

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish

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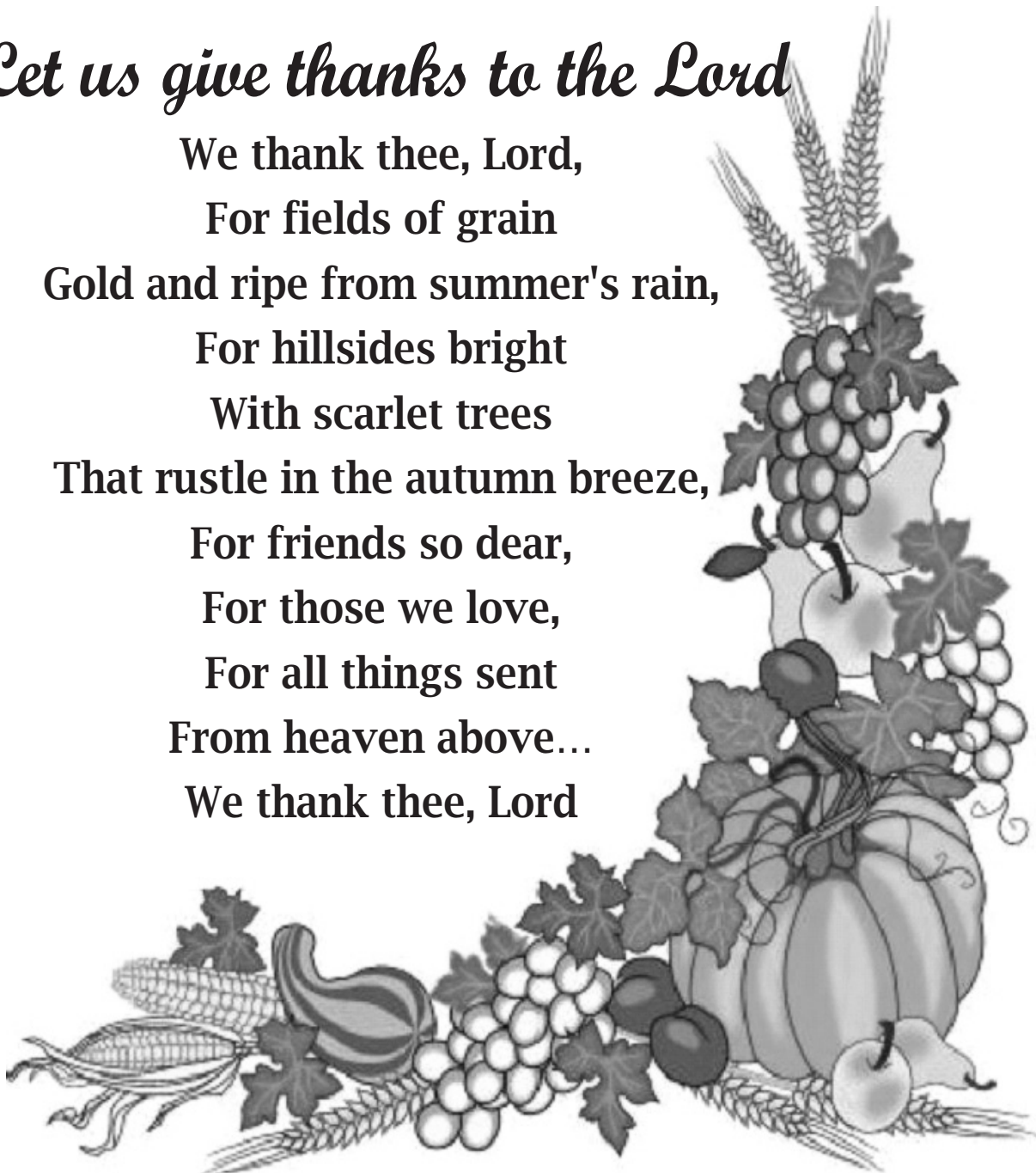
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*"We are connected to our past, committed to our future and compassionately focussed on being
a Family of Faith with something for everyone"*

Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,
For fields of grain
Gold and ripe from summer's rain,
For hillsides bright
With scarlet trees
That rustle in the autumn breeze,
For friends so dear,
For those we love,
For all things sent
From heaven above...
We thank thee, Lord





WELCOME TO ST. MARY PARISH

A special welcome to all new members and visitors! We are really glad you're here! Please introduce yourself to our Pastor, Fr. Robert Love, or stop by our

Welcome Desk for details on our parish life and ways of connecting.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m.

Intentions of the Rego Family

Wednesday, October 16 at 8 a.m.

+ James Slade

Thursday, October 17 at 8 a.m.

Intentions of Ed Teixeira

Friday, October 18 at 8 a.m.

+ Elizabeth Proctor

Saturday, October 19 at 5 p.m.

