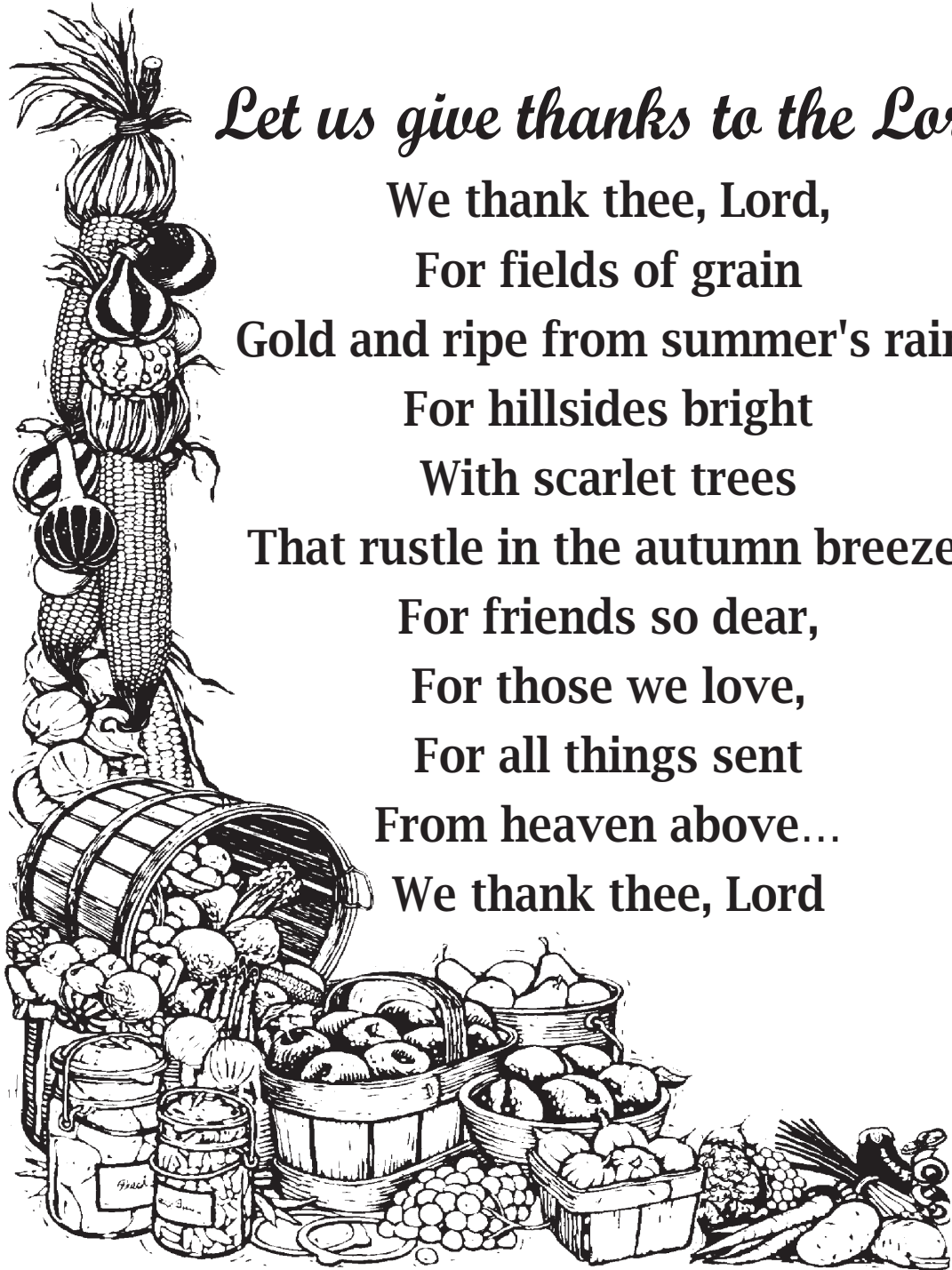


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*Let us give thanks to the Lord*

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 friends so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent

From heaven above...

