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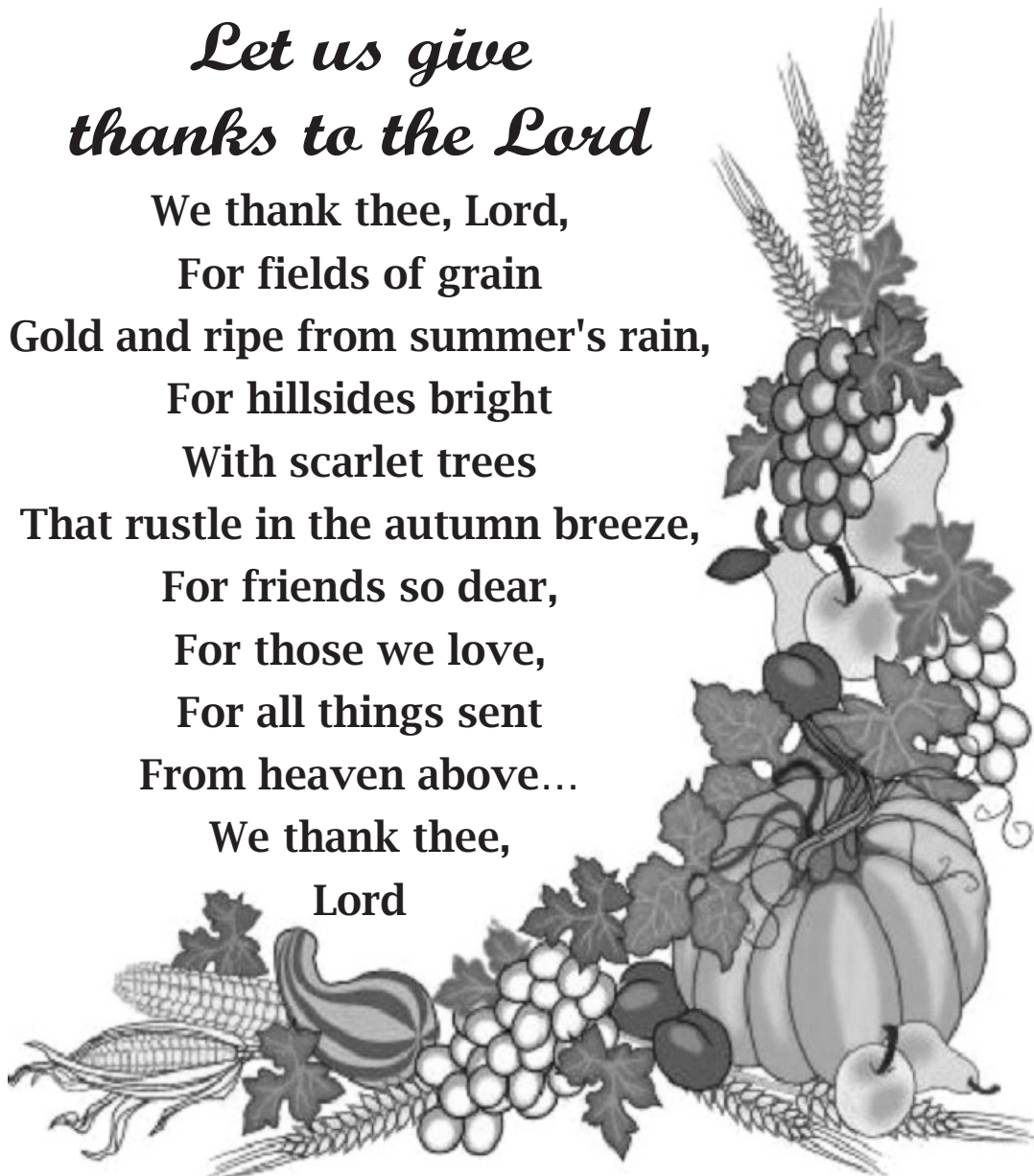
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Let us give thanks to the Lord

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 friends so dear,
For those we love,
For all things sent
From heaven above...
We thank thee,
Lord





MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, October 12th – Thanksgiving Monday

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Mass of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, October 13th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, Lucio Odorico, Intentions of Cathie Evans

Wednesday, October 14th

7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Audrey Reitzel

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 p.m. – Benediction

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Mae Oswald, Anton & Marie Garger, Adam & Violet Rutherford

Thursday, October 15th – St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Danny Michieli, Nancy Peverley

Friday, October 16th – St. Marie-Marguerite D'Youville

8:30 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Margaret Skowron

Saturday, October 17th – St. Ignatius of Antioch

9:00 a.m. – Mass for CWL Retreat

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Luigi Tummino, Margaret & Jerzy Skowron, Elena & Peter Gemin, Barbara Leonard, Jeff Benson, Judith Murray

Sunday, October 18th – Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

1:00 p.m. – Baptisms

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, October 11th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of the deceased members of the Nunan & Synnott family, and burn for the intentions of Ifeanyi & Ugochi Amah and their family.

To request that one of the lamps be lit for your intentions, or in memory of a loved one, please call or visit the Parish Office. A donation of \$10.00 per lamp is requested.

Stewardship of Treasure

† Thank you for your donations collected in the amount of \$10,948.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH NEWS

Message from the office

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday October 12th for Thanksgiving Monday, also the church will close for the rest of the day after the 9:00am Mass.

