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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*



2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS



Thanking the Giver of All Good Gifts

Three good things result from thanksgiving.

The first is the preservation of those goods that have already been received...For it belongs to our good Lord to conserve in a man those things which that man acknowledges that he holds from Him, and on which he pays the tax that is due. And in this case, the tax is thanksgiving, as has been said.

The second benefit of thanksgiving is the multiplication of good things. For just as ingratitude prevents this, in accordance with Bernard [of Clairvaux], who says: "*Ingratitude is a scorching wind that dries up the spring of love, the dew of mercy, and the waters of grace,*" so conversely those who give thanks for benefits received are worthy to receive more abundant ones in the present life. And so, Bernard says: "*From the place whence they came, the rivers of graces return,' that is, by thanksgiving, 'so that they may flow again.'*"

The third benefit is that one obtains greater things in the next life.... Whoever does not glorify the Lord by thanksgiving is...like an untrustworthy servant who holds on to what is his master's. But whoever does glorify Him will be advanced to greater things in the future. ... Well done, good and faithful servant; I will place thee over many things (Mt 25:23).

Therefore, since so many evils result from ingratitude, and so many good things from thanksgiving, the Church invites us to give thanks, saying daily [in the Preface at Mass]: "*It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father.*" And Augustine issues the same invitation, saying: "*What better can we keep in our minds or utter with our lips or write with our quills, than: Thanks be to God'? Nothing more succinct can be said, nothing more welcome can be heard, nothing greater can be thought, nothing can be more profitably given.*"... And so, since acting well is a special gift of God, for we can do no good without Him, Bernard says: "*When you find that you are doing the things which are written, give thanks to our Lord, who is the one who bestows all good things.*"

Blessed Humbert of Romans

(c. 1200-1277) was a French Dominican friar and a prolific author who served as Master of the Order of Preachers from 1254 to 1263.



St. Louis CWL would like to thank everyone who made our recent Chili Chow Down a great success. We raised over \$2000 to help keep our CWL running for the coming year.

Thank you to those who bought tickets, donated chili, baked goods and silent auction items as well as those who helped us set up and take down our event. We sincerely appreciate YOUR efforts!

St. Louis Parish will once again be participating in the Christmas **Shoebox Campaign**. Shoeboxes will be available at the back of the church along with pamphlets outlining the program and how to fill the box. These boxes are sent around the world to children who may never have received a gift in their lives. Filled boxes to be returned to the back of the church by the weekend of Nov. 15th/16th. Thank you for your generosity.

Workshops for Ministers of the Word – Nov. 15 at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo, & Nov. 1 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington.
Workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – Oct. 18 at St. Joseph Parish, Guelph, or Nov. 22 at St. Raphael Parish, Burlington.
 For both register under hamiltondiocese.com/events

Date	Sunday	Mainten.	Loose	Diocesan	PAD
Oct 5	4134.00	50.00	467.05	330.00	2139.84

Thank you for your generous donations!

Monday, October 13 – Thanksgiving Monday - No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Tuesday, October 14			
9:00 AM	† Monica & David Hayes – Malton Family		
9:30 AM	Book Club		L. Hall
11 AM – 5 PM	Baking for OOTC		Kitchen
12:15 PM	Fit Club		Gym
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly		L. Hall
Wednesday, October 15 – St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor			
9:00 AM	† Erin Jane Sheehan – Janet & Grant Ertel		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
7:00 PM	Confirmation Class Prep		Nursery
Thursday, October 16 – St. Marguerite d'Youville, Religious			
9:00 AM	† Jocelyn Haroun – Martin Family		
12:15 PM	Fit Club		Gym
Friday, Oct. 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr			
9:00 AM	† Thomas & Marcella Kuntz – Peter Kuntz		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Saturday, October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist			
9 AM – NOON	SVDP Sandwich Project		Kitchen
10 AM – 3 PM	Craft Club – see next page		L. Hall
Vigil of 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
5:00 PM	† Sadie Kenny – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel		
Sunday, October 19 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
9:30 AM	† Don Miller – Miller Family		
	† Louis Paleczny – Janice & Family		
	† Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	† Nick & Katie Goffler – Ruetz Family		
10:30 AM	Coffee Time		L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
12:30 PM	Lunch & Bible Study – Acts – 4/20		L. Hall
3:30 PM	OOTC Volunteer Dinner		L. Hall

