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***Thank God for this year and the years to come!
May the spirit of thanksgiving
fill your heart with gladness,
your home with happiness and peace!***

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Father, all of Creation rightly owes you thanks and praise. Your justice, love and mercy abound. We thank you this day for all that you have given us:

For the Passion and Death of your Divine Son, we thank you Father, through the Cross, He redeemed the world.

For the Church, we thank you Father, it is our beacon for salvation.

For the martyrs and saints who give testimony to your Son, we thank you Father, their witness to your Son is our inheritance.

For our loved ones and friends who have died and gone before us, we thank you Father, their love abides with us forever.

For loving spouses, we thank you Father, together we seek you.

For the gift of children, we thank you Father, they are your precious gifts to us and to the world.

For the gift of our families, loved ones and good friends, we thank you Father, Through them we see the reflection of your Son.

For jobs, our homes and all that we have, we thank you Father, give us only that which we need, as we seek Your Kingdom.

For the bounty we are about to eat, we thank you through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

As we celebrate the gifts of the Earth may we also celebrate the gifts of the Spirit.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good."

-Maya Angelou

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**David Champagne, Marie Zions,
Laura Kupferschmidt**



We are praying especially for the following families of our parish:

**Quackenbush, Querques, Raats,
Ramahlo, Redford, Reynolds**

WALK TOWARDS TRUTH - The Walk Towards Truth is a 21 km reflective walk, organized by a group which is eager to work on awareness and healing with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. The Walk, on Sunday, October 17th, passes by the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford (the former Mohawk Institute Residential School) towards the Six Nations of the Grand River reserve, a journey many of the children would have taken. We mourn the loss, and fundraise for the Woodland Cultural Centre, to support the community and to keep the memory of the children alive. For further information, and to donate, please go to:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/64711/donation>

Message from the Diocese of Hamilton:

COVID Vaccines

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

	MASS INTENTIONS (Oct 11- 17)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of His Holiness Pope Francis</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Canadian Health Care Workers</i>	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Staff and Students of St. Joseph School</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Hutchison Family	Janet Raats



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and can fill in, it would be most appreciated.

Sat. 5:00 p.m.
 Sun. 8:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.

CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C

Anyone interested in learning more about our parish Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus is invited to call the appropriate contact person:

CWL: Christie deSouza: cwl@lartist.com
 K of C: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Bulletins are available online at:
<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

From the Parish Office: Bulletins are back on a weekly basis. Items to be inserted in the bulletin must be in writing or via email and received by Tuesday at noon for the upcoming weekend's publication.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses - Do your children attend public or private school or do you home-school? To support their ongoing formation in religious education, the Diocese of Hamilton offers Catechetical Correspondence Programs for every age and stage from kindergarten through to High School including programs specially designed to assist children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Contact Sybil at 905-528-7988 x2339 or email: catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com

Diaper Drive: The CWL will once again be hosting a Diaper Drive for Michael House. Diapers can be dropped off to the hall up until Nov 7th. Any cheques/cash can be placed in an envelope marked **CWL-Michael House** and dropped into the collection. Your generosity to this cause is very much appreciated.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: October brings cooler air and the final harvests of the season. It is when we see the beauty of nature and the creative mind of God in providing this world for each of us. Children often wish for things they don't have, instead of focusing on what they do have, including love from family members, their faith community and friends and neighbours who care for them. This month, help your children focus on giving thanks for all they have by writing a daily gratitude journal. Each day they can write about the blessings of their day and at the end of the month they will have documentation about how much they can be grateful for - both to God and everyone else who contributes to their lives.




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