Mass Intentions – November 17th – 22nd			
Date/Time	**Feast Day**	**Intention**	**Requested By**
Tuesday 17th 9:00 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	• +Loreen Boldt	•Marj Simon
Wednesday 18th 9:00 AM	Ferial	•+Bernadette Miranda	•Lei Ann Wade
Thursday 19th 9:00 AM	Ferial	•+Tobias Pfeifer	•Anne Darby-Watchorn
Friday 20th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +Clair & Brian McMahon • +Elaine McMahon	•Bernard and Rose Hanley •Bernard and Rose Hanley
Saturday 21st 5:00 PM	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	• Int. Maria Cabral • +Ildebrando Silveira • +Andre Vanzieleghem • +Lorne MacDonald	•Maria Silveira •Lucille Vanzieleghem & Family •Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh
Sunday 22nd 9:00 AM	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	• +Angela Ianni	•Maurizio & Sharon Ianni
11:00 AM		• For Parishioners of St. Francis	

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. November 16: **Rev. Gerald Mulhall**
Tues. November 17: **Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.**
Wed. November 18: **Dec. Members of Our Parish Community**
Thu. November 19: **Rev. Michael Isabelle**
Fri. November 20: **Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.**
Sat. November 21: **Rev. Jerek John Scherber, L.C.**

Stewardship Report - Oct. 31/Nov. 1

Envelope & Loose	$3,515.00
Automatic Withdrawal	$1,328.75
Total Collection Last Week	**$4,843.75**
2026 Total Collection	$234,663.10
2026 Budget	$315,999.75

What's Happening this Week?

Monday
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 1:15 pm & 2:30 pm
OEA (R) 7:00 pm

Wednesday
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

Thursday
Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Sunday
Children's Liturgy @ 9am Mass

Little Books– Now Available!

The **Little Books for Advent and Lent** have arrived! Those who placed an order may pick up their books at the Parish Office during the week. Payment of **$20.00** is due at the time of pickup. Thank you for your patience, and we hope these devotionals will help you prepare spiritually for the special seasons.

Congratulations on your Baptism!



This weekend we joyfully welcome **Jaxon, Amarachi, Clara, and Amelia** into our faith family through the Sacrament of Baptism!
This is a beautiful occasion as we celebrate these newest members of our parish community and welcome them into the family of God.
Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they begin their journey of faith.

Book of Life

Our Book of Life is available for you to add the names of loved ones who have died. These loved ones will be remembered in the petitions at Mass throughout the month of November.
Names may also be submitted online through our parish website. We invite you to take this opportunity to remember your loved ones in prayer during this special month of remembrance.

2026–2027 Sunday Missals

Our new 2026–2027 Sunday Missals have arrived and are now available for purchase for **$5.00 each**. You can pick up your copy at the Parish Office during regular office hours or after Mass. Supplies are limited, so missals will be available on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Be sure to get yours while they last!

Advent Penitential Service

Mark your calendars! Join us at St. Francis on **Wednesday, December 9, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** for our Advent Penitential Service. Multiple priests will be available throughout the afternoon and evening to hear confessions. Take this opportunity to prepare your heart for the coming of Christ this Christmas season.

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger Appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. The announcement was made on Friday, November 13, at 12:00pm in Rome (6:00am local time). Bishop Lobsinger commented on the announcement: "***It is with humble gratitude that I accept the appointment of the Holy Father, Pope Leo, to be the Bishop of Peterborough. It will be hard to leave the Diocese of Hamilton, having lived and served in this Diocese my entire life, however I look forward to my new ministry in Peterborough with excitement and joy.***"
The faithful are invited to join in a Mass of thanksgiving to celebrate Bishop Lobsinger's appointment on Sunday, November 29, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King (714 King Street West, Hamilton). We give thanks for Bishop Lobsinger's generous service to the Church and ask the faithful to keep him in their prayers as he prepares to begin this new chapter of ministry.
May the Lord bless him with wisdom, strength, and joy, and may Mary, Mother of the Church, accompany him as he shepherds the people entrusted to his care.