Reflection on the Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

In today's second reading, Paul exhorts Timothy to "remember Jesus Christ," that He is raised from the dead and is a descendant of David. The first fact is the foundation of our hope as Christians that we too will rise from the dead and live eternally rejoicing in God's presence. The second reality highlights Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promise to David in 2 Samuel 7. God promises David that His grace will remain with David and his descendants forever and that, likewise, his throne will endure forever. By commanding us to pay attention to both facts about Jesus, Paul affirms God's unwavering fidelity.

Paul then speaks of suffering so that others may receive salvation and eternal glory. He expresses here the concept of redemptive suffering, which is possible through Jesus' death and Resurrection. We can now join our suffering with that of Christ, turning our attention outward to the needs of others rather than focusing on our own hardships. In suffering so that others obtain salvation, we mirror Christ's death and Resurrection. Through our Baptism, "we have died with Him." Similarly, we maintain hope that "we will also live with Him" through Christ's own Resurrection. Likewise, our Baptism makes us heirs to the kingdom where "we will also reign with Him."

However, our heavenly reward is not guaranteed simply by being baptized. We need to continue to endure in our faith. Paul emphasizes that denial of God leads to our own denial, yet God remains faithful even when we are not. We condemn ourselves when we deny God; He does not condemn us. (*From Workbook for Lectors*)

OCTOBER 12, 2025 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On going – still not too late to join the 49 participants from our parish and KW area for **Bible Study – The Book of Acts – The Spread of the Kingdom** by Jeff Cavins in 20 sessions. The Acts of the Apostles could be easily called The Acts of the Holy Spirit. This book paints a picture of the Church on fire, empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the work of Jesus Christ on earth. St. Luke draws on parallels between life of Jesus and the early church and also between lives of Peter (as a missionary to the Jews) and Paul (as a missionary to the Gentiles). The *Book of Acts* course gives us bases for understanding of the New Testament Epistles. As in the past year, this Bible study will be offered in parallel on **Sundays at 12:30 PM** – starting with provided lunch (till 1:45 PM) and on **Mondays at 7:30 PM** (till 9 PM). No registration fee. You will need to buy online access to the materials at ascensionpress.com for approx. \$10. Detailed schedule on parish website. To register, or for more info. please contact parish office at 519-743-4101, stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com.



Book Club News – Our Tuesday Morning Book Club is **Homework Free**. We read part of our book aloud during each meeting and then discuss what we just read. We start right after the 9 AM Mass in the Large Hall for an hour. Our next book is *“How to Share Your Faith with Anyone: A Practical Manual for Catholic Evangelization”*, by Terry Barber. Contact parish office to register, or come & see.



St. Louis Fit Club – Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:15 – 1 PM at St. Louis Gym. Low-impact, mobility-oriented workout delivered by certified trainer and Globe and Mail fitness columnist Paul Landini. Free (donations accepted). Bring indoor shoes & exercise mat, if you have one.

40 Days for Life Campaign – Sep. 24 to Nov. 2, 2025 – You are invited to join in solidarity with hundreds of thousands people across North America who will be participating in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. You can sign up for an hour between 7 AM and 7 PM on line at www.40DaysforLife.com/kitchener, by calling or texting 519-970-0822, or emailing Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com. The vigil takes place opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener. Parking - across the road, Schneider Park.