We thank thee, Lord

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK



**MONDAY, October 9<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day**

9:00am Intentions of Necita

**TUESDAY, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am + Velasta Valstimila  
+ Vincent Toan Dinh  
Deceased Members of Troy and Barry Families  
Intentions of Therese Tran  
Intentions of Necita  
7:00pm Deceased Members of CWL

**WEDNESDAY, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am All Holy Souls  
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm + Fausto Tabor  
+ Emil and Connie Flores  
+ Ralph and Amelia Sare  
+ Raul Flores  
For Good Health of Eugenia and Tadeusz Lyko

**THURSDAY, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am + Jeanne D’Arc Truong This Sen

**FRIDAY, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am + George Terrey  
7:00pm + Dionisio Pachelo and Daughters

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

9:00am Intentions of Nguyen, King and Duong Families  
5:00pm + Anthony and John Baptist Tran

**SUNDAY, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Deceased and Living Members of Da Maren Family  
10:15am Intentions of Nhan Tran  
12:00noon Deceased Members of Varghese Family

*May God’s peace be with those who have recently died, especially ARTHUR PIACAMPO and those being persecuted for their faith & race, and those killed in natural disasters & their families. Please remember our parishioners who are sick and homebound and those in our Prayer Network in your prayers.*

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 8, 2023**

Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, religious, or consecrated virgin? 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) [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

Week of October 8, 2023

**Candle #1 – INTS of NECITA**

**Candle #2 – INTS of MOISES MARTINS**

Please use the envelopes provided or one of your own to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle. The requested offering is \$10 each. You may place the envelope in the collection or drop it in the Parish Office.



**COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK**

Sunday Envelope Offering Sept 30/Oct 1	\$5,632.45
Building Fund Month of September	\$703.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$998.00

Thank you for your contribution and God Bless!

If you would like a receipt for your contribution, we need your name & full address. If you would like envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations, please call the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION**

Today’s Gospel is about the tenants of a vineyard refusing to give the harvest owed to the landlord. I am one of those tenants. Now, it’s tempting to say, “That isn’t me,” but the deeper reflection is to find the ways it is saying something about how I respond to God’s gifts in my life. Can I see myself being given all that I have, to tend and grow and offer back to God? These gifts – my family, my work, my talents, my possessions – are in my care, not for myself but to be offered back as a gift. I owe my deep gratitude and the fruits of all my labour back to God “the landowner” and my ever-generous parent. But I get caught up in my own selfishness and pride. In what ways do I feel entitled to all that I possess? How much do I consider the sharing of these things as giving from “my gifts?” In this parable, Jesus if the son sent and rejected. I am being asked this day to further set aside my focus on self-interest and turn my focus to Jesus. I know in the end of the story – it is generosity and love. Jesus, even after being rejected and set aside, reconciles all of humanity to God. In what ways can I welcome Jesus today?  
*Excerpt from Living with Christ*

**FORMED PRESENTS:  
ETERNAL REST – The Art of  
Dying Well**

Eternal Rest explores the mystery of death, the afterlife and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. Furthermore, the art of dying well is also the art of living well. By understanding who we are and what we are made for, we can order our lives and values according to God’s design for our true fulfillment. Join us to watch this series and experience the art of living well: St Joseph Parish Hall, October 5, 19, 26 and November 2 at 7pm. Please contact Tracy at the parish office to register. Study books will be provided.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE -UPCOMING EVENTS**

The October CWL General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023 with Mass at 7:00 p.m.** followed by our

meeting in the Church Hall. We welcome our speakers Teresa DiFalco and Laura Grint from CWL Diocesan.

**November is CWL Membership Drive Month.** Dues are \$35.00 for the year and may be placed into the collection at Mass, paid at our Meeting or dropped off at the Parish Office. All Ladies in our Parish are invited to join us at a meeting to explore future membership.

**SAVE THE DATE** - The Annual CWL Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

**CWL Christmas Bazaar** tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office or by contacting Wendy Synnott @ 519-222-2848.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – FAMILY BINGO**

Come out and join the Knights of Columbus sponsored Fun Family Bingo nights - **Saturday October 21, 2023** in the parish hall. Doors open at 6pm. Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm, so arrive early to save your spot! Please bring your own snacks, drinks, bingo dabbers, tape and markers. Entrance fee is \$2.00 (to cover expenses). Bring your family and friends for a fun evening!

### **Adult and Youth LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

**Sponsored by: BLD-GVO St. Joseph Guelph DIP**

Starting **October 6<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 on FRIDAY's** (October 6th at 7:00 p.m., other Fridays @ 8:00 p.m.) for those 14-18yrs (youth) and 18-and older (adults). **LSS Proper Weekend: November 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at St. Peter School, 150 Westwood Road, Guelph. It will be held at St Joseph Church Hall. FREE OF CHARGE.** If you know of anyone interested and who would benefit from this seminar or need further information and/or, to register, please call or e-mail: Siby and Felicita Verghese: 519-835-6571 or ([uluthuva@gmail.com](mailto:uluthuva@gmail.com)); Ed and Susan Reyes: 519-821-7555 or ([sl.reyes@hotmail.com](mailto:sl.reyes@hotmail.com)); St. Joseph Rectory: 519-822-4614 (Tracy) or ([stjosephguelph@rogers.com](mailto:stjosephguelph@rogers.com)).

### **MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP**

If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest, please join me, Father Mark Morley, and other men who are discerning their vocation, by attending our diocesan Men's Discernment Group. Our first meeting for the Fall will be held on Friday, October 20th at 7:00pm at St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo, ON. We will gather in the hall. Please use the side doors at the front of the church. If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please contact me: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

### **MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY –**

**A Joyful Vision of Life and Death**

Our life is a short opportunity to say yes to God's love. Our death is a full coming home to that love. Do we desire to come home? It seems that most of our efforts are aimed at delaying this homecoming as long as possible.

Writing to the Christians at Philippi, the apostle Paul shows a radically different attitude. He says: "I want to be gone and be with Christ, and this is by far the stronger desire—and yet for your sake to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need." Paul's deepest desire is to be completely united with God through Christ and that desire makes him look at death as a "positive gain." His other desire, however, is to stay alive in the body and fulfill his mission. That will offer him an opportunity for fruitful work.

We are challenged once again to look at our lives from above. When, indeed, Jesus came to offer us full communion with God,

by making us partakers of his death and resurrection, what else can we desire but to leave our mortal bodies and so reach the final goal of our existence? The only reason for staying in this valley of tears can be to continue the mission of Jesus who has sent us into the world as his Father sent him into the world. Looking from above, life is a short, often painful mission, full of occasions to do fruitful work for God's kingdom, and death is the open door that leads into the hall of celebration where the king himself will serve us.

It all seems such an upside-down way of being! But it's the way of Jesus and the way for us to follow. There is nothing morbid about it. To the contrary, it's a joyful vision of life and death.

**For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. PHILIPPIANS 1:21 (NIV)**

### **Affordable Housing Crisis in Guelph**

Every day, we hear about the lack of housing in our community. The St. Vincent de Paul Social Justice Committee is looking at how we can assist in increasing the amount of affordable housing in our community for those in need. Interested in learning more? Please contact St. Vincent de Paul by leaving a message at 519-836-6806 and register for the information night being held Thursday, October 19, 2023 at Basilica of Our Lady at 7pm.

### **CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP**

The Catholic Moms Group Ministry at **St. John the Baptist Parish** is geared towards uplifting the Vocation of Motherhood. Meetings take place on the **first Wednesday of Every Month from 4:30pm to 6:00pm**. It takes a village to raise children, and as Moms we are not meant to figure it all out on our own. All moms welcome!

### **YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHTS**

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph), and on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** at Saint Pius X Church (9 Waverly Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### **SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO**

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm - October 17, November 21, and December 19, 2023. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) of St. Michael Church, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)

### **PILGRIMAGE to EGYPT and HOLY LAND**

This 12-day excursion begins **February 18 to February 29, 2024** under the spiritual leadership of Fr Jeff Bergsma. Your journey will begin in Cairo, Egypt and ending in the ancient city of Jerusalem. For more information, please see insert in this week's bulletin or by going to International Heritage Tours website: <https://www.ih Tours.com/tour/pilgrimage-to-egypt-holy-land-5>. The price for this pilgrimage is \$4590.00, which includes: hotel, transportation during excursion, breakfast, dinner and taxes.





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