Advent Visits – Cookie Donations

As part of our Advent tradition, Fr. Stephen will once again be visiting our homebound parishioners to bring them the joy and blessings of the Christmas season.
If you know of a parishioner who is homebound and would appreciate a visit, please contact the Parish Office.
During these visits, we love to bring along cookies lovingly baked and donated by members of our parish community as a special Christmas gift. As you begin your holiday baking, we would be

grateful if you could set aside a few cookies to share! **Cookie donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office on November 30th and December 1st.** Thank you for helping us share a little Christmas joy with our homebound parishioners!

Our Christmas Dinner Has a New Look!



Our much-loved annual Parish Christmas Dinner is getting a festive new twist this year!

Join us for **Christmas in the Village** on **Tuesday, December 8th** — an evening of good food, family fun, Christmas carols and plenty of holiday cheer!

We're bringing a little extra Christmas magic to this year's celebration, with special activities for the children and surprises for the whole family.

Admission:

- Adults: $25
- Children (ages 6–12): $15
- Children 5 and under: FREE

Tickets go on sale next weekend! Watch the bulletin for more details.

Gather your family, invite your friends, and join us as we celebrate one of our favourite parish traditions.

Christmas in the Village — an evening of faith, family and Christmas cheer!

Around Town

"Do whatever He tells you." These beautiful words of our Blessed Mother help us to grow in holiness – to come closer to Mary as she helps us to come closer to Jesus. Join us for the **St. Agnes Education Café: Holy Mary, Mother of God**, ***Deepening our Catholic Devotion to Mary***, with guest speaker Fr. David Reitzel, who will teach us practical ways to grow in our relationship with our spiritual Mother. Sunday December 6th 2:090-3:30pm, St. Agnes, Waterloo

A day for your marriage! Healthy marriages matter and marriage enrichment helps keep them strong! Keeping your marriage healthy and strong requires love, but also time spent fine tuning your relationship and reconnecting. Join us on Saturday, November 21st at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown for a day to reconnect for our enrichment day: **Discovering New Paths for Your Married Love.** We will share new ways to deepen your relationship and give you time with the one you love! Registration can be found online at hamiltondiocese.com, under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

"CALLED TO SERVE" VIDEO SERIES – We are excited to introduce **"Called to Serve,"** a new video series featuring bishops and priests sharing their personal vocation stories and experiences of serving God and His Church. New videos are released **every Friday** on our Diocesan website. You can watch and follow the series here: **Website: https://tinyurl.com/mruy728v**

AI AND HUMAN DIGNITY – The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us as we explore Pope Leo's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas and our call to protect human dignity in an age of technological revolution. It will take place on Wednesday, November 25th, 2026 (1:00 – 3:00pm) at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. Registration and more information can be found here: https://tinyurl.com/ck4ecb53

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT — Saturday, December 5, 2026, 6:30 -9:00pm – Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all young adults in their 20s and 30s across the Diocese of Hamilton to an evening of prayer, fellowship, and praise music at St. Basil's Church, 50 Palace St, Brantford, ON N3T 3Y6. Bring a friend—all young adults are welcome!

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LORD'S DAY MASSES
Saturday at 5:00 pm
Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday – Friday at 9:00 am

KERALA ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS
Celebrated by Fr. Stephen Gilbert
Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 pm
or by appointment.

PRAYER NETWORK
Call parish office to request prayers

FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES
Please call the parish office.

— OUR PARISH TEAM —

Pastor:	*Fr. Stephen Gilbert (sgilbert@hamiltondiocese.com)*
Deacon:	*Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez (pfernandez@hamiltondiocese.com)*
Pastoral Minister:	*Lei Ann Wade (lawade@hamiltondiocese.com)*
Music Ministry:	*Mrs. Terrianne Moulton*
Admin. Assistant:	*Mrs. Amanda Michaels*
Building Manager:	*Mr. Lazaro Escobar*
Asst. Building Mgr.:	*Mr. Gary Howell*

PARISH OFFICE
Monday – Friday
8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

"We are a Christ-centered faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."

November 15th, 2026

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Abide in me as I in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit".

-John 15:4,5