Diocesan Vocations Month - October 2025 – Bp. Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday your parish will pray for vocations during Mass. You are also asked to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood, consecrated life (religious life or consecrated virginity lived in the world) or the permanent diaconate, be sure to tell that person. For more info. about praying for vocations, visit: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/. **Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!**



Waterloo Deanery Jubilee Year Celebration will be held on **Sun., Oct. 26, at 2 PM in St. Mary Church, Kitchener** with Bp. Wayne Lobsinger. All parishioners of our Waterloo Deanery are invited, especially deacons, all Parish staff and volunteers, representatives of our Catholic schools and other institutions and communities. All priests are welcome to concelebrate the Mass.

Information Session on “The Gift of Living in the Divine Will”. - Do you feel an unexplainable longing to deepen your love for God, to surrender yourself completely to God, and pursue only His Will, and to let go of your own? If your answer is yes, you are invited to attend an Information Session, based on the Church approved writings of: Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta. This will be held at: **St. Anthony Daniel's Parish, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener, Saturday, October 18, from 9 AM to NOON.** To register, please contact Shirley Gatchene, or Patrick & Rita Morgan email: divinewillkw@execulink.com or call 519-748-5548.

Out of the Cold - Sunday Supper Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner - *Let's break bread before the season begins!* **Sunday Oct. 19th** in the Large Hall. Greetings - 3:30 PM. Quick Orientation - 4 PM. Grace - 4:25 PM. Dinner - 4:30 PM - Buffet Style. Open to all volunteers from The Sunday Community Supper. RSVP to: mjohnmpendergast@gmail.com Let us know if you require a special menu.

Craft Club – Roughly once per month we get together to work on our own projects either knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, scrapbooking, mending, painting, or anything else. It is also time to socialize and share project ideas. Bring your own lunch. Tea/coffee provided. The next such opportunity will be on **Sat. Oct. 18th from 10 AM to 3 PM in the Large Hall**. Come when you can. To make sure you get meeting time updates, contact the parish office and provide your email address.



Mass & Reception for the Carmelite Nuns in St. Agatha – The Committee for the Carmelite Nuns invites you to attend a Mass celebrated by Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R. at Holy Family Croatian RC Church (180 Schweitzer St., Kit.) on **Mon., Oct. 27 at 5 PM**, followed by a sit-down dinner in the hall. Meal for 2, which comes with a donation of \$250+ (eligible for a full tax receipt), can be purchased via “Donate now” at www.thecarmel.ca. Include the names of the attendees. RSVP by Oct. 10. Questions? Contact Liz Motz 519-590-4808.

Frassati Leadership Program - Calling all those in Grade 10! Are you looking to grow in your faith and to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? The Frassati Leadership Program may be for you. Join us as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. Registration for this year's cohort closes on Oct. 24th! For more info. or to register visit hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/

Struggling In Your Marriage? Find Hope with Retrouvaille – marriage program that helps couples to restore their marriage, rebuild a loving relationship, improve communication, and aid to reconnect. Join us for our upcoming weekend Oct. 17 (evening), 18 & 19th. For info. contact www.retrouvaille.org, 1013r@helpourmarriage.org, or 905-664-5212.

When Life Changes - Part 1 – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese offers a six-week grief program for your support. Part 1 of the program will be on Wednesdays from Nov. 5 to Dec. 10 from 7- 8:30 PM at the Chancery Office, at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. Register at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events for When Life Changes: Grief Relief (Part 1) or call 905-528-7988X2249.



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Naaman and the healed leper from today's readings both return to give thanks, recognizing that every blessing is an unmerited gift from God. Gratitude is not only about words but about a concrete response - sharing what we have received. As Resurrectionists, *“we desire to be faithful to the grace received by our Founders, a grace we now share by our call to the Congregation of the Resurrection”* (cf. CR Charism Statement). *How is God inviting you to respond with gratitude to the gifts you have received?* Perhaps that response is a call to share your life in service through our charism? Fr. Michal Kruszewski, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com



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