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*"We are connected to our past, committed to our future and compassionately focussed on being
a Family of Faith with something for everyone"*

Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright with scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friend so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent from

heaven above...

We thank thee,

Lord.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Every Tuesday in the church from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. The period of adoration will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please call Sheila at (519) 658-9414.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:

Join us Thanksgiving Monday for Mass at 9:00 a.m. as we thank God for the blessings of life and the gifts of creation. *We wish you all a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving with your family and friends.*



Mass Intentions

Monday, October 11 at 9 a.m.
Thanksgiving Mass

Tuesday, October 12 at 7 p.m.
+ Roger Fischer

Wednesday, October 13 at 8 a.m.
Intentions of Ed Teixeira

Thursday, October 14 at 8 a.m.
+ Etienne Avouampo

Friday, October 15 at 8 a.m.
Deceased Members of the Soo and Tan Families

Saturday, October 16 at 5 p.m.
Intentions of Millie Scapinello
Intentions of Fr. Robert Love



JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY: The Rosary is prayed at 6:30 p.m. before Mass on Tuesday and at 7:30 a.m. before morning Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All are welcome.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS:

- 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, however, vaccination is **not** required to attend Mass.
- **Masks are required** as well as social distancing while present at Mass.
- We are again saying the "Body of Christ" to each individual communicant
- Those who wish to receive communion on the tongue may do so, but they are requested to wait until the end of the communion line.
- The sanitation of the pews, etc. is not required after each celebration.
- The hymn books can be used for congregational singing.
- No choirs or holy water permitted.

Thank you for your continued cooperation!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items to the boxes by the doors of the church on Thanksgiving weekend. We thank-you for your support of this worthy cause.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER IN THE HOME: The Offices for Evangelization and Catechesis, Liturgy and Youth Ministry have prepared a Liturgy of the Word and parent resource for the celebration of Thanksgiving 2021:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/thanksgiving2021/>

Our hope is that every home may give thanks to God for the abundance of the harvest this season, and speak meaningfully about what it means to be thankful in these days.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrations of First Holy Communion for the grade 3 students continue on October 16 and October 23. There is still time to register, please contact the office.

CONFIRMATION 2020/2021 UPDATE: The following new schedule is for all students who missed their celebration and are now in grade 8:

St. Gabriel: Sat., Oct. 30 at 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

St. Elizabeth: Sat., Nov. 6 at 10:30a.m. & 1 p.m.

Our Lady of Fatima: Sat., November 13 at 1 p.m.
(a second liturgy will be added if needed)

St. Isidore students are asked to join their home school. Students that attend other schools may select a weekend. **Parents are asked to register online for a Mass on their designated weekend.** Students in grade 8 that were not registered last year are still welcome to participate. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS *Interested in Becoming Catholic?*

Any adults who have not been baptized and are considering becoming Catholic, or any adults who have already been baptized in other Christian churches and wish to become full members of the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office.

VACCINE MANDATE: Effectively immediately, the Diocese has mandated that **all volunteers must be fully vaccinated** against Covid-19 to exercise their ministry. Proof of vaccination (a copy of your Ministry of Health receipt) is to be **submitted to Father Ed by October 18th**. This can be done by email to ehenhoeffer@hamiltondiocese.com or by placing it in a sealed envelope to Father's attention. The director of human resources at the Diocese will be responsible for keeping these records which will be destroyed once these restrictions are lifted.

PARISH OFFERINGS

October 2-3

Sunday Envelopes (87):	\$2,474.00
Loose Offerings:	\$201.50
Needs of the Canadian Church:	\$85.00

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit

<https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate>

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: A reminder that the office will be closed on **Monday, October 11** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES -

Do your children attend public or private school or do you home-school? If you are wondering how 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. Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/correspondence/> or contact Sybil at 905-528-7988 x2339, catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com



THANK YOU: The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generous donations. The collection for last month totaled \$1,652.60. Thank you also to those who have already dropped off their non-perishable goods to help up stock the pantry!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 4916 has resumed in person meetings. The next meeting is **Thursday, October 14 at 7:30 pm. at St. Clement Church.** Covid 19 protocols will be maintained - physical distancing, mask wearing and hand sanitizing. Bring proof of vaccination so we have it for future meetings. Enter via the usual Westminster Drive door.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: October brings cooler air and the final harvests of the season. It is a time when we see the beauty of nature and the creative mind of God in providing this world for each of us. Children spend a lot of time wishing 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. During this month of thanksgiving, help your children focus on giving thanks for all they have by writing a daily gratitude journal. Each day they can write about the goodness's of their day and at the end of the month they will have documentation about how much they have to be grateful for - both to God and everyone else who contributes to their lives.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: As we continue to deal with the COVID virus in our communities, people are feeling the continued burden of the unknown about its dangers and how long it will last. This causes stress which might cause couples to lash out at the one they love most. Take some time to change the pattern of your life by planning some fun activities for the two of you, communicate truthfully about how you are feeling, acknowledge that your spouse may not be at their best because they are stressed, hold hands and hug often as touch can relieve stress and pray together that God will give you strength. Feeling united will reduce stress levels for both of you and create a more peaceful environment to help you deal with the unknowns.

VOCATIONS: If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. *"You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me."* Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these contact the Vocations Office, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 x 2246 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

October 11 – 16

Monday	Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D.
Tuesday	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Wednesday	Chaplains
Thursday	Rev. Bradley Markus
Friday	Very Rev. David Wynen
Saturday	Rev. Msgr. Edward D. Sheridan

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