

HAVE YOU LOST A SIGNIFICANT PERSON IN YOUR LIFE THROUGH DEATH? Are you feeling an overwhelming grief at the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you wondering if these feelings and your reactions are normal? Are you wondering if you are going to "make it"? If you said YES to any of these questions, you may be interested in joining people who are experiencing the same feelings of loss. A 12-week bereavement support group will begin on Monday, November 7 from 1-3 p.m. at St. Francis Parish, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. It is in being with others who are also grieving that a light begins to come through at the end of the tunnel. For more information, please call Barbara Diemert at 519-744-8955, or St. Francis Parish at 519-745-7301. Registration is required as there is some material to order.

MEMORIAL MASS AT MARYMOUNT CEMETERY: Most Reverend Matthew Ustrzycki, Auxiliary Bishop **Emeritus** of Hamilton, will celebrate a Memorial Mass at Marymount Cemetery, Guelph, on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 519-836-8814, 1-800-661-5985, or visit www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

FALL CARD PARTY: St. Anne's Parish, 268 East Ave., Kitchener on Monday, October 24. Doors open at 6 p.m. Lunch served at 7 p.m. Admission is \$8. Great prizes, 2-\$50 cash prizes, quilts and so much more!

FALL BAZAAR: Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish Hall (55 Driftwood Dr., Kitchener). Drop in to shop from over 25 vendors! Save the date and don't miss it!

NO COMPARISONS

How many times have we read or heard about someone who's gotten into trouble—maybe even fired from a job—because of a brush with the law? While our "Christian" minds tell us to be sorry and even pray for the person, a little voice inside our heads may also be saying, "I'm glad I would never do anything like that."

And perhaps we wouldn't. But are there some things we do that are still not pleasing in God's eyes? Today's readings caution us not to look so intently at someone else's wrongdoing that we overlook our own weaknesses and shortcomings. When we measure ourselves against the worst people we can think of, we come out looking pretty good. There is a danger, however, in using someone else's behavior as a way of reflecting our own goodness. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

YEAR OF MERCY

Today's Gospel graces us with a beautiful prayer that can make every day of our lives a jubilee of mercy: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Religious Israelites despised the tax collector who prayed it, for collaborating with Gentile occupiers and handling currency that bore the "divine" emperor's graven image. But the Pharisee's long-winded self-congratulation, mixed with self-righteous condemnation, was no "prayer" at all. "The Pharisee . . . spoke this prayer *to himself*" (18:11, emphasis added). Praying the tax collector's simple, sincere, succinct cry for mercy acknowledges our own sinfulness, and "welcomes" other sinners as brothers and sisters with whom we can identify, even empathize, echoing Pope Francis' famous comment about not being the one to judge. Indeed, the tax collector "went home justified" (18:14), that is, restored to God's friendship, for God's mercy is not prize achieved but gift received. "Let your prayer be brief: for tax collector, prodigal son, and dying thief were all reconciled to God by a single phrase!" (Saint John Climacus, 7th century). —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST:	Paula Rush
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Bette Honsinger Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
SUNDAY MASSES:	Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:	By appointment – please phone the parish office
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:	By appointment – please phone the parish office
BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:	Last Sunday of each month after all Masses
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:	Church door collections – last Sunday of each month

Announced Mass intentions for the week of October 23 to 29, 2016

Monday..... 8:30 a.m. Tiffinay de'Rozario – Nevelle & Naomi de'Rozario
TuesdayNO MASS. Diocese of Hamilton Priests' Seminar
WednesdayNO MASS Diocese of Hamilton Priests' Seminar
ThursdayNO MASS Diocese of Hamilton Priests' Seminar
FridayNO MASS Diocese of Hamilton Priests' Seminar
 Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. Joe Stumpf; Jim Diesbourg

Offertory collection for Sunday, October 16, 2016: \$5,737.00

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH GAMES AFTERNOON: Come one, come all to the first ever parish games afternoon on Saturday, November 5 from 2-5 p.m.! Parishioners ages 0-100 are welcome! A variety of board games and cards will be provided. We'll put on tea and coffee, and have water available too. Please bring a refillable mug or water bottle, and perhaps a snack to share. What a great way to spend a cold November afternoon!



