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

A Word From Our Pastor:

A few weeks ago, we wrote about the Gospel of St. Matthew as we celebrated his feast day. This upcoming week we celebrate the feast day of another one of the Evangelists, St. Luke (October 18).

We know little about St. Luke. We do know that he was a Greek speaking convert to the Church who wrote for a non-Jewish audience. Luke was also seen as being a physician. This term was used broadly in his times, as it identified an individual as being well educated and not necessarily of possessing medical skill. St. Luke was certainly well educated. If we could speak of Luke in a few words, it is probably best to reflect on a couple of very timely emphases in his Gospel.

For instance, Luke stressed the concerns which Jesus had for members of society who were neglected or overlooked, such as women, sinners, and outcasts. We could add another group to this concern, the poor. The association of Jesus with these groups of society, was certainly radical in the context of His time and environment. Luke emphasized Jesus' constant warnings about the dangers of wealth and its pursuit. The lessons and teachings about these concerns of Jesus can be found in some famous passages of this Gospel. They include the stories of the shepherds coming to adore the newborn Christ, the parable of the Good Samaritan, the parable of the Prodigal Son, and the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man.

Another characteristic of Luke's Gospel is a strong emphasis on prayer. Throughout his Gospel, Luke shows Jesus as being apart from His Disciples and going off to pray before important and difficult moments. It is in Luke's Gospel that we find most of the words to the Hail Mary. Luke illustrates for us that, if the Son of God felt so frequently the need to pray to His Father, then we have even more reason to make the effort to pray continuously in our daily lives.

Let us always be mindful of the words of St. Luke. May they continue to be a source of strength and comfort.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"If you have lost the taste for prayer, you will regain the desire for it by retuning humbly to its practice."
- Pope Paul VI

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Helen Garrett, Jasmin Lang,
Bev Boisvenue***

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BISHOP CROSBY: HEART TO HEART FOR

OCTOBER 2020: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA announced a national initiative to plant 100 trees across Canada for the celebration of the *100 year anniversary* of the League. The major celebration of the anniversary, scheduled to take place at their National Convention in Montreal this summer, was cancelled because of COVID pandemic concerns. The tree planting project became their major effort. The League Council at St. Michael Parish in Waterloo, with the encouragement of enthusiastic President Shani Pregejl, committed to planting one of the 100 trees! Last Saturday, in the presence of several Past Presidents from the Parish, most of the current Parish CWL Executive, and our own Shari Guinta from the National CWL Council, a flowering pear tree was planted and blessed. Photos were taken to mark the occasion. Congratulations to the Catholic Women's League nationally on such a significant milestone. The Diocesan Council of the League also marked their 100th anniversary this year – the planned celebration was also cancelled! A note of interest: Frances Lovering, from the Hamilton Diocesan CWL, became the second National President of the League. She is buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington. For 100 years members of the Catholic Women's League – the largest grass-roots organization of women in Canada – have been carrying out good works ***For God and Canada!*** We wish you many more happy years!

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges all Baptisms and Marriages personally, by appointment. Please see Father after Mass to set a time for an interview. Marriages must be arranged one year in advance. Completion of a marriage preparation course is required. Application forms can be obtained from Father Mark.

OCTOBER 11, 2020

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (October 12-October 18)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon 9:00 a.m.	<i>Thanksgiving Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup family
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Fanika Severinski	Bill and Irene and Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Machelle Milton	Janine Milton
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of St. Joseph Parish First Communicants</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Torresin Family	Bottero Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	Colin, Douglas, and Doreen Campbell	Patricia Campbell



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.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Ancker, Anderson, Arbic,
Arseneault, Avila-Gaeta***

Diaper Drive for Michael House - September traditionally has the CWL "Baby Shower" for Michael House, a shelter and support for pregnant and parenting women in need in Guelph. For this year, instead of the party, we are asking everyone who can to donate diapers. If you are able, please bring in a package (or more!) of any size of diapers. There are tables set aside in the basement for drop-off before or after Mass over the next couple of weekends. Thank you for your consideration and generosity! Michael House also accepts monetary donations through their website at michaelhouse.ca



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

MEETINGS

Currently Suspended

Catechetical Correspondence Course - Programs for children from Kindergarten through High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or visit our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.



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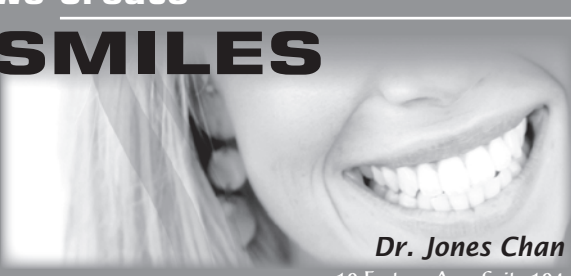


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