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in December 2026 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations

" The harvest is plenty, but labourers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the Harvest to send out labourers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38)

You are invited to join your fellow Catholics in a Holy Hour for Vocations on the last Tuesday or each month (except December) from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. Pray for an increase in vocations to Holy Orders, the Consecrated Life and Christian Marriage. Pray to discern your own vocation or ask God to strengthen you in living your vocation. We begin on Tuesday, September 29, 2026. All are welcome!

World Youth Day - August 2027

Seoul, South Korea

For any young adults (18-30 ish) interested in a pilgrimage of faith to World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, please reach out to Fr. Jonathan Reitzel for more information (jreitzel@hamiltondiocese.com).

Little Way Ladies Retreat – Saturday, October 17th |

9:00AM – 4:00PM

The Basilica CWL invites all women to a one-day retreat focused on prayer, rest, and renewal. Through guided reflection, meditative prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration, participants will be invited to slow down, listen more deeply, and grow in confidence in personal prayer. Facilitated by Theresa Matters, Catholic Mindset Coach. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided; participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch or make lunch plans. Cost is \$35. Registration details available at <https://theresamatters.thrivecart.com/quelph-retreat/> or email Theresa with any questions littlewayfreedom@gmail.com

Come Be Part of the Basilica Gift Shop Team!

Have you ever thought about volunteering at the Basilica Gift Shop? We're looking for friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to help in the Gift Shop after each weekend's Mass. If you enjoy meeting people, welcoming visitors, handling cash and debit transactions, and being part of a wonderful group that helps share our faith with everyone who visits the Gift Shop, we would love to have you join us! Whether you can volunteer regularly or occasionally, your time and presence can make a difference. If you're interested or would simply like to learn more, please come and see us in the Newstead Room after Mass. A police clearance is required

The Basilica Senior Choir

is welcoming new members who would like to take part in the musical life of the parish. We are especially looking for singers who have some previous choir or musical experience, are comfortable matching pitch, and can follow a vocal line with reasonable confidence. Formal training is not required, but a basic ability to read music is certainly helpful. Rehearsals are friendly, focused, and built around preparing sacred music well for the liturgy. If you enjoy singing, value good church music, and are willing to make a regular commitment, we would be very pleased to hear from you. If you would like more information please speak to Joe after Mass, or you can email him at bach565@yahoo.com.

3rd Annual Wine Tasting Event

Mark your calendars - On Friday, October 30th, we will host our **3rd Annual Wine Tasting Social Event** from 7 pm to 9 pm, in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$25 per person, and included in that price, we will have a selection of wines that you can try as well as a variety of finger foods specifically chosen to pair with the wines. We will also be offering non-alcoholic beverages for those who don't drink wine.

Tickets go on sale after weekend masses starting on October 3/4 and will continue up to October 24/25. Cash, debit and credit are accepted methods of payment. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy some great company, wine and food! All are welcome!

Annual Fall Memorial Mass (All Souls Day Mass)

Saturday, October 31, 2026

11:00am

Marymount Cemetery, Guelph

Principal Celebrant & Homilist:

Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger,

Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton

All are welcome

OTHER NEWS

World Mission Sunday – October 18, 2026

"One in Christ, united in mission" Today the whole Catholic world keeps the 100th World Mission Sunday. The psalm sings, "Tell his glory among the nations" (Ps 96). Pope Leo

XIV reminds us that no baptized person is exempt from mission, and that if unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence. A second collection is taken up today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your gift, joined to those of Catholics everywhere, supports seminarians, catechists, chapels, healthcare, and the poor in young Churches. Pray also for new missionary vocations. Father, make us one in Christ, united in mission. Amen.

Martyr Shrine Talk

Once again, we are welcoming Fr Bert Foloit, a Jesuit priest from the Martyr Shrine for an all-day talk about Joseph Chiwatenhwa and a fellow Martyr on **Saturday October 24 from 9am-3pm at St Joseph Church, Guelph**. The day will begin with Mass at 9am, discussion and a synodal spiritual discussion after. Morning snacks, lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided by our Catholic Women's League, BLD and Knights of Columbus groups. No cost to attend. RSVP required for food purposes by calling the Parish Office at 519-822-4614 or by email stjosephguelph@rogers.com by Tuesday October 20th. Good will offering would be greatly appreciated.

Catholic Mom's Group PD Day Fun (October 26th)

Hosted by Regina Caeli Academy (40 Margaret Street)

Event 1: PD DAY ACTIVITY

Monday, October 26, 2026 9:00am - 11:00am

Free **Come dressed as your favourite Saint**

Games and Prizes

Open to children of all ages

Children under the age of 4 must be accompanied by an adult

Email to Register: info@reginacaeliacademy.ca

Event 2: PD DAY CAMP

Monday, October 26, 2026

8:30am - 3:30pm

\$50.00

Come dressed as a saint with a

change of clothing for afternoon activities.

Open to school-aged children JK to Grade 8

Pizza lunch and T-shirt provided for each child

Sports in a nearby park in the afternoon

Dress for the weather **Email to Register & E-Transfer the fee (note PD DAY SAINT CAMP) -**

info@reginacaeliacademy.ca

Alliance for Life Ontario

Is inviting all singers, songwriters, actors, storytellers, musicians, poets, writers, videographers, actors, artists and more to a wonderful workshop, "Created to Create" which will be held on Monday 19th October at 10.30am- 12.30pm in the Basilica Hall. We have the Write For Life Academy UK whose representatives will encourage and assist you to use your God-given talents to promote the dignity of every human life. The workshop is free, and everyone is invited. Please register with Jakki Jeffs at aflo@mgl.ca or 519 820 3399 Cell. We look forward to seeing you!!"

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