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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*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Sunday's Gospel Reflection (Lk 17:11-19)



In the Gospel Jesus meets and cures ten lepers. This story is a vivid illustration of what happens when a person whose life is in ruin meets Christ, when someone in need of mercy and love finds them.

The Samaritan returned to Jesus not just to give thanks for a healing but to seek what he really needed, forgiveness of sins and love, and that is exactly what he received. Jesus said to him, “**your faith has made you well**” (Lk 17:15–19). Ten lepers were healed but only one was *made well*. God’s forgiveness and love was offered to ten people but only one experienced them because only one recognized need for that.

Fr. Jamroz

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

6:30 pm Rosary led by St. Michael Catholic Women’s League members.

7:00 pm + Millie & Al – Peter

7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

12:15 pm + Ken West – Pat Corman

+ Walter Bauer – Tara, Tucker & Edwin

Thursday, October 16, 2025

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Chincka Okolie – Amarachi Nasa-Okolie

Friday, October 17, 2025

8:00 am + Special Intentions of Matthew Posella – Dominic Posella

+ Special Intentions of The Sisters of The Carmel at St. Joseph in Thanksgiving – The Bauer Family

8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, October 18, 2025

5:00 pm + Special Intentions of Wilfred & Blossom Martis on their 50th Wedding Anniversary – The Family

+ Special Intentions of Dian Jordan

+ Florence Hartman – Doug & Gai Brown and Family

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Sunday Homilies Online

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio and pdf version through our parish website – just click on the button ‘SUNDAY HOMILY’.

The Church is Open for Prayer

The Church is open for quiet prayer Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Prayer Intentions

Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar and are remembered privately at Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. Please go to our website www.stmichaelw.ca and click on Request a Prayer or contact the parish office by phone or email.

Parish Email List

All parishioners are welcome to join a parish email list. If you are on this list, you will be notified of upcoming parish events including funerals. To join the list, please sign up at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/contact-us>



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Please join us for Mass on

Monday, October 13th at 9am

We give thanks for all of God's blessings!

(The parish office will be closed)

Why the Prayer of Thanksgiving is important?

Our Catechism: As in the prayer of petition, every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving. The letters of St. Paul often begin and end with thanksgiving, and the Lord Jesus is always present in it: *GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you; Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.* (CCC 2637-38)

The Power of Gratitude – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Gratitude is placed at the beginning of the Ignatian Examen Prayer. By beginning examination of conscience with thanksgiving, we establish the proper point from which to view our entire day and relationship with God. In recognising God as the source of all gifts, gratitude becomes not just appreciation for things received but a doorway to relationship with the divine. In his letter, Ignatius says that ingratitude “*is a forgetting of the graces, benefits, and blessings received, and as such it is the cause, beginning, and origin of all sins and misfortunes.*” (Andy Otto)

Saint Teresa of Avila

Memorial – Wednesday October 15th
Mass 12:15 pm

Teresa was born in Avila, Spain in 1515. Of the many women who have exercised leadership roles in the Church, Teresa must surely be considered among the greatest. ...Teresa wrote several works considered classics of spiritual literature, including *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*. A great mystic and a strong, intelligent and active leader. Teresa was canonized in 1622 and in 1970 became THE FIRST WOMAN TO BE DECLARED A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH. (*Living with Christ*)

Saint Luke, Evangelist

Feast – October 18th

Saint Luke is the author of the Third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. Luke is called THE EVANGELIST OF MERCY. He shows a particular concern for the poor, and for repentant sinners welcomed by the forgiveness and the mercy of God; it is he who tells the story of ... the Prodigal Son and the merciful Father who welcomes him back with open arms; and of the sinful woman who was forgiven, and who washed the feet of Jesus with her tears ... It is St Luke who gives us the Magnificat, where Mary proclaims the mercy of God, “*who has ... exalted those of low degree, who has filled the hungry with good things*” (Lk 1:52-53). (*Vatican News*)

Knights of Columbus

Council Members and any others interested in becoming Members are invited to attend our next General Meeting on **Monday October 20th at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall.

Our Returnable Bottle and Aluminum Can Drive will take place October 19th at the Sunday 9 am and 11 am Masses in the Church parking lot. A trailer will be parked by the gate in the middle of the lot where you can drop off bottles and cans. Thank you for your interest and support.

Sacramentals Registration

Registration is now open on the parish website for First Communion (Grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 7). We do not receive a list of children from the school, which is why it is necessary for parents to register their children for sacraments on the parish website.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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