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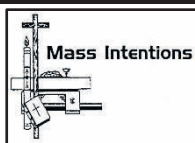
Associate Pastor - Fr. Benny Joseph Ezhormattam

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Thanksgiving

For wealth and plenty in the land,
For faith in God's sustaining hand,
For every blessing great and small
We thank the giver of it all.



Saturday, October 7

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY
5:00 p.m. - LIVIO SANTACROCE R.I.P.

Sunday, October 8

9:00 a.m. - PAUL & CHANTELE DUGGAN R.I.P.
10:30 a.m.- MITCH CHAVEZ R.I.P.
12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, October 9

9:00 a.m. - RAMAN MAKASARE R.I.P.

Tuesday, October 10

7:00 p.m. - ANNA SAMMUT R.I.P.

Wednesday, October 11

7:00 p.m. - JOSE VIEIRA DA SILVA R.I.P.

Thursday, October 12

7:00 p.m. - BENNY LAVECCHIA R.I.P.

Friday, October 13

9:00 a.m. - WILFRED BALEWSKI R.I.P.

Saturday, October 14

9:00 a.m. - ANTONIO TAPIA R.I.P.
5:00 p.m. - ORLANDO & LUCIA CABRAL R.I.P.

Sunday, October 15

9:00 a.m. - GUADALUPE SAMSON R.I.P.
10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12:00 noon- EDDIE OBIDOWSKI R.I.P.

Readings for October 8

Isaiah 5.1-7 Philippians 4.6-9
Matthew 21.33-43

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." Matthew 21:42-43

Only God, in His inconceivable wisdom and power, could bring forth the greatest good from the greatest evil. Nothing could be more evil than the brutal murder of the Son of God. And nothing could be more glorious than the transformation of that heinous act into the definitive act of salvation for the human race. Jesus was "the stone rejected by the builders." But that rejected Stone was used by the Father to "become the cornerstone" of the new life of grace to which we are called.

Today, you are among the people to whom God has given charge of His new Vineyard, the Church. Of you, God demands an abundance of good fruit. Though the Church is entrusted to the pope, bishops, and priests in a special way, it is also entrusted to the laity, each in their own way. Everyone must bear fruit for the Kingdom of God, and everyone will be held accountable for their stewardship.

Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that we have little to offer. If we were the pope, a bishop or even a priest, we could do great things for God. And though that is true, it is no less true that everyone is capable of bearing an abundance of good fruit for the Kingdom. And God expects that of us all. If you doubt that fact in any way, recall again the undeniable fact that the Father used the greatest evil ever committed to bring forth the greatest good ever known. If God can bring forth new life from death, then He can certainly use you in powerful ways. In fact, the weaker you are and the more insignificant you feel, the more God can use you to produce good fruit.

(Excerpt from mycatholic.life)



A big thanks to all those who participated in the St. Leonard Life Chain on Sunday, Oct. 1! Your presence was powerful in expressing the sanctity of human life, to be protected from conception to natural death. And the public response was

rewarding! May God bless you in speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves, helping to save the lives of God's most innocent, and helping families find healing in His mercy.

Thank you to all parishioners who joined the 40 Days for Life Campaign on Tues. Oct. 3. Your powerful presence and prayer near the abortion clinic was observed by thousands, and visible to clinic and hospital staff. May many lives be blessed and saved by your charity and compassion for the preborn at risk and all involved.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who supported the Food Drive last week and to the Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Registration forms for First Reconciliation & First Communion for students attending schools **other than our seven parish schools** are available at the parish or on our website. Instruction classes will begin on October 21st.



LAY PASTORAL VISITORS TRAINING

The next Lay Pastoral Visitors Training will be offered online on Thursdays, October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and homebound of our parish communities who are unable to attend Mass. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions and complete pre-homework to receive full training. There is no cost to attend, but register early as capacity is limited. This program is offered by the Office of Formation for Discipleship and Saint Monica Institute.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/LPVT-RegisterOctNov2023>

HIGHLIGHT ON MINISTRIES

In what ways can we help in the Vineyard of the Lord? This week our highlight will be on the Good Shepherd Outreach Ministry. You can help and prepare a meal once a month to provide food for those less fortunate (dinners are taken to the Good Shepherd Centre in Toronto). A pan is provided by the ministry, along with recipes. All you need to do is prepare a dish in the pan and freeze it. Drop off days are on the first Saturdays every month (except on holiday weekends, where it will be the following Saturday) from 11:00 a.m. till noon around the back of the church.



They also look for volunteers to help with taking in the food on the drop-off days or in driving the dinners to the Good Shepherd Centre. This weekend, there will be a presentation speaking about this ministry. Thank you for your generosity in helping the less fortunate!

The next drop-off of the Good Shepherd is next Saturday, **October 14th** from 11:00 till noon.



The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2024. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7-12. Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Thursday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 24, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Please register at: ApplySMCS.com. St. Michael's College School offers a generous Financial Assistance Programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Catholic Cemeteries and the estate planning team will be holding a seminar on Saturday, October 21st at 9:00 a.m.:

- How to avoid problems in your Will, Powers of Attorney, & through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- The advantage of making an estate plan
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Church guidelines on Cremation
- Our Catholic traditions around will, burial, and funerals

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BABY BUNDLE WEEKEND



The Catholic Women's League will be holding their annual Birthright Baby Bundle next weekend - October 14 & 15. All donations/proceeds of new baby items are most welcome and will be given directly to Birthright. Please see the bulletin board or website for the flyer.

Birthright Brampton is in **urgent need** of girls and boys fall/winter clothes from newborn to size 3T as well as maternity clothes (all sizes). Kindly drop off at the church the weekend of October 14/15 during the Baby Bundle Weekend.



The Catholic Women's League will be having their Annual Christmas Bazaar this year on Saturday, November 18th from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. More details to follow.

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