

Happy Thanksgiving!

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night...”
(Psalm 92:1-2)

It is indeed good for us to remember that all is gift. Everything that we are, all that we have, whatever we do is a gift from a loving and generous God. Let us be grateful for graces, gifts, and blessings received freely and in abundance especially at these difficult and challenging times of the pandemic when we are most in need; for unexpected pleasant surprises that warm the heart and fill us with joy - all these from a God we know, who is so full of love and care for us His children. As we reflect on all the ways that God has been generous to us and as we share and give away some of what we cherish and hold dear, may our hearts grow in the wisdom that ***“no one ever becomes poor by giving”*** because God loves a cheerful giver (*2 Corinthians 9:6-9*).

*O gracious God,
who so generously lavishes our lives with goodness,
create in our hearts a deep centre of gratitude,
a centre that grows so strong in its thanksgiving
that sharing freely of our treasures becomes the norm
and the pattern of our existence.
Remind us often of how much you cherish us,
of how abundantly you have offered gifts to us,
especially in the hours of our greatest need.
May we always be grateful for your reaching into our lives
with surprises of joy, growth, and unearned love.
Amen.*

(‘Fresh Bread’ by Joyce Rupp, osm)

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

We are all invited and encouraged to pray daily the Holy Rosary to honour our Blessed Mother, to seek her maternal protection and guidance, and give thanks and praise to Jesus for giving us His Mother to be our Mother, too.

Gospel Weeklies Faith Formation Program

Our catechism year 2020-2021 has officially started. There are still some parents who have not picked up their children’s study materials. Parents were advised to start to work with their children on each of the eight lessons starting with Sep 20, 2020 lesson. At the end of 4 weeks, with their homework complete, a classroom video conference with the Catechetical teacher, students and parents from each year level will occur. This will be the opportunity for the teacher/catechist to provide input; for the students to check and correct their work; and to have questions answered. Your child/children’s catechists will be in touch with you shortly to arrange details of your month end video conference.

While you support and guide your child/children in their faith formation, you, too, will grow in your own faith. Praying with you and for you that this year’s journey of faith bears fruits that last a lifetime!

These are your dedicated, faithful parish volunteer catechists this catechism year 2020-2021. Please pray for your catechetical team, including our Pastor, Fr Bo, as we pray for you and your families.

Year 1 – Joseph ‘Bong’ Lachica; Phoebe de Leon

Year 2 – Ma. Lowina Fernando; Tess Tankeko

Year 3 – Peter Monge; Rizza Reyes

Year 4 – Renz Rafal; Isabelle Anglo

Year 5 – Eric Dalusong; Kim Cleto

Year 6 – Rhodora Tuazon

Year 7 – Madonna Roxas

Year 8 – Virgie Elago; Val Roque

Year 9 – Hazel Sevilla; Manny Diaz

P.S.

Many catechism families have been missed at our parish Sunday Mass celebrations. Our parish is able to accommodate 50 participants at each Mass celebration, providing physical distancing and sanitizing measures and other health guidelines and protocols are strictly followed.

Registration for Sunday (or Saturday) Mass is necessary at this time. To attend Saturday 5pm Mass or Sunday 10am Mass, sign up at <https://stjwinnipeg.weebly.com/mass-schedule.html>.

Come and see and taste the goodness of the Lord! Welcome back!