St. Gregory the Great Parish

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NEWS – November 8, 2026

Proper Bulletin will return soon. Issues with Microsoft Publisher files



Tuesday, November 10
7:00 pm **+ Delfim, Constantina and Maria Lourdes Da Rosa**
+ Joan McGinnis
+ Eric Lozano
For all Deceased members of St. Gregory Parish

Wednesday, November 11
8:15 am **Int. of Bernadette and Todd**

Thursday, November 12
8:15 am **+ Frank Da Rosa**

10:30 **Mass at Stirling Heights**

Friday, November 13
8:15 am **+ Joan McGinnis**

Saturday, November 14
5:00 pm **+ Antonio Pereira**
+ Rosanna Morretti
+ Maria Lourdes Da Rosa Moura
+ Cecilia Rebelo
+ Joan and Ross Ditner and Family

Sunday, November 15
10:00 am **Int. of all Parishioners**

Where Is Your Flask of Oil? By Fr Ranjan D'Sa, OCD

This week's liturgy invites us to pay attention to our human frailty and specifically our mortality. Death is a part of human life – we are all born to die. I often meet people on the verge of their death. Some are scared to die, others feel unprepared and anxious, some don't want to let go of this world – their belongings including family and their lives – but a few are calm and are able to face their inevitable death. Peace comes to us when we are in touch with our humanness and count on the blessings that come from our Maker – our God. When we know in the depths of our being that our God is a loving and caring God, we are free from every fear. Psalm 23 affirms, "Even though, I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me" (v 4).

Saint Paul wrote his letter to the Thessalonians around 48 AD. At that time Christians believed in the imminent second coming of Christ, known as Parousia. Because of this belief, there arose some practical problems. Many stopped working and spent time praying and preparing for Parousia. The second problem was more theological – what will happen to those who have already died and gone before? For Paul, when Jesus comes in Glory, the dead will have already been raised to new life. So, Paul emphasizes our need to prepare for the day of the Lord's coming without neglecting any responsibilities in this world for our neighbours and for ourselves.

The Gospel of Mathew was written around 70 AD which addresses a similar problem. Now, a lot of time is passed from the death and resurrection of Christ. His expected Parousia did not actualize and as a result, some have felt discouraged, others felt cheated and left their faith. Here, Matthew uses this parable of Jesus advising the believers to keep themselves ready for meeting Christ. He adds a saying of Jesus at the end of the parable for emphasis, saying, "So, stay awake because you do not know either the day or the hour". (Mt. 25: 13).
The First Reading from Wisdom literature creates a good balance. The wisdom that comes from God can help every person to find joy in life. Wisdom is a gift from God that teaches us to choose right things and to do it well. Like the five wise virgins who carried their flask of oil, we are advised to bring with us our good works with diligent vigilance to the wedding banquet of heaven.

Remembrance Day November 11 - Author Eugene Aucoin presents us with an important question: Those who gave their lives for us did not do so just so we could enjoy comfort. They died so that we might live with courage, compassion and responsