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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*



OCT 15 to OCT 20

TUESDAY – OCT 15 Memorial – St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor	7:00 p.m.	+Carmelo Fama – Fama Family
WEDNESDAY – OCT 16 Memorial – St. Marie-Marguerite D’Youville	8:30 a.m.	+Garrett & Charlotte Hickey – Joan Cassidy
THURSDAY – OCT 17 Memorial – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	7:00 p.m.	+Tony Lariccia – Fama Family
FRIDAY – OCT 18 Feast – St. Luke, Evangelist	8:30 a.m.	+Eddie Perera – Miriam Jayasundera
SATURDAY – OCT 19	7:00 p.m.	+Angela Madappuli – Dharsh Jayawardene
SUNDAY – OCT 20 World Mission Sunday	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Szczepaniak Family Living & deceased members of our parish

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark’s Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem.

In today’s Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus’ time, and it wasn’t shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: “follow *me*.” Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark’s pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples’ astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

Monthly Budget Review as of Sept 29, 2024

Weekly contributions year to date	\$125,978.14
E-transfer	\$6,706.00
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$108,815.00
	\$241,499.14
Building fund	\$7,389.00

If you would like the candle at Our Lady’s Altar or St. Joseph to burn for a special intention you can do so by either contacting the parish office or by placing an envelope in the collection basket with the intention (public or private) along with \$5 in the envelope to cover the cost of the candle.

Our Lady of Lourdes Café
 When: Sun. Oct 13, 2024
 Where: Parish Hall
 Time: 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.
MENU: Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2
BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
 Sept 8, 2024, funds \$196.00
 All proceeds from OLOL Café support our parish ministries
 Please be a part of something extraordinary.
 Please call the parish office if you can help as we hope to have the Café open 2nd Sunday of the Month.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL DURING MASS. If you are currently sick and would like to be included by name in the Prayers of the Faithful during Sunday Mass when we pray for the sick, you may call the parish office and request to have your name included in the prayers.

THE POPE'S OCTOBER INTENTIONS FOR 2024
 For a shared mission
 We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



Diocesan Prayer Calendar – This week let us pray for...

Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19
Rev. Francis Ahuekwe	Rev. Kevin D’Souza	Chaplains	Rev. Piotr Golinski	Rev. Stephen Murrin	Rev. Andrew Czarny
Thanksgiving Day		World Food Day			

Prayer for Vocations... God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

DIOCESAN CHOIR – ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL The Diocesan Choir will present an Advent Hymn Festival on **Sunday, December 1, 2024.** If you enjoy singing, consider joining the choir for this event. Auditions will occur during the first rehearsal on Monday, October 7th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For further information, please get in touch with Sharon Fazari at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.

E-TRANSFER If you would like to send your donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email:

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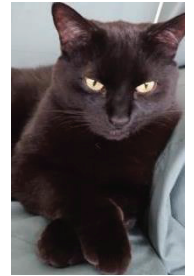
FOOD DRIVE: The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be having a Thanksgiving Food Drive on Oct. 12th & 13th. Your donations of non-perishable goods would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the baptismal font on Oct. 12th and 13th. If you are going to be out of town, you may leave your food items at the baptismal font the weekend before Thanksgiving. Thank-you for helping us serve those who are in need.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, October 25, 2024**, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Advanced tickets are available until October 23rd. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928, or at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. (Tuesday to Thursday) by calling the Parish Office at 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

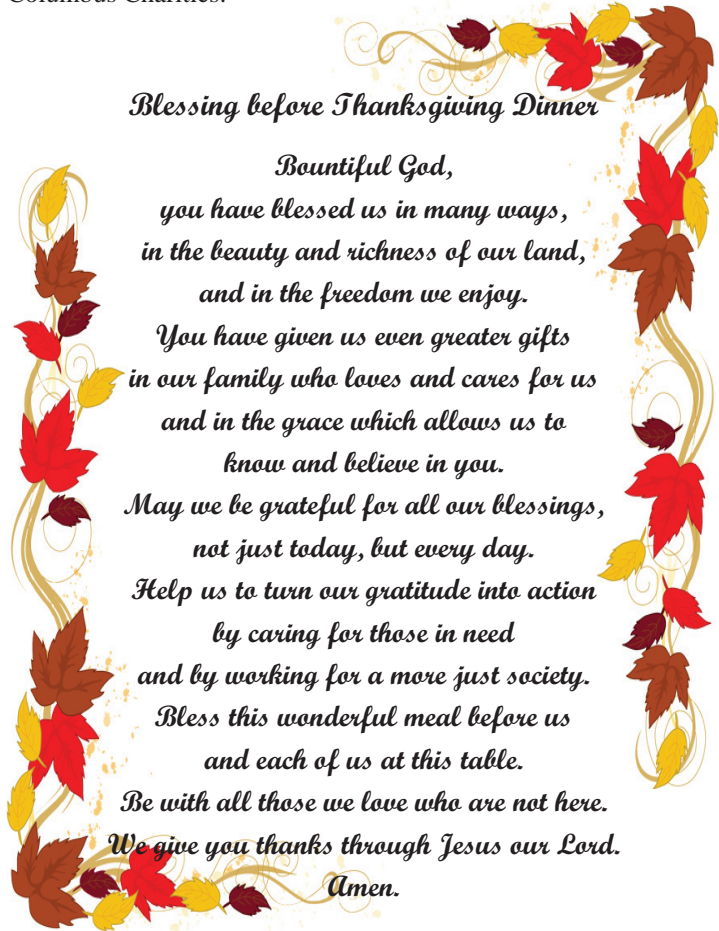
Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, and the loves we have for one another, our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing and we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our brother. Amen.



Happy Thanksgiving Day to everyone. Fr. Steve and Nicholas (my cat).

Blessing before Thanksgiving Dinner

*Bountiful God,
you have blessed us in many ways,
in the beauty and richness of our land,
and in the freedom we enjoy.
You have given us even greater gifts
in our family who loves and cares for us
and in the grace which allows us to
know and believe in you.
May we be grateful for all our blessings,
not just today, but every day.
Help us to turn our gratitude into action
by caring for those in need
and by working for a more just society.
Bless this wonderful meal before us
and each of us at this table.
Be with all those we love who are not here.
We give you thanks through Jesus our Lord.
Amen.*



St. Teresa of Jesus, also known as Teresa of Avila, a mystic and doctor of the church who died in 1582 and lived at the time of the Protestant Reformation. Two of her well-known spiritual writings, *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle* are spiritual classics for anyone looking for a good book to read on the topic.

St. Marguerite D'Youville was born in Quebec, founded the Sisters of Charity. In 1737, with three companions, she founded the **Grey Nuns** when they took their initial vows and a formal declaration took place in 1745. She died in Montreal on December 23, and since her death, the **Grey Nuns** have established schools, hospitals, and orphanages throughout Canada, the United States, Africa, and South America, and are especially known for their work among the Eskimos. She was **beatified** by Pope **John XXIII** in 1959 and canonized in 1990 by Pope **John Paul II**.

St. Ignatius of Antioch was the bishop of Antioch, Syria (now in Turkey), known mainly from seven highly regarded letters that he wrote during a trip to Rome, as a prisoner condemned to be executed for his beliefs. His letters passionately stressed the importance of Church unity, the dangers of heresy, and the surpassing importance of the Eucharist as the "medicine of immortality." These writings contain the first surviving written description of the Church as "Catholic," from the Greek word indicating both universality and fullness. One of the most striking features of Ignatius' letters, is his enthusiastic embrace of martyrdom as a means to union with God and eternal life. "All the pleasures of the world, and all the kingdoms of this earth, shall profit me nothing," he wrote to the Church of Rome. "It is better for me to die in behalf of Jesus Christ, than to reign over all the ends of the earth."

St. Luke was a physician and companion of St. Paul whose gospel preserved the most extensive biography of Jesus Christ. He wrote a greater volume of the New Testament than any other single author, including the earliest history of the Church. Ancient traditions also acknowledge Luke as the founder of Christian iconography, making him a patron of artists as well as doctors and other medical caregivers. From St. Luke's writings, he was the only evangelist to incorporate the personal testimony of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose role in Christ's life emerges most clearly in his gospel. Tradition credits him with painting several icons of Christ's mother, and one of the sacred portraits ascribed to him – known by the title "Salvation of the Roman People" which survives to this day in the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

WELCOME: to new parishioners or those joining us for the first time. We are happy to have you here with us. Please take some time to fill out a registration form available at the entrances of the church so we might know who you are.



Thinking of buying or selling? I can HELP! I have a team of professionals who will make the process go as smooth as possible. I have been a member of Our Lady of Lourdes church for 25 yrs and would love the opportunity to help my fellow parishioners with their real estate needs.

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