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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*



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Monday**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Eamon & Kathleen Sloan, Danny Michieli, Living & Deceased members of the Natarelli & Evans Families

**Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Jerry Murphy, Intentions of Claude Collut  
5:00 p.m. – CWL Mass

**Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – St. Teresa of Jesus**

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds

7:30 a.m. - **Mass** – Intentions of Nancy Peverley

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 a.m. – Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Mae Oswald, Anton Oswald & Maria Garber, Adam & Violet Rutherford, Maria Oswald

**Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – St. Marguerite D'Youville**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Margaret Skowron, Intentions of Victoria Gajdycz

**Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Ignatius of Antioch**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Billy Farquhar, Intentions of Margaret Barr

**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Luke**

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Robert & Kay Sloan, Robert & Elizabeth Sloan, David Taylor, Jimmy & Sheila Lowe

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

11:00 a.m. – **Mass**

1:00 p.m. – Baptisms

**Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the week beginning Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the intentions of Mary Semlak and family, In gratitude to Bishop Crosby.

To request that one of the lamps be lit for your intentions, or in memory of a loved one, please call or visit the Parish Office. A donation of \$10.00 per lamp is requested.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

† Thank you for your gifts collected in the amount of \$10,171.00 for the weekend of September 28<sup>th</sup>, and for the weekend of October 5<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$15,969.10.

in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing. The St. Vincent De Paul Basilica Conference gives thanks for your donation of \$3,283.00 towards their works of charity on your behalf.

**Vocations**

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? In gratitude, ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, sister, brother or deacon? If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**PARISH NEWS**

**Basilica Gift Shop Volunteers Needed**

Our Gift Shop is also in need of volunteers after each mass on Saturday and Sunday. Training is provided. Volunteers will greet and assist visitors in the Shop; handle cash; assist in stocking inventory. A police check is required. Please visit us at the Gift Shop or contact the office if interested.

**Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group:**

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join the book study group, which meets at the Basilica every other Wednesday at 5:45pm. At each meeting, there is a potluck dinner and a discussion of a Catholic fiction or non-fiction work, or a document of the Church. Deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith while meeting new friends! Upcoming meetings will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please RSVP to [hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com](mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com).

**Treasure In Heaven - Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Do you desire to do more for Christ and his Church? Come to a workshop on the vocation and mission of the laity at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Guelph on Saturday, October 25th from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Doors of the hall open at 8:30am. Co-sponsored by the Vocations Office, Diocese of Hamilton, and the Catholic Women's League (CWL). All are welcome. For more information: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**Wine Tasting Event – Friday November 7,2025**

Mark your calendar - On Friday, November 7th, we will host a Wine Tasting Social Event from 7 pm to 9 pm, in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$25 per person, and we will have a selection of wines that you can try as well as a variety of finger foods. Tickets will go on sale after weekend masses starting on October 10/11. Don't miss this great opportunity to enjoy some great company, wine and food!

**Children's All Saints Day Party**

Save the date! On Saturday, November 1, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in conjunction with Frassati's Carabiners, is hosting an All Saints Day Party for the children of the deanery from 1:00 to 3:00pm (drop in). The activities are geared to children aged 4-10, but all children are welcome! The cost is \$2/child, and children are encouraged to dress as their favourite saint. The party includes a selection of fifteen activity stations, ranging from crafts to bowling, Eucharistic Adoration to three-legged races and snacks! To RSVP, please email Elise at

[frassatiscarabiners@protonmail.com](mailto:frassatiscarabiners@protonmail.com) before Saturday, Oct 25. Please include your family's surname and the number of children participating. It's going to be a fantastic afternoon for the whole family, filled with fun, faith-based activities. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

### **Christmas Bazaar – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The CWL will be hosting its annual Christmas Bazaar at the Basilica on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please come and join us for an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping with our various vendors, visit our bake table, our greens table, try your luck at our 50/50 draw, penny table, silent auction, and enjoy some refreshments. We still have some vendor tables available. If interested please email [treasurercwlguelphabasilica@gmail.com](mailto:treasurercwlguelphabasilica@gmail.com). We look forward to you joining us.

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **Alliance for Life Ontario and Guelph Right to Life**

We really are worth more. Alliance for Life Ontario and Guelph Right to Life invite you to a free Movie Night on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 7.00pm in the Basilica Hall. Speaker Bronwyn Gray is an organizer and advocate based in Chilliwack, British Columbia. She is passionate about raising awareness and challenging societal norms. She is the producer of a short film, "Worth More," produced in collaboration with videographer Chris Sloan. Her film brings to light the critical issue of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) in Canada. We look forward to seeing you there. Please call 519 836-6311 or Jakki 519 820-3399 for further details.

#### **All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery**

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery will take place on Saturday, November 1st at 11:00am. The principal celebrant will be most Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

#### **Diocesan Vocations Month - October 2025**

Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday your parish will pray for vocations during Mass. You are also asked to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood, consecrated life (religious life or consecrated virginity lived in the world) or the permanent diaconate, be sure to tell that person. For more information Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/> Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

#### **Martyr Shrine – Small Reliquary**

**Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am to 3pm:** Join us as we welcome Fr Bert Foliot a Jesuit priest from the Martyr Shrine. He was ordained 52 years ago, been a pastor of numerous parishes in Toronto and Winnipeg. He has also done ministry among Indigenous Peoples for 25 years. He served as the rector of Regis College in Toronto and was the director of the Jesuit Infirmary in Pickering, Ontario. He

was a superior of Jesuit Communities for 45 years. Presently, he is a member of the Jesuit staff at Martyrs Shrine and is pastor for the Beausoleil First Nation on Christian Island. For 7 years he walked from Guelph to Midland, Ontario with the Guelph Walking Pilgrimage. This all-day talk will be about the Shrine's 100 years and a 400-year story of love and discovery with St. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions. The day begins with Mass at 9am with blessings from the relics, discussion on the Martyrs and a synodal spiritual discussion after. Lunch is provided. **No cost to attend. Good will offering accepted. RSVP required at the St Joseph Parish Office by October 28 - 519-822-4614.**

#### **St. Joseph's Listowel C.W.L. Christmas Bazaar**

Are hosting their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Parish Centre, 1025 Wallace Avenue North, Listowel.

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a rite which takes place during Mass and is a way to help children participate in the liturgy meaningfully. This age-appropriate liturgical experience prepares children to participate fully in Mass especially after receiving their First Communion. The workshop cost is \$35.00 the course is being offered on November 8, 2025 at St. Matthew Parish in Oakville from 9:30am till 3:00pm. To register please go to the Hamilton Diocese website under upcoming events/workshops.

<http://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/08/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word-ministry-formation-workshop-2/>.

#### **Knights of Columbus Council 8192 ( Elmira )**

is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, October 24, 2025**, 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. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928 or the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Thursday) 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.

#### **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 the 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 24<sup>th</sup>! For more information and to register please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>.

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