IN HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION: In our Catholic tradition, November is set aside as a month dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. It is a time for us to reflect on our lives as a pilgrim journey to the Lord, as well as an opportunity to prayerfully remember our loved ones and friends who have gone before us. As a parish, we will highlight this month of grace by preparing a book entitled "In Hope of the Resurrection" into which will be placed the names of our departed family members and friends. Special sheets on which to record the names of those you wish to remember were included in last weekend's bulletin. Additional forms are available at the entrances to the church. The completed forms should be returned to the church and placed in the special box at each entrance to the church.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE: The photography of parishioners has now concluded. Work continues on the content of the remainder of the directory. For those of you who had photos taken but did not purchase additional pictures, your free 8x10 is available in the work sacristy behind Our Lady of Lourdes altar. Please sign the sheets beside the photos to indicate that you have picked up your picture.

SUNDAY MISSAL – LIVING WITH CHRIST (2016-2017): The new Sunday Missal that begins with the first Sunday of Advent (November 27) will be available beginning next weekend. The price per missal is \$4.00. Limited quantity so don't delay in picking your up. **Please write your name in your missal so that it can be returned to you in the event it is left in church.**

VOCATION SEEDS: Wanted – humble Christians who know the forgiveness of God. These make good servants of the Gospel. They can be priests, deacons, sisters, or brothers. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

HAITI EMERGENCY! Donations to the special Haiti disaster relief fund can be made up until November 13. Please use one of the special disaster relief envelopes or use one of your own. Clearly mark either envelope "Haiti". All funds collected will be forwarded to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. (Please make cheques payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.)

WHY @ Breakfast



FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION: The Reformation from the Catholic Perspective and 50 years of Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue. Father Tim Hingston, the Ecumenical/Interfaith Officer of our Hamilton Diocese will be coming to Our Lady of Lourdes. He will speak on the new understanding of the events since Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses and how Catholics may commemorate the 500th anniversary of Reformation next year with Christians all over the world. Join us on Saturday, October 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Doors open at 9 a.m. and light breakfast is available. Bring a friend! Interested? Please send a note to whyatbreakfast@gmail.com or leave message with OLOL parish office at 519-886-0342. For more info, see whyatbreakfast.com.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH: The marriage of Craig Richie and Ana Roque Santos will be celebrated on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE invites all parishioners to an informative evening to bring this Year of Mercy to a close. On Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall Margot Vanderlaan and Connie Dwyer from Innisfree/Lisaard House will be talking about the palliative care services they offer. As death is a normal part of life their focus is on "Making Moments Matter" and helping people to die with dignity. You will learn about the loving support they give individuals and their families at the end of life's journey. Bring your decorating skills and creative ideas for the second portion of the evening as we will be having fun fashioning "Sparkling Pumpkins" while enjoying delicious treats and refreshments.



COATS FOR KIDS



As the winter season approaches, once again the Kitchener Knights of Columbus want to help by providing warm winter coats to children through our Coats for Kids program. Many families with young children are financially challenged today and you can help by supporting this K of C program to meet their needs. A box will be in the lobby of the church on the weekends of October 29/30 and November 5/6 for your gently used or new coats. The Waterloo Region Catholic Schools will be contacted to aid the Knights to ensure those youngsters will be warm this winter. If you are a family in need, please call the K of C at 519-893-1504. We hope our gift will bring warmth to the bodies, hearts and souls of these precious young people.



FANTASTIC FAITH FINDERS YOUTH GROUP: Our next meeting will be held on Friday, October 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the church hall. If you are in grades 5-8 and are able to come out for an evening of faith, friendship, and fun, please RSVP to Tiffany at tscott1201@rogers.com. Hope to see you there!!

THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much for your generous sharing of clothing, shoes, soap etc. for [Canadian Food for Children](http://CanadianFoodforChildren.org). May the Lord bless you for your care for his beloved poor.

Love and prayers,
Brad & Cecilia Caesar

The [St. Vincent de Paul Society](http://St.VincentdePaulSociety.org) would like to thank everyone who donated food for our Thanksgiving food drives. Our supplies were low, and these generous donations will help us feed those in need in our area for the next several months. Our parish food collection totalled 1,400 pounds. Holy Rosary School and Our Lady of Lourdes School collected 505 and 324 pounds of groceries respectively.