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As the leaves turn gold and yellow... The air turns crisp... Thanksgiving comes, a time to remember... Our blessings and make good cheer with all those who are so dear. Wishing you a Thanksgiving as special as you are.



SUTTON MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS				
Mon. Oct. 12	8:30am: +Joe Rudacres req. Rose Sheppard			
Tues. Oct 13	8:30am : Blessings and Health upon Ean & Joan Penn req. Teresa DiMambro			
Wed. Oct. 14	8:30am : +Julius & Elizabeth Hancko			
Sat. Oct. 17	5:30pm : +Michael T. Gilroy req. Jack Bingham			
Sun. Oct. 18	8:30am: +Daniel Haze req. K Bingham			

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

World Mission Sunday	Oct 17/18
The Shepherds' Trust	Nov 14/15

ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ'S PRAYER DURING THE PANDEMIC

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate Mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Wishing everyone Health and Blessings this Thanksgiving weekend.

"The most beautiful act of faith is the one made in darkness, in sacrifice, and with extreme effort." — *St. Padre Pio*

KESWICK MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS				
Thurs	. Oct. 15	8:30am: Blessings upon Lou		
		& Mary Conte - wedding		
		anniversary		
Fri.	Oct. 16	8:30am: Special intentions of		
		Luciano Conte		
Sat.	Oct. 17	4:00pm: +Arduino Perruzza		
		req. Kathy Perruzza		
Sun.	Oct. 18	10:30am: Parishioners (Pro		
		Populo)		

<u>COLLECTION – Thank you for your generosity</u>				
Weekly Offertory: Oct 4:	\$2,291.00			
Sharelife to date:	\$4,493.00			

PARISH DEBT as of OCTOBER 1 ST				
<u>\$363,000.00</u>				
Interest rate of 2% paid quarterly				
Upcoming Bills:	Building Insurance:	\$5,200.00		
	Interest payment:	\$3,600.00		

Thank you to the **Knights of Columbus** for their **\$2,000** donation to the parish, which will be directed to interest on the renovation debt. Furthermore, thanks to the President of the **Catholic Women's League** – **Mrs. Ann Palmer**, for meeting with the Fr. Paul and updating us about CWL activities during this pandemic.

SL ShareLife

As our agencies continue to experience unprecedented demand due to the pandemic, there has never been a more important time to support their work through ShareLife. Now thanks to the generosity of a parishioner in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the impact of your donation will be greater than ever.

From today through November 8, all contributions to the ShareLife Parish Campaign will be matched up to a total of \$500,000.

How do you take part? Simply give online or donate using the ShareLife envelopes at your parish.

ShareLife-funded agencies have been supporting thousands in need during this pandemic. If you've been waiting for an opportunity to help those who are poor and marginalized in your community, now is the time to give. Thank you for your generosity!

1ST HOLY COMMUNION PRE-REGISTRATION -2021

Visit website for very important details and Pre-Registration Form. <u>https://ollakeke.archtoronto.org</u> or <u>https://immaculateconceptionsu.archtoronto.org</u> **HEAVEN - Eternal bliss**: Jesus died and rose to make Heaven possible for us who were stuck in sin; *that's why He came.* To arrive in Heaven is to be submerged in the unending embrace and praise of the Infinite Love who made us. It is to have all life's thirsts quenched, questions answered, and desires fulfilled. For when we see God as He is – Father, Son and Holy Spirit unveiled – we come to know ourselves as we truly are, as He sees us.

Made for you: While perpetually new and exciting, Heaven is ever familiar. There we can authentically say, with a smile as wide as the horizon, "I belong here. I was made for this." It is a true reunion with God's earthly family. Free from any trace of rivalry or contention, all those in Heaven are Saints, transformed by glory to the degree that they loved God on earth.

C.S. Lewis masterfully imagines it: "Your place in Heaven will seem to be made for you, and you alone, because you were made for it...stitch by stich as a glove is made for a hand."

It doesn't end there: At the end of time, when Christ comes again, the bodies of all the dead will rise (some to eternal life, and some to eternal death), and the entire cosmos will be transformed. But we will not morph into angels or "reincarnate" as new personalities. Instead, our own body and soul will be united again. Those who rise to life will become like the Risen Christ – still themselves, but glorified and perfected! Indeed, "we look forward to the resurrection of the dead..."(Nicene Creed). It's the happiness we're made for.

HELL - The reality of Hell: Today, the devil is often lumped into the same category as mermaids and fairies - the realm of make-believe. But Scripture and Christian tradition are clear that Satan, an angel created good by God, definitively chose against God and now dwells with his minions in the place of perpetual death known as Hell. Christ Himself often referred to Gehenna (a garbage dump where fires continually burned) as an image of Hell - the destiny of those who ultimately choose against love. "For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, a stranger and you gave Me no welcome, naked and you gave Me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for Me... what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for Me...truly I say to you, I do not know you" (Mt. 25:42-45; Mt. 25:12).

Like a fish out of water: A fish out of water isn't merely uncomfortable; it is cut off from its very lifesource. Likewise, Hell is complete separation from the love of God. Hell's greatest pain is isolation from the Creator and all other creatures – from the communion for which we were made. It is a place devoid of truth, goodness, and beauty; a realm of chaos and unspeakable agony.

St. Ignatius of Loyola once said, "Imagine the worst you can, and then say, 'All this is nothing compared to Hell." It is an everlasting abode of darkness, death, and fire.

The choice against God: God desires no one's eternal unhappiness, let alone a person's destruction or non-existence. He desires our free return to His love. In our final hour, however, if we refuse to receive His mercy, or refuse to repent of any mortal sins, then we ultimately refuse to live with God. To be damned to Hell is to have knowingly said "no" to the arms that were always open to embrace us and the voice that had always called our name.

PURGATORY – Preparation for Heaven:

Now, if the door of a heart is open even a sliver to God, God's mercy will welcome him. Even death-bed converts, like the good thief on Calvary, have a place in paradise. But for one still attached to less serious sins at the time of death, the dazzling brilliance of Heaven would be unbearable. The God who is Marcy thus gives us an intermediate state of preparation for Heaven. Purgatory is not a punishment. Like the fire that refines silver or the surgery that fixes a heart problem, purgatory cleanses souls of everything that is not of God.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI explains, "Before Christ's gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with Him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves".

Bittersweet longing: A soul's greatest longing is to be with God in Heaven. St. Catherine of Genoa tells us that the souls in purgatory suffer deeply from the awareness that "...they have deliberately gone against His great goodness." The more they are attached to sin, the more it will hurt to remove it. However, as each impediment to love is burned away, the joy of the souls in purgatory increases. Everyone who goes to purgatory eventually goes to heaven.

"Let us empty purgatory with our prayers." – St. Padre Pio

