of giving. On this Thanksgiving weekend, then, let us turn our hearts to the Lord and give thanks for the blessings that we have received. Let us pray for those who are struggling and in need, that they, too, might recognize the presence of God in our lives. And let us all develop the habit of gratitude, that as we extend good deeds to each other, mutual happiness will develop through our simple exchanges of thanksgiving.

Fr. Eric



Mon. October 12th

12:05 pm: **Healing Graces for Alex Sochaniwskyj**
Elaine Yu +
Mrs. Malgosia +
Pavol Dziak +
Jose Diaz De La Torre +
Meryl Davies +
Isabella Catherine Messina +

Tues. October 13th

12:05 pm: **Deceased Members of Chan Family**

Wed. October 14th

12:05 pm: **Jim Hughes +**

Thurs. October 15th

12:05 pm: **Teresa & Felix Katigbak +**

Fri. October 16th

12:05 pm: **Ivan Raspor +**

Sat. October 17th

5:00 pm: **Manuel De Lima +**

Sun. October 18th

12:00 pm: **Constancio, Maria & Felix Gonsalves +**

The **church tabernacle vigil light** is lit this week **In Memory of Claire Villafana** at the request her sister Joyce Paterson

Please keep this date on your calendar!

MINISTRY FAIR SUNDAY

October 25th, 2026

Would you like to volunteer in the various ministries in the parish? Please join us after the 10 am Mass in the hall to receive information, people in the various ministries will be there to answer any questions you may have and you can sign up for that Ministry.

We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the homebound, the “forgotten members” in our community, and their families and caregivers. “Lord surround them with your healing and steadfast love.” especially

Elizabeth Lawlor, Joyce Reirie, Venessa Dempsey, Frank Chau, Kateri Ryan, Carl Wilcox, G. Pitrolo, Ann Gilbride, Paul Ryan, Daniel Giles, Jaden Babcock and Maria Jose Bouey

Church Open for Prayer During the Day

The doors of the church are now being kept open during the day for prayer. In addition to being open for Mass, the church will be available from approximately **9:00 am - 6:30 pm**. Please feel free to come to the church to visit Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, to pray, or just to spend some time in silent reflection in the midst of a busy day!

Parish Attendance Survey

The Archdiocese is requesting our participation in its annual parishioner attendance survey for all parishes on the weekends **October 17 & 18 and October 24 & 25**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Prayer for Mission Month 2026

Father, make us one in Christ,

rooted in his love that unites and renews.

May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit,

courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful love for all creatures.

Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope.

Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelization in every corner of the Earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognize in Christ the light that saves. Amen.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot, pray for us.

POPE LEO XIV

Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith

World Mission Sunday October 18th, 2025

There will be a second collection next weekend 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.*

Envelopes are available at all the entrances of the church.

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