

St. Gregory the Great Parish

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Proper Bulletin will return soon. Issues with Microsoft Publisher files



Tuesday, October 27

7:00 pm + Cecilia Rebelo
+ Joan McGinnis
+ Bernadino Resendes and Family
For All unborn children

Wednesday, October 28

8:15 am Int. of Cecilia Ceron Reis

Thursday, October 29

8:15 am Int. of Bernadette and Todd

Friday, October 30

8:15 am + Joan McGinnis

Saturday, October 31

5:00 pm + Roberto Barbosa and family
+ Robert Caron
+ Fred Eagle
+ Indra Sirju
+ Maria Angelina Amaral and family

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day

10:00 am Int. of all Parishioners

• Loving One's Neighbor

Rev. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

Traditionally, **Shema Yisrael** (or The Shema – Ex 6: 4- 9) is the prayer every Jew prayed twice a day. It is a prayer which is seen as their Profession of Faith. Many devout Jews recite this prayer as the last recitation at the time of their death. This prayer has something unique – it reminds everyone of the unconditional and merciful love of God and exhorts individuals to live their entire life according to this God's unfathomable love. It calls upon everyone to make this profession everyday, keeping in mind all the precepts of God and how it affects our life spiritually, physically, and financially. That means we need to respond to God's everlasting love with all that we have, including our wealth and possession.

In today's Gospel passage, a lawyer asked Jesus, "which commandment in the law is the greatest?" (Mt. 22:36). The question seemed to be a straightforward one. Many rabbis tried to discover that one commandment which encompasses all teachings of the scriptures. Rabi Hillel taught, "Don't do to your neighbour what you don't like done to you! This is the whole law, all the rest is a commentary". But Jesus goes back to the fundamental teaching of the Hebrew scripture and takes it from the Shema, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your

heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Mt. 22: 37). Then, he explains what is implied in the command from another scripture from Leviticus 19:18 "Love your neighbour as yourself".

What makes one a neighbour? For a Jew, at a post-exilic time, a neighbour is a fellow Jew. But for Jesus, as we have seen in Luken Gospel, a neighbor is the one who is in need. A dying person on the road to Jericho, the widow who lost her only son, the begging Bartimaeus on the roadside... all are neighbours.

In the First Reading, Moses specifically gives directives to the people of Israel to take care of the aliens living in their Land. In those days, those people who happened to lose their homeland due to war or other reasons, faced many challenges to live normal lives. Most of the time they were not welcomed by others, were abused and/or persecuted. Hence, Moses tells them to treat these aliens as fellow human beings. He reminds them that they themselves were, one-time aliens in Egypt.

Both the Old and the New Testaments constantly remind us that we need to be considerate to widows, orphans, and strangers. In a way, it is telling us that we must pay attention to those people who are vulnerable and need our love to live in human dignity. It is constantly calling us to identify our neighbour who may be living near our doorstep

Christmas Shoe Boxes – empty shoe boxes still available at the main entrance. Flyer with instruction by the boxes. If you have completed your shoe box, please return.

Halloween Candy: Place leftover Halloween candy in the buckets found at both entrances to the church. – Candy will be sent to hospitals to encourage the very sick children to take their medications. Part of the Christmas Shoe Box campaign.

Angel tree – It's time to start planning for our Annual Angel Tree. We are looking for your help. A meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30 in the parish hall to organize this event. Let's get ready for Christmas. Contact the office if you are not able to attend this meeting.

Walk with Jesus – A Retreat Day for Parents Who Have Experienced the Death of a Child – The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for this educational and healing day. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we know this day will help to restore your inner peace. The retreat will be offered from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, November 7th at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. The \$20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required so we can plan for handouts and food. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the retreat date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Marriage Enrichment Healthy marriages matter in so many ways! Proven benefits include: having a support system, learning to grow with another, having increased happiness levels and many physical benefits proven in research. Keeping your marriage healthy and strong requires love, but also time spent fine tuning your marriage and reconnecting. Join us November 21st for a day to reconnect and spend 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