

## Sharing the Good News November, 2024

**Psalm 9: 1-2:** I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**2** I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

As November arrives and we get closer and closer to Thanksgiving, my thoughts turn to the above verses and to the lyrics of the song below. Here at St. Mary's, we have a lot for which to be thankful. Let's keep this in mind during what will surely be the difficult days ahead: most importantly, we have each other.

*Give thanks with a grateful heart*

*Give thanks to the Holy One*

*Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"*

*Let the poor say, "I am rich*

*Because of what the Lord has done for us"*

### Important Upcoming Dates

**November 1 – All Saints Day – Mass at 6:30 pm**

**November 10 – Bishop's Visitation**

**Potluck luncheon for the Bishop @ Langford's 12:30 pm**

**November 24 - Christ the King Sunday;**

**Mass with the Blessing of Thanksgiving Bread @ 10:30**

**November 30 – Happy New Church Year Potluck @**

**Langfords – 5 pm**

**December 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### November Readers and Coffee Hours

**November 1 various readers; no coffee hour**

**November 3 Jess (reader) Graham (coffee hour)**

**November 10 Elisabeth (reader); no coffee hour**

**November 17 Sylvia (reader) Fr. Tom & Sylvia (coffee hour)**

**November 24 Braden (reader) Braden & Jess (coffee hour)**

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Birthdays in November

November 5 – David Kemp

November 16 – Deacon Tom

November 18 - Graham McCoy

November 18 – Jess Bisping

***Important:** Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on November 2. as we return to Standard Time.*

**With the impending visit of the Bishop**, Anointing Sunday will take place on **k** so that the Bishop himself can do the anointing.

**However, Food Pantry Sunday** will be held as usual on **Nov. 3**, the first Sunday of the month. Shall we try to bring food this month that would benefit families who are in need of Thanksgiving food? That would be such things as pumpkin pie filling, yams, instant potatoes, dressing, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables? That is what I am planning to do at any rate.

*Parish Prayer List and additional prayers*

**For those fighting cancer:** Sandy, Cindy, Karen, Carol, Richard, Barb, Mark, Eric, Judy, Bishop Wenceslas, Danielle, Gary, Charles, Kate

- **For those in need of uplifting prayer:** Deacon Tom, Jess, Tressie, David, Kathy, Dan, Sylvia, Fiona, Jon, Jerry, Phyllis, Stuart, Nancy, Madeleine, Daniel, William, Terry, Jennifer, Rob, Bill, Chuck, Brandt, Joan, Richard, Ed, Prakash. Maya Rai
- **For those in long term care:** Gabriel, Grace, Danielle, the residents at Holly Brook, Reflections and South Park
- **For the Church's ministry in Nepal:** Purna, Bishop Mahendra, Dipendra, Reshma, Prakash; the Transformation Spiritual Church
- **For the growth of St. Mary's Anglican Mission**
- **For those affected by the war in the Middle East and the war in Ukraine**
- **For the victims of the hurricanes in the Southeast**
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- **RIP – Diane, Mickey Bowden**

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• *39. For our nation :*

• Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure conduct. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom, in thy Name, we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

• *116. a Litany of Thanksgiving:*

• Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

• For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, We thank thee, Lord.

• For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, We thank thee, Lord.

• For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

• We thank thee, Lord.

• For health and strength to work, and time to rest and worship,

• We thank thee, Lord.

• For all who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

• We thank thee, Lord.

• For all who earnestly seek after truth, and all who labor for justice,

• We thank thee, Lord.

• For all that is good and gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, We thank thee, Lord.

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- For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
- We thank thee, Lord.
- Above all, we give thee thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, world without end.  
Amen

**Did you know** that you can find these and other prayers in the Book of Common Prayer, pages page 641-683?

**I hope that you** have stuck with me until the end because there are two more important pieces of information that you need to keep in mind.

**#1. When the Bishop** comes to visit on November 10, we are required to make a donation to his Discretionary Fund. If you want to make a contribution to help St. Mary's with this, (It's not in the budget!) just put your contribution in an offering envelope and mark it with "Bishop".

**#2. For Advent this year,** we hope to make an offering to **Here's Life Africa** in Diane's memory. This is an organization that provides Bibles to Africans. By contributing to this program, we honor the memory of our dear friend as well as do our part in fulfilling the Great Commission. Again, just put your offering in one of those envelopes and mark it with "Diane".