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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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Monday, October 13	9:00 AM	+ Gregoria Abes	Maria Pantojan
Tuesday, October 14	7:00 PM	+ Roman Cove + Efrain Figueroa + Jaron Matthew Detweiler Intentions of Perry and Rebecca Leger	The Cabral Family Chris O'Neill Anna Altomare Anna Altomare
Wednesday, October 15	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving	Carmen and Tony Chaves
Thursday, October 16	8:00 AM	Intentions of Velma Gibson	Anna Altomare
Friday, October 17	8:00 AM	+ Wilf Donnait	Eng Siew Tan
Saturday, October 18	5:00 PM	+ Fernando Coloma Sr. + Mary and Jim Haney + Cao Dang + Jim Ryan + Lidia Cabral + Deceased Parents of Stanislav and Sidonia Kubala	The Almariego Family The Haney Family The Nguyen Family Paul and Cathy Strauss The Cabral Family Sidonia Kubala
Sunday, October 19	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish	



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:
Join us on Thanksgiving **Monday, October 13th for Mass at 9:00 a.m.** as we thank God for the blessings of life and the gifts of creation.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT: All volunteers in the parish are invited to attend on **Tuesday, October 21st** following the 7PM Mass. Please RSVP by **October 12th** to Rosanne or at www.stmaryhospeler.ca/volunteer-appreciation.

OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be closed on **Monday, October 13th and Wednesday, October 15th.**



OCTOBER MEETING: Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. *New members welcome!*



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:**

Donations of *all* non-perishable food items are needed. Please place donations in the bins by the doors of the church and parish office. If you wish to provide a monetary donation, all funds are greatly appreciated. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection boxes at any of the weekend Masses. Please use a SVDP envelope so that the funds are allocated properly. We thank you for your support of this worthy cause and all that you do to help us help those in need!

SPANISH MASS & RETREAT: You are invited to **St. Mary of the Visitation Parish** on **Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m.** for a Spanish Mass and retreat. This retreat will end with Eucharistic Adoration. Topic "*Jesus sana las heridas del corazón y nos llena de Esperanza*". Guest speakers: Fr. Gustavo Jamut and Fr. Diego Gonzalez from Argentina. Fee: \$15. For more information contact Carmen: (905) 483-9481 or Erika: (519) 222-6333.

CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The Catholic Women's League will be holding their Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, November 8th** following the 5pm Mass and **Sunday, November 9th** following the 9:00 & 11:00 Masses. Donations of new items are greatly needed and appreciated for our Raffle, Craft and Christmas Tables as well as baked items for our Bake Table. Items can be dropped off and placed in the CWL boxes located at the entrances of the church during weekday and weekend Masses. Final drop off will be Friday November 7th – see poster for details. Thank you for your support!

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR FORMED? You can access beautiful and faithful Catholic content: movies, e-books, award-winning studies, inspiring audio content, and kids' programming. Registration is FREE for parishioners. Go to signup.formed.org and type **St Mary of the Visitation Cambridge** to find and select our Parish. Provide your name and your email address and click "Sign Up". Enjoy!

PARISH OFFERINGS for Oct. 4 - 5, 2025

Sunday Offerings:	\$3,208.10
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$146.05

Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

Please note: Offertory envelopes for 2026 will be distributed in November. If your home address has changed, or you no longer wish to receive boxed envelopes, please notify the office.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH: October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, brother or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. For more information about praying for vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/>. *Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!*

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: October is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving and a perfect time to stop and think with gratitude about our relationship with our spouse. An attitude of gratitude has the proven benefit of having our brain find the good in any situation, so what better way to see the positives your spouse brings into your life than having an attitude of gratitude for them. It is easy to focus on the challenging moments but stop and contemplate what is good. Tell your spouse in person, or in a handwritten note. Think of all the moments you share, your children, your shared home, your faith – when you pause to focus on the good, there will be so much to be thankful for, and you will feel greater love for the one you love!

Upcoming Events at the Parish

- October 11----- Rosary Rally in the Parish Parking Lot (or Parish Centre) at 12 noon
- October 12----- Baptisms at 12:15pm in the Church
- October 13----- Thanksgiving Monday, Mass at 9:00am
- October 14 ----- Finance Council Meeting at 7:30pm
- October 14----- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting at 7:30pm in the parish centre
- October 16----- Bible Study in the Parish Centre from 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- October 18----- Choir School at 10:00am in the Church
- October 21----- Volunteer Appreciation Night following the 7:00pm Mass
- October 22----- Family Rosary Night at 6:30pm in the church
- October 29----- Spanish Mass and Retreat starting at 6:30pm

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: Calling all those currently in Grade 10! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want 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 **October 24th**! For more information visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: As the leaves change and the weather turns colder (and often wetter!), we tend to spend more time indoors. This is a perfect season for quality family time. Instead of everyone being on social media and playing online games, try an old-fashioned board game, working together to put a puzzle together, having a family book club, or watching a movie on TV together and pausing now and then to discuss what is going on and/or what might happen next. Interaction is the key and when we do so we build bonds and relationships. Children talk to us and tell us things when they are ready, so the more time we spend together, the greater the chance we will hear about their concerns, joys, struggles and questions about the world. And don't forget, praying together each day and attending Mass as a family is another perfect way to bond.

ACT II (SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP) - Our Act II monthly informal support group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm, in the Resource Centre/Library at St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo. With the support of others, you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us anytime you can; registration is not required. Visit our website (www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced), or contact our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca for more information.

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