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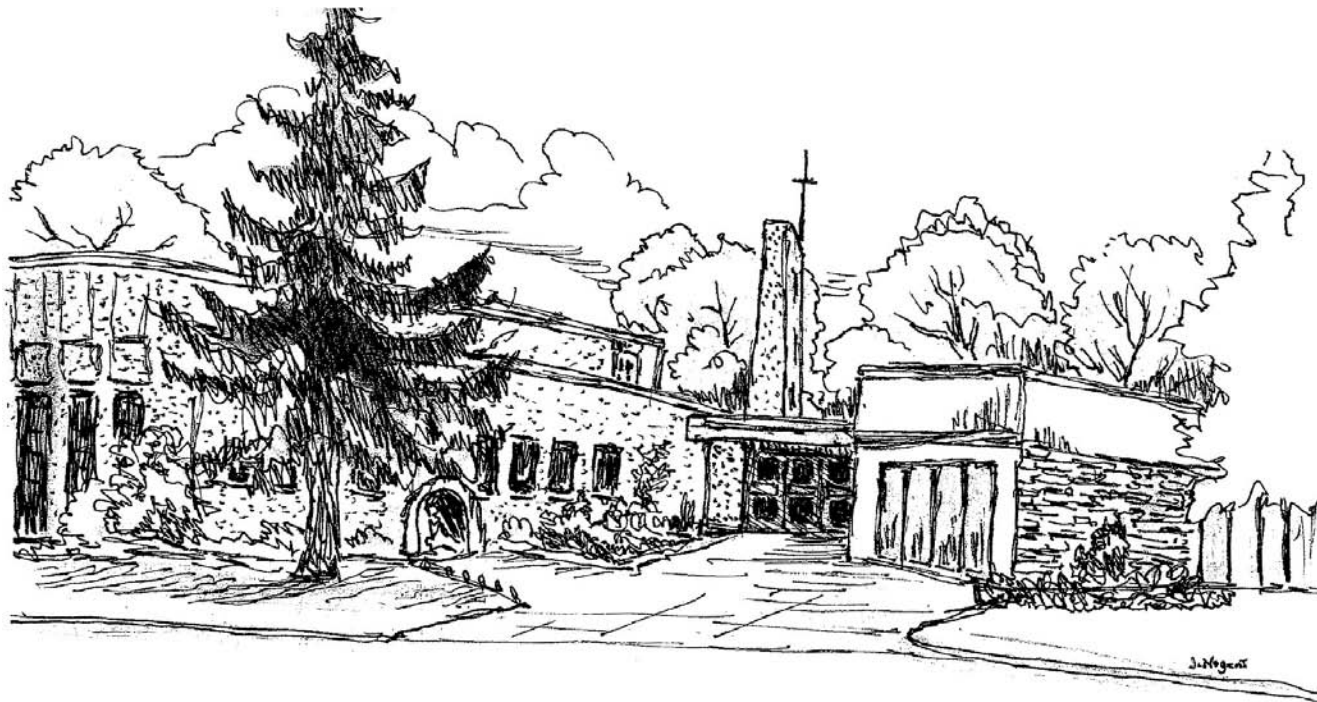
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Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, 1:00-5:00 pm.

July & August: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 pm.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am

Sunday Mass:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Available Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or
by appointment.

Parish Devotions:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon-Fri: 8:00 am-8:00 pm.

Sat: Benediction 8:45 am.

Baptism: Celebrated by appointment only.

Participation in a Baptismal Preparation Session is required. Please contact the parish office (905-388-2200) well in advance.

Marriage: Parishioners who are planning to marry should contact the parish office at least six months before the proposed wedding date.

Visits to the Sick: If you or someone you know is in need of a visit in home or hospital please call the parish office.

New to the Parish: Please register by completing a registration form (available online and in the Narthex). We also ask that you notify the office of any change in address or telephone number.

