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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 friend so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent from

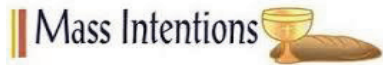
heaven above...

We thank thee,

Lord.



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, October 11 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Leslie Valin

Tuesday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Martin & Antonia Mazan

Wednesday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m.
+ John Miles

Thursday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Mrs.M. Kovalcik; +Lesley Towndrow;
+ Anthony Ngo Ky; + Tarsilla Dellalibera

Friday, October 15 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Mary-ellen Theurer

Saturday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Terry Evan & family; + Frank Bruni;
+ Justin & Margaret McCarthy; + Robert Murray;
+ Roberto Moniz; Ints. Jonathan Fowler

Sunday, October 17
9:00 a.m. For our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Clinton Cox

Please pray for the following:

Vanessa Rodrigues	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Albert Rodrigues	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
John Scharer	Elizabeth Talatala	Milan Heck
Mary Berry	Asia Rae Landry	Helen Weppler
Doug Pudsey	Noah Landry	Jane Urquhart
Peggy Evans	Alison Zierl	Laith Yousif
Lee Olds	Rosario Herve	Mary Lilly
Stephen Pustai	Jill Olds	Vincent Stanford
Michael Smart	Joanne Pringle	Frank Clarke
Kyle Elliott	Robert Connelly	Marie Bond
Pat Malcolm	Jones Rodney	Ron Robertson
Elizabeth Elder	Barbara Fisher	Gary Olds
Heather Allen	Laurie Suddaby	Helen Sheehan
Joseph & Madeleine	Frank Sicoli	Rev. Fred Olds
Zucco	James Cook	

If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish or included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office by Tuesday a.m.

On the **Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time** we hear the powerful story of the rich young man. He asks Jesus what he can do to inherit eternal life and already keeps the commandments. Jesus offers him the challenge of the gospel: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor ... then come, follow me." Mark's gospel tells us that the young man "went away sad, for he had many possessions." When Jesus tells his followers how hard it will be for a rich person to be saved, they are astonished - and worried. They wonder how they can ever be saved. "All things are possible for God," is Jesus' response.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER:
Monday October 11th: Thanksgiving Day
Saturday October 16th: United Nations World Food Day

Pope Francis writes: "Whether believers or not, we are agreed today that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. For believers, this becomes a question of fidelity to the Creator, since God created the world for everyone. Hence every ecological approach needs to incorporate a social perspective which takes into account the fundamental rights of the poor and the underprivileged." Laudato Si' #93

What does Thanksgiving Day mean for us?

It is the Blessings of an abundant harvest. It is the time to say "Thanks God" for the Harvest that we have this year, and the food that we receive on our tables every day.

Did you know? According to a recent U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) report, family farms produce over three-quarters of the world's food. The FAO also estimates that almost three-quarters of all farms worldwide are smaller than one hectare—about 2.5 acres, or the size of a typical city block. Pray for all farmers worldwide, that work to provide the abundance of food which we enjoy each day.

Thanksgiving Weekend is an opportunity to share what we have with people in our community who are unable to afford food for their tables. Food for our parish St. Vincent de Paul can be left in the church or brought to the pantry on Monday or Thursday mornings between 10 and 12 am. Cheques can be dropped off at the church made out to SSVP St. Raphael Conference.

Don't forget to support our local Farmer's Markets.

Farmers bring the produce of their farms to us on a weekly basis. Why not plan to visit the local farmers market at Burlington Mall this week/weekend! Make it a family outing and help your children to understand where and how the food that they eat is produced. Visit local farms and pick apples and pumpkins this weekend, another wonderful family activity!

<http://www.burlingtonmallfarmersmarket.com>



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

October 3, 2021

Envelopes (99)	\$5,232.00
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Needs of the Canadian Church (34)	\$110.00

Thank you for your continued support!



OFFICE CLOSED: Please note the parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving, Monday, October 11th. Happy Thanksgiving!

IN OUR PARISH



POSTPONED FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS FROM SPRING 2021: Our parish has rescheduled the postponed spring Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. All parents of registered students should have received an email with an invitation and link to select a date. **The Sacrament of First Holy Communion** will be held at our parish on **Sun. October 10th, 17th & 24th at 1 pm.** **The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held at our parish on **Sat. October 16th, 23rd, & 30th at 2 pm.**

ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN: St. Raphael Parish Adoration Chapel has re-opened. For security reasons, those wishing to pray in the chapel during night hours (after 9pm and before to 7am) must register with our parish office. Registrations cannot be accepted by phone. Please come to the office to register and receive the new access code.

IN OUR COMMUNITY



40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting and community outreach. Prayer takes place at the corner of Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street from **7 am to 7 pm**, daily until **October 31st.**

For more information visit:
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/oakville>
or text /contact Steve Germann at 905 333 6472

THIRD SATURDAYS BIBLE STUDY: Women of all ages join us via Webinar **October 16th**, at **9:30 am**. A monthly one-hour webinar igniting passion for reading the Bible and applying the Word to our lives. Refresh, restore and renew our faith. No bible experience required. Pray and share together with other women. To sign up please RSVP to michele@forgionegroup.com or leonyhettinger@bell.net. See you soon.

WALK TOWARDS TRUTH: The Walk Towards Truth is a 21 km reflective walk, organized by a group which is eager to work on awareness and healing with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. The Walk, on **Sunday, October 17th**, passes by the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford (the former Mohawk Institute Residential School) towards the Six Nations of the Grand River reserve, a journey many of the children would have taken. We mourn the loss, and fundraise for the Woodland Cultural Centre, to support the community and to keep the memory of the children alive. For further information, and to donate, please go to:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/64711/donation>

RESTART: A SEPARATION AND DIVORCE RECOVERY PROGRAM: Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office - (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250.

UNPACKING UNPLANNED: BRINGING HOPE AND HEALING: Hamilton Right to Life and the Diocesan Family Ministry Office are partnering to bring you an online information session regarding UNPLANNED, the story of Abby Johnson, the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic director in the U.S., and how she changed her mind on abortion. The Zoom event will combine video, questions and discussion. Join us on **Oct. 27th from 7 - 8:30 pm** as Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (MRE), Director of Family Ministry, will share how individuals and groups can spread the pro-life message. The session is free, but donations will be accepted during registration. To register visit:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/hamilton-right-to-life/events/unpacking-unplanned/> or call Hamilton Right to Life at 905-528-3065.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES: Do your children attend public or private school or do you home-school? If you are wondering how to support their ongoing formation in religious education, the Diocese of Hamilton offers Catechetical Correspondence Programs for every age and stage from kindergarten through to High School including programs specially designed to assist children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. For more information visit:
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/correspondence/> or contact Sybil at 905-528-7988 x2339 or email: catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com.

ONLINE LEARNING FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION: The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities to address the learning needs of adults in our Diocese. Whether taking courses for professional development in ministry or for personal nourishment, the VLCFF provides a breadth of opportunity for learning including full certificate programs, five-week online courses and three-week intensive online seminars. For more information visit:
<http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com/> or contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at (905) 528-7988 x 2339 or catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 133: October brings cooler air and the final harvests of the season. It is a time when we see the beauty of nature and the creative mind of God in providing this world for each of us. Children spend a lot of time wishing for things they don't have, instead of focusing on what they do have, including love from family members, their faith community and friends and neighbours who care for them. During this month of thanksgiving, help your children focus on giving thanks for all they have by writing a daily gratitude journal. Each day they can write about the goodness of their day and at the end of the month they will have documentation about how much they have to be grateful for - both to God and everyone else who contributes to their lives.

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