+ Mary Haney
+ Armandino Santos

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Lech Wycichowski, C.R.
Tuesday	Rev. Jerome Mascarenhas, O.C.D.
Wednesday	Missionaries
Thursday	Rev. Venil D'Souza, O.C.D.
Friday	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.
Saturday	Rev. James Malone

PARISH OFFERINGS

October 5/6, 2019

Envelope Offerings:	\$3,144.00
Loose Offerings:	\$599.80
Building Fund:	\$972.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule
October 19/20 – TEAM C**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: A reminder that the office will be closed on **Monday, October 14** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2020

Be a part of our new parish photo directory! We invite *everyone* to participate to make this photo directory as complete as possible! Everyone will receive a free copy of the photo directory and one free 8x10 for participating! It is also an excellent opportunity to order extra portraits for your families. Portraits make a treasured gift.

All photography is taking place at our church from **October 28 – November 2**. Appointment times are on a first come first served basis. **Please stop by the sign-up table this weekend or next, before or after Mass.**

This parish directory will help us all get to know one another by name and strengthen our faith community. It will be a lasting historical record and make a beautiful keepsake!

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

*Dear Parishioners,
I want to extend my best wishes for you this Thanksgiving Day weekend. We have much to be thankful for; our faith in Christ, a vibrant community at St. Mary's, and our country, Canada - a country that is peaceful and prosperous. In the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians; "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." May we give thanks to Christ for his blessing upon each of us.
Fr. Robert Love*

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: Please help the St. Vincent de Paul Society fill the food pantry! Bring in your non-perishable food items to the parish this weekend and next. Thank you for your donations!



For children/youth from Grades 2-8 seeking the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation,

First Communion or Confirmation who fall under one or more of these circumstances: Attending public school, private school, or homeschooled OR Not receiving/received religious education OR Are past the usual age to receive a given Sacrament OR Have never been baptized OR Are not Catholic but would like to become Catholic. This program is offered on Sundays at 10:00am (on a scheduled basis). An information meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Centre.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION: If you missed registration, please contact the parish office.



FALL 2019 CAMPAIGN

A new 40 Days for Life campaign has begun on **September 25** and ends on **November 3**. Daily hours in front of Freeport Hospital are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. **St. Mary of the Visitation Parish has agreed to sponsor Sunday,**

October 20th and together we are committing to filling 12 hours. We currently have 9 volunteers for this date but need at least 2 people to sign-up for "each hour". **Please call Chris at 519-400-3657** if you can participate on Sunday, October 20th. You can also sign up for more prayer hours at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or call Patrick: 519-748-5548 or Eweline: 519-589-2919.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 20

We are Baptized and Sent! Next week is World Mission Sunday, in a special Extraordinary Missionary Month. We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice and support of missionary vocations through material aid. Remembering that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church of Christ on mission in the world, we can...PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions. The funds collected assist some 1250 mission dioceses.

MASS AT ST. LUKE'S: Mass will be celebrated for the Catholic residents of St. Luke's Place on **Tuesday, October 15th** at 1:30p.m. We are always in need of volunteers to help bring residents to the chapel - call the parish office to be part of this rewarding ministry.

CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADE 4 AND UP:

Altar Servers are needed for all Masses. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Love. There is a great need at the 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses.

MISSION MATS: Come find out how simple milk bags become sleeping mats for individuals in many third world countries. **Join us on Saturday, October 19th** at 10:00am in the Parish Center to be part of the process.

YARN DONATIONS NEEDED: Do you have yarn that is not being used? We have volunteers that knit lovely baby items that are donated to a number of organizations. Please drop your yarn off at the office or the Welcome Desk. Thank you!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The next meeting takes place on **Tuesday, October 15th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Hearth Room. New members are welcome. A commitment of less than 4 hours a month is all that is required!



VOLLEYBALL: Are you ready to set, volley and spike? Join adults on Friday nights beginning at 7:00pm in the gym at St Elizabeth School - new members welcome! Our Season **begins Friday, October 18th**. Come check it out! Questions? Contact Paul: 226-749-1074

BOWLING: Monday night bowling is underway. Pay as you go. Does not have to be a weekly commitment. We'd love to have you join us for fun and fellowship. Contact Susan 519-658-6939 for details.



NEXT CATHOLIC CAFÉ:

Save the date for our next gathering after Masses on **October 26 & 27**. We hope to see you there!

SOUL SISTERS: The Soul Sisters are a group of mature women who wish to deepen their connection with God through prayer and scripture study. We meet on **Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** in the Hearth Room. We also have a Haiti fund which goes toward housing the poor. If this is something that would enrich your life, consider joining us – we welcome you!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Tuesday, October 15th at 7pm-9pm at the Albion Hotel, in Guelph. Come hear about "*Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love*" with Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton. FREE finger food will be provided. Special shout out to young adults 19-40. All are welcome. For more information, please visit us on Facebook, "Theology on Tap Guelph" or contact us at Theologyontapguelph@gmail.com

Development and Peace: The Fall Education and Action workshop will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener on **Wednesday, October 16 at 7pm**. The theme is "Care for our Common Home" and will look at the serious problems in the Amazon. All are welcome.

E-WASTE COLLECTION: Held the weekend of **October 19-20** in the back parking lot of St. Clement's Church from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. both days. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

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