

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector speaks so clearly to us that it needs little commentary. We can recognise the deep implications Luke saw in this story, when we situate it within the compilation made by the evangelist - that we have followed during the past weeks. As Jesus courageously takes the road to meet his fate, he is giving his final instructions to the disciples he will leave behind. Faith, he has taught them, is an obedient openness to God's coming in their lives, and to the plan of God about to reach its moment of climax. Their prayer should be the living expression of this faith, teaching them to trust in the Father who will show his care for them - whatever the difficulties they may have to face. In the end they should see themselves as God's 'unprofitable servants'. Today's short parable sums up what his teaching should have brought home to them - in a few words, everything depends, in the end, not on our own efforts, but upon the grace and mercy of God.



To read Fr. Thornhill's entire reflection, scan the QR code or visit his website at [www.theemmausseries.com/c3osunday.html](http://www.theemmausseries.com/c3osunday.html)

**Parking Lot Policy & Guidelines (October 2016)**

Over the past year, the Parish Advisory Council has spent time drafting a Parking Lot Policy to deal with concerns that have become increasingly problematic. The following Policy and Guidelines were approved at the October 2016 meeting and are now in effect. The cooperation of all parishioners is appreciated.

**Policy**

- The OLS Church parking lot is private property and is intended for the use of registered parishioners and/or those attending Mass or a parish function. Anyone else using the parking lot for any other reason will be asked to leave at the discretion of the parish office.
- Unauthorized VEHICLES in the Church parking lot will be TAGGED/TOWED.
- Unauthorized VISITORS using the parking lot will be asked to remove themselves and/or their car from the lot.
- LOITERING in the church parking lot and on church grounds is strictly prohibited and those refusing to leave will be reported to the police.
- ILLEGAL PARKING within the lot which blocks other cars will not be tolerated. Those parking in aisles or blocking the entrance or exit to the lot may be towed. This is a safety issue.

**Guidelines**

- The Parish Advisory Council along with the Pastor will be responsible for revisions to this POLICY.
- The parking lot must be clearly lit to help prevent inappropriate use of the lot.
- The parking lot must have clear signage to ensure use and restrictions are clearly posted.
- Repeat policy offenders will have their vehicles tagged/towed.
- The parking lot policy will be issued in the bulletin, published on the church website and will be re-issued as needed to remind the parish community of the policy and guidelines.

**The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it.**

If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Toronto. 416-968-0997 [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

Readings ~ Sirach 35:15-17, 20-22 ~ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 ~ Luke 18:9-14

**PARISH**

**Mass Intentions This Week – October 24–30**

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Mariana & Adolph Seidl	The family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ members of the Grogan family	
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Richard O'Shea	Nuala O'Shea
Thursday, 9am	✠ Daniel DaCosta	The Trudell family
Friday, 9am	✠ Josephine Buenafe Kahkonen	The Manion family
Saturday, 9am	✠ Pietro D'Annibale	Theresa Darmody
5:15pm	✠ Alfred Ventura	Gloria Ventura
Sunday, 8am	✠ Mary Lucey	John & Ursula Matthews
9:30am	✠ Francesco Valle	Pina Valle
11am	✠ Horace McCubbin	The family
12:30pm	✠ Rebecca Borg	The family

**Rosary – prayed before 9am Mass + Rosary Group meets Fridays, 2pm, Parish Hall**  
Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

"You always leave the Rosary for later, and you end up not saying it at all because you are sleepy. If there is no other time, say it in the street without letting anybody notice it. It will, moreover, help you to have presence of God." –St. Josemaria Escriva

**Children's Liturgy of the Word – Join Us!**

This program for young parishioners (4–10 years of age) takes place on Sundays at the 9:30am Mass. **All are welcome!**



**NEXT WEEKEND Let's do it! Let's 'Bundle Up' for St. Vincent de Paul!**

Volunteers will assist with the collection & loading of securely tied or sealed bags or boxes of gently used items (think: shoes, clothing, coats, bedding, draperies). Larger items (i.e. furniture & appliances), computer hardware and toys **cannot** be accepted. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

**World Mission Sunday Mercy Changes the World**

Today, for World Mission Sunday, along with Catholics throughout the world, we are called to offer our prayers & generous financial support through the Propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Jesus. Your gift helps:

- People in remote villages & towns through the witness & work of missionaries & local priests;
- Children, the aged, refugees, the sick & orphans through the work of Religious Sisters & Brothers;
- To bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family;
- Catechists proclaim the message of hope and peace that only Christ can give.

Please offer prayer for the work of the Church in the missions today – the Pacific Islands, Latin America, Africa and Asia. **Your generosity will help to change the world!**



**An Invitation to Serve – Help Lead the Whole People of God Into His Presence!**

Do you feel God is calling you to serve? Are you nervous or unsure? Please, have no fear! Take the first step in your amazing learning & faith journey as an altar server! Email Kristen, altar server coordinator, at [kristen@sorrows.ca](mailto:kristen@sorrows.ca) today or speak to her in person after the 8 or 9:30am Sunday Masses. **Keep your heart right with God, be a disciple, get a whole new perspective on the Mass & join this important youth ministry!**



"If someone had told me I would be Pope one day, I would have studied harder." –Pope John Paul I

**COMMUNITY**

**School Open Houses** There are many; we've assembled a list for your convenience

These schools have asked to have their open houses for grade 8 students and their parents/guardians listed in our parish bulletin. For a more complete list visit [www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses](http://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses)

- Oct. 26, 6:30pm – Michael Power/St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School, 105 Eringate Dr.
- Oct. 26, 7pm – St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School, 66 Dufferin Park Ave. – [www.bit.ly/stmarystcdsb](http://www.bit.ly/stmarystcdsb)
- Oct. 28, 9am & 4pm – Hawthorn School, 101 Scarsdale Rd. – [www.hawthornschool.com](http://www.hawthornschool.com)
- Nov. 2, 7pm – Bishop Allen Academy, 721 Royal York Rd.
- Nov. 19, 10am – Holy Name of Mary College School, 2241 Mississauga Rd. – [www.holynamemarycollegeschool.com](http://www.holynamemarycollegeschool.com)

**Humanitarian Relief – Hurricane Matthew – Haiti Emergency**

The Archdiocese is accepting financial contributions following Hurricane Matthew in Haiti on October 4. In the face of widespread damage, flooding & landslides, more than 1.4 million people are in need of assistance, with 750,000 people identified as 'in serious need'. Upwards of 500 people have died and the risk of cholera & other grows daily. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada (D&P) and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have launched a joint emergency appeal to all Catholics and all Canadians, asking them to be in solidarity with those affected by Hurricane Matthew. D&P has well-established partnerships in Haiti after nearly 45 years of active service in country. In partnership with Caritas Haiti and USA sister organization Catholic Relief Services funds will provide supplies for those who lost everything and to reduce the risk of spreading preventable disease; provide basic supplies to those left homeless; help distribute food, sanitation & supply kits; and aid in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture to conduct an inventory of agricultural losses. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: online at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or via phone at 416-934-3411 or through the offertory collection, making cheques payable to: OLS – Haiti Emergency – Humanitarian Relief. **Please pray for those affected by this natural disaster. Thank you for your generous donations to help those in crisis in Haiti.**

**26th Annual Mass of Memory – Sunday October 30, 3pm**

St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St. (Power & Queen St. East) hosts this annual Mass in memory of the victims of the Irish Famine of 1847 who died of typhus on arrival in Toronto, those who gave their lives that summer in service of the Irish in Toronto and all our recently departed family and friends. Sacred/Celtic prelude by Harpist Eithne Heffernan at 2:45pm. Reception to follow in the church hall. Proceeds from this celebration go to the Children's Breakfast Club Program at the Basilica. For information, contact Mariead Schoenebeck at 416-264-5363.

**St. Augustine's Seminary Come & See Weekend November 4–6**



Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

We invite single Catholic men 18 years+, to cultivate a deeper prayer life & relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. There will be time for prayer, reflection & info on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Contact Fr. Nino or the

**All Souls' Day Masses Saturday, November 5, 2pm – All are welcome!**

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate. Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:



Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga, in English • Christ the King Cemetery, Markham, in English • Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, in Italian & English • Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge, in Italian & English • Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby, in English.