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## *A Thanksgiving Prayer*

Heavenly Creator,

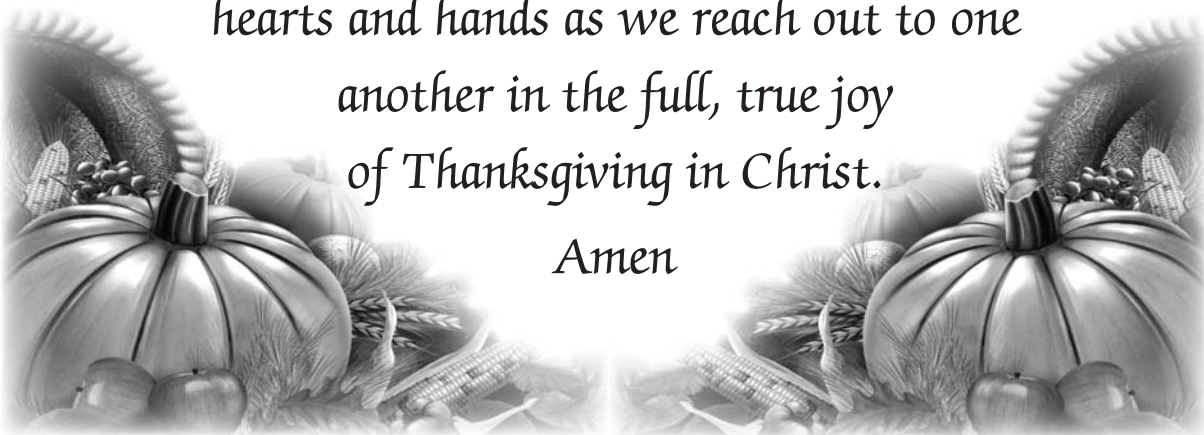
In this season of gratitude and abundance,  
we give You thanks for our many blessings  
as we pray for all who struggle  
with hunger and want.

Be with them in the dark of night,  
when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

And let Your goodness flow through our  
hearts and hands as we reach out to one  
another in the full, true joy  
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen





**THANKSGIVING MESSAGE  
FROM FR. LOVE**

On this Thanksgiving Weekend, even in the midst of this uncertain time of the pandemic and all the added daily pressures of life, we reflect and give thanks to God for

all the blessings we have received in our life. Scripture commands us to give thanks to God. **Give Thanks**, appears in the Bible over 127 times in 60 verses. In the majority of these verses, "Give thanks" is imperative. We are encouraged to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you," (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). May we all take time this Thanksgiving to connect with friends and family and give thanks to our loving and merciful God.

**THANKSGIVING MASS:** There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving on **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**



*Mass Intentions*

**Monday, October 12 at 9 a.m.**  
*Thanksgiving Day*

**Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m.**  
Intentions of Ed Teixeira

**Wednesday, October 14 at 8 a.m.**  
+ Elisabeth Tjioe

**Thursday, October 15 at 8 a.m.**  
Intentions of Carlene Fetterly

**Friday, October 16 at 8 a.m.**  
+ Mary Haney

**Saturday, October 17 at 5 p.m.**  
+ Randall Wilson, Artemio Parada  
& Marilou Parada

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in the church or by appointment. **New location:** The children's liturgy room (across from the sacristy). If the door is closed, please wait. Outdoor confession in the prayer garden is also available by appointment.



**MANDATORY FACE MASKS:** Face coverings are mandatory in enclosed public spaces. We ask that you arrive at church with your own face mask. Thank you for your cooperation.

**"Come to Me all who are weary"**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church **every Tuesday** from **12 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** Please consider spending some time in silent adoration. For more information call: Sheila Mauser 519 658 9414.

*"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration." Pope St. John Paul II*

**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 or to the parish office during office hours. Thank you for your donations!

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** A reminder that the office will be closed on **Monday, October 12** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY**

The Rosary is prayed at 6:30 p.m. before Mass on Tuesday and at 7:30 a.m. before morning Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All are welcome.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**Congratulations** to the children receiving First Holy Communion this weekend. May they always receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist with openness and love. Celebrations of First Holy Communion continue for the next two weekends. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for and celebrate this special day.

**FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS:**

Bishop Douglas Crosby reminds us, "Those who are elderly or whose immune system is compromised, and those who are hesitant to return to church at this time, are reminded that the obligation to participate at Sunday Mass is suspended until further notice."

**Sunday missals and missalettes** are available for parishioners to pick up in the entrance to the parish office. **Televised Mass** is available on Salt and Light Television and Vision TV. **Online Mass** is also available on a number of Catholic sites such as [saltandlighttv.org/mass](http://saltandlighttv.org/mass) and [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com).





**ARE YOU READY FOR KICKOFF?**

The One Heart, One Soul Campaign kickoff is just a week away! At next weekend's

Masses, Father Love will speak about the campaign, and we'll show the beautiful campaign video. You'll hear more about our projects.

Q. *Won't giving now make it harder for a lot of parishioners?*

A. The campaign is founded on stewardship, our belief that we give back in gratitude a portion of what we've been given by God. Stewardship isn't just for the good times in life, when we can give easily; it's for all times, including the bad. We may adjust how much we give, or to whom we give, but we continue to give – in gratitude for and in proportion to what we've been given. A truly sacrificial gift demonstrates our trust that God will provide what we need, though not necessarily what we want. Stewardship isn't what KEEPS us from getting through the tough parts of life; it's what HELPS us get through them.

Q. *Why do you emphasize making a pledge?*

A. Pledges allow donors to consider giving more than is possible through one-time gifts. Parishioners are able to be more generous to their parishes' campaign and the Diocese through incremental giving over time. Also, pledging is not as big a strain on household budgets. This is important in a campaign of this magnitude.

For the full list of FAQs and much more about the campaign, visit [www.oneheartonesoul.ca](http://www.oneheartonesoul.ca)

**MINISTER OF THE WORD WORKSHOP:** In light of COVID-19, the Liturgy Office will replace the one-day workshop with a virtual (on-line) workshop in a series of three Monday evenings, to be held **October 19th, 26th and November 2nd**, from 7 to 9 pm with a thirty-minute break. Participants are asked to attend all three workshops. For more information and to register, please contact Deacon John Moss at [jmoss@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:jmoss@hamiltondiocese.com). More information to follow.



**FALL 2020 CAMPAIGN: 40 Days for Life**

is holding a Campaign of prayer, fasting and witness continuing until **November 5**. Daily hours are from 7a.m. until 7p.m. The location is across from Freeport Hospital.

We are asking that you prayerfully consider signing up for one hour per week or as you are able at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or call Patrick or Rita at 519-748-5548 for more information. Thank you for your support of the unborn.

**PARISH OFFERINGS for October 4, 2020:**

Sunday Offerings:	\$ 2,582.00
Building Fund:	\$ 485.00
Combined Special Collection 2020	\$ 2,090.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 70.00

***Thank you for your continued support!***

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK**

*Healing God, at this particular time of pandemic and while we are seeking to find ways to reach out and communicate with the most vulnerable, such as seniors living in isolation, we give thanks today for the gift of Catholic health care we have experienced in our own lives and in our communities. We give thanks that Jesus' ministry of healing and reconciliation continues every day as people are healed, accompanied and supported. Bless all those who work to continue the ministry of healing in Catholic health care. Amen*



For more information about Catholic health care in Canada or the week, please visit the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada website at [www.chac.ca](http://www.chac.ca)

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR**

*October 12 – October 17*

Monday	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
Tuesday	Rev. David Weise
Wednesday	Chancery Staff
Thursday	Rev. Tim Hingston
Friday	Rev. Pablito Labado
Saturday	Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.



**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:**

The present pandemic has brought changes that have been stressful for families, but it has also allowed for some positive developments. The pandemic has allowed most people and families more time to relax. Have you taken advantage of the extra time to build family ties? Playing board games or cards, going for walks or hikes, or joining, as a family, to engage with music or art - these are all great ways to relax together! Additional relaxing time also gives us more time to engage as a family in prayer - as we eat together, engage in nighttime bedtime rituals together, or as we take time to offer prayers for our family and those in need. Experiencing these positive times together will help to counteract the stress everyone feels thinking about the safety of those they love.

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