Schools:

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| St. Margaret Mary | 905-383-8122 |
| St. Kateri Tekakwitha | 905-385-8212 |
| St. Anthony Daniel | 905-389-5186 |
| St. Thomas More Secondary | 905-388-3030 |

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Gospel for the Commemoration of all The Faithful
Departed in ordinary time is:
Matthew 11:25-30

OUR GIFTS TO GOD October 19th Collection

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| Regular Sunday Env. | \$ 4,257.00 |
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DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

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| Tue. Oct. 27 | Rev. John Ha |
| Tues. Oct. 28 | Rev. John Schnurr |
| Wed. Oct. 29 | Pallottine Fathers, S.A.C. |
| Thurs. Oct. 30 | Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel |
| Fri. Oct. 31 | Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C. |
| Sat. Nov. 1 | All Saints Day |

PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

Our Annual Parish Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 PM**. At this Mass, we will remember in a special way those who have died during the past year. However, **all parishioners** are warmly invited to attend and honor the memory of their own deceased relatives and friends who have passed away over the years.

A reception will follow in the **Hearth Room**, and you are welcome to invite family and friends to join us for this special evening of remembrance.

Please note: Mass for the Feast of All Saints is celebrated on **Saturday, November 1st at 9:00 am**. Mass for the Feast of All Souls, November 1st is celebrated on Saturday, November 1st at 5:00 pm. and at each of the Masses on Sunday, November 2nd.



VOCATIONS DANCE- NOVEMBER 7TH, 2025 –MOUNT MARY, ANCASTER

Father Mark Morley invites the young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend a Regency period dance for dating couples and singles who are discerning the vocation of sacramental marriage on Friday, November 7th, 2025, at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster) starting at 7:00pm. The evening includes a talk, dance instruction, and hors d'oeuvres. Cost: \$20 per person. Online registration is required by Monday, November 3rd. Space is limited. No tickets at the door. For registration and more details, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/> For inquiries, contact the Vocations Office: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Mass at 7:00pm on Tuesday
9:00am on Wednesday - Friday

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| Tues., Oct. 28 7:00 pm. | †Marjory & John Biller †Eduardo Allanigue †Dom Fernandez †Ramon, Jose & Juliana Membreno |
| Wed., Oct. 29 9:00 am. | †Maura Naughton |
| Thurs., Oct 30 9:00 am. <i>With STMM School</i> | †Tim Mclean †Charlie Steeves †Kurt & Inga Vogel †Rita Cull †Garry O'Toole |
| Fri., Oct. 31 9:00 am | †Isabelita Adraneda †Joseph Nguyen †Joseph Dang |
| Sat. Nov. 1 9:00 am. | For deceased parishioners |
| Sat., Nov. 1 5:00pm | †Nicola Cocca †Kurt Weber †Annette Spatazzo †Deceased members of Villaranda Family †Deceased members of Hernandez & Amores Family |



"LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED"

The phrase "**life is changed, not ended**" from the Roman Catholic funeral liturgy expresses a central Christian conviction about death: that it is not the annihilation of life but a transformation into a new mode of existence with God. Drawing on the wisdom of Catholic writers like Fr. Ron Rolheiser and Henri Nouwen, this truth reveals the depth of Christian hope in the face of loss, love, and mystery.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser often reflects on how death is not a rupture in love but its completion. For him, love and communion are what define human life, and death, while it feels like an unbearable separation, is actually the moment when love reaches its fullest expression. Our loved ones, he writes, are not gone; they have moved into a "deeper presence." Death changes the way they are with us: no longer physically touchable, yet mysteriously closer, interwoven with the very fabric of our lives and prayer. Rolheiser invites us to see that the communion of saints is not a poetic idea but a living reality, proof that relationships rooted in God do not die. Thus, life is "changed," because it now exists beyond the boundaries of time and space, but it is not "ended," for love, being divine, cannot perish.

Fr. Henri Nouwen brings an equally tender insight to this mystery. He reminds us that death is not something to be feared as an ending but embraced as a passage. For Nouwen, dying is like being born again, emerging from one kind of womb into another reality. Just as a child leaves the safety of the mother's womb and enters the world of light, so too the soul leaves the limitations of earthly life and enters the boundless light of God. Death, then, is not destruction but transformation: a moment when God's promise of eternal life is fulfilled. Nouwen's reflections teach that mourning and

hope can coexist—that the pain of separation is real, but so is the quiet assurance that those who have died now live in the heart of God. Both Rolheiser and Nouwen remind us that this transformation calls for faith, not mere optimism. To believe that life is “changed, not ended” is to trust in a mystery we cannot see, to hold fast to Christ’s resurrection as the guarantee of our own. The funeral liturgy thus becomes an act of profound hope: in praying those words, the Church proclaims that death is not the final word. Life continues—transfigured, deepened, and fulfilled—in the eternal love of God.

Loving God:

You are the Lord of life and the conqueror of death.
 In your mercy,
 You have promised
 that life is changed, not ended.
 Grant us faith to trust that our loved ones who have died,
 now live in your eternal presence and give us hope to see
 beyond our sorrow to the joy of resurrection.
 May we live each day with hearts open
 to your promise of new life,
 until we are reunited in your everlasting peace. Amen.



A WALK WITH JESUS RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the **Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph from 9 am to 4 pm on November 22nd** (lunch is included). Registration is required so we know how many to set up for and how much lunch to order. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the title of the retreat or the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

BAZAAR COMING FAST!

Praise and gratitude to all our dear parishioners for your generous response to our requests for donations and help with our Bazaar! Please continue to pick up and sell Capital Prize tickets and return the stubs and money in the provided envelopes. Why not consider volunteering? Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. Silent auction bidding will begin this weekend on the beautiful pictures displayed in the narthex before and after Mass, please consider placing a bid! Next weekend, Bake Table reminder cards will be distributed before Mass with all the details about baked goods donations. Thank you once again for your continued support, and may God bless us all!

GROWING IN FAITH, GROWING IN CHRIST, the adult faith series, began on Wednesday in the Hearth Room and explored our relationship with the Trinity (Father, Son and Spirit), what faith is and the sacrament of Baptism. This week, we look at the place of the scriptures in our lives and suggestions on how we read the bible and where we might look for healthy spiritual reading. If you would still like to join us, you are most welcome.



2026 CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS



The Meeting for students in grade seven and their parents seeking the sacrament of Confirmation took place on Wednesday, October 14. Information for preparation and registration was distributed including volunteering opportunities. Students and parents who wish to prepare for confirmation in 2026 and missed this meeting should contact the office immediately.

The meeting for preparation for First Communion: will take place on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 @ 7:00pm

WHEN LIFE CHANGES: GRIEF RELIEF (PART ONE): **Grief Relief (Part One)** is a 6-week program using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material, this program is intended to help you to understand your grief and provides practical tips for helping you through. In Hamilton, this program is offered twice a year, in the Spring and Fall and all are welcome to attend. Programs are provided by trained facilitators.

When & Where: Wednesday evenings from November 5 to Dec. 10, 2025. From 7pm-8:30pm at the Chancery Office (700 King St. West Hamilton); *in-person only*.

JUBILEE YEAR HEROES OF HOPE for October in the Diocese of Hamilton are ***“those who promote human life and dignity!”*** This include multiple “ministries of care” for the poor, sick, homeless, migrant workers, those with mental health issues, support to the Indigenous through the Reconciliation Fund and international development programs worldwide! In our parishes, this includes St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Women's League of Canada and Knights of Columbus. Through these organizations and many other local groups, HOPE is constantly renewed and faith shared with those in need. Compassionate care ministries remind each one of their dignity and that they are loved by God!



DILEXI TE (I have loved you!) is the first Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Leo XIV, focusing on the Church's care for the poor. Drafted by Pope Francis before his death and now revised and issued by Pope Leo, the Exhortation is in continuity with Pope Francis' last encyclical, *Dilexit Nos (He has loved us!)*, on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope Leo emphasizes that “love for the Lord ... is one with love for the poor”. The Exhortation is divided into five chapters, and outlines God's identification with the poor. *Dilexi te* is available on the Holy See's website www.vatican.va and in a shorter version that cover the highlights, in the front vestibule of the church.



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