St. Gregory the Great Parish

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NEWS – November 1, 2026

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Tuesday, November 3
7:00 pm **+ David Whitehead**
+ Joan McGinnis
+ Maria Conceicao Fontes
Int. of Adhemar Altieri and family

Wednesday, November 4
8:15 am **Int. of Bernadette and Todd**
6:30 pm **Confirmation Parent Meeting (St. Agustine and St. Gregory's schools)**

Thursday, November 5
8:15 am **+Joan McGinnis**
+ Antonio and Maria Fontes and Family

Friday, November 6
8:15 am **+ Jose Pereira**
Int. of Fr. Israel Gonsalves
11:00 am **Mass for Catholic Home-Schooled Children -All Are Welcome**

Saturday, November 7
5:00 pm **+ John Botelho**
+ Maria Julia Fonseca
+ Isa Milani
Int. of Vanderlei Milani
For all Souls in Purgatory
For the Beatification of Frank Duff (founder of Legion of Mary)

Sunday, November 8
10:00 am **Int. of all Parishioners**

All Saints Day

Recently, I had the opportunity to sit with a man in the hospital who was facing imminent death. He had come to the hospital to be examined for the pain in his stomach. When I entered his room, he was resting on the hospital bed, preparing for death, as he had been told that he would not live much longer because his cancer had spread throughout his abdomen.

This man, who was in his late fifties, asked me to sit beside him so that he could pour out his emotions as he browsed through the memories of the long corridors of his past life. Time and again, he asked himself, "Will I be able to face God? Will I be shown mercy?" In a word, his regret was that he had failed to become a saint.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. All these saints show us the many different ways of becoming saints in our lives. Many of them were quite ordinary people who lived simple lives. Today, we especially remember those saints who, in total anonymity, lived extraordinarily holy lives. Some of them may have come to our parishes and sat in the same pews where we are sitting today. Some may have been our own parents or grandparents, while others may have lived in our own neighbourhoods. By honouring them today, we are encouraged to follow in their footsteps.

Today's first reading is from the Book of Revelation, written by John to the suffering Church in Asia Minor. The Christians were being persecuted, probably under the reign of Emperor Domitian. John had a vision in which he saw the end of all persecution, for God had willed to bring justice to the world. Heaven had already proclaimed the song of victory, and all those who had remained faithful to God would be vindicated. The martyrs who died for their faith were exalted: "These are they who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev 7:14). In the early Church, primarily to encourage others to persevere through persecution, only those who died as martyrs for the sake of their faith were proclaimed saints.

Today's Gospel presents us with the simplest ways to become saints. The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' teaching. They teach us how to become like Jesus himself. Jesus lived out all the Beatitudes in his own life, and now he invites us to follow in his footsteps. He invites us to become poor in spirit, to mourn for those who suffer, to be meek and humble, and to become peacemakers, among other things. Jesus knows well, and we too know, that following these teachings will lead us to the Cross, the very path through which we find our sainthood and salvation.

Jesus promises that if we strive to become saints and to be perfect, just as our heavenly Father is perfect (Matt 5:48), we will be called children of God, we will inherit the Kingdom of God, we will be comforted, our deepest spiritual hunger will be satisfied, and we will see God.

Becoming saints, therefore, is the primary duty of every Christian.

Christmas Shoe Boxes – Please return them this weekend. On **November 3**, they will be packed and prepared for shipment.

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.

"Msgr. Paul J. Meyer **Knights of Columbus Council 4916** welcomes all Brothers to our November Meeting on Thursday November 12 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church.
Please come and join your Brother Knights for fellowship and Faith in Action "
Paul O'Neill, FDD, PGK, Communication Director

Permanent Deacon Information Session:
Are you interested in the Diaconate and want more information? Two Information Sessions available: 1) Nov. 22nd, 2026, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 620 Rymal Rd. E, Hamilton after 11am mass.
2. Dec 6th, 2026, at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener after 11am mass.
You are welcome to attend the 11am Sunday Mass where Deacon Tom Vert, the Associate Director of the Deacon program will be preaching. Gather in the parish Hall for a short presentation and then a question-and-answer session, with light refreshments.
For information about this session, feel free to contact: Deacon Tom Vert at tvert@hamiltondiocese.com OR Fr. Mark Gatto, Director of the Deacon Formation Program, mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com.

Heartache to Healing: Grief Support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. The program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster. All who have suffered a loss are welcome does not mater how much time has passed. More info at https://www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support

November is the month to remember our Beloved Deceased. Our Book of Life can be found at the main entrance of the church. All are invited to write the names of deceased family and friends who will then be remember during our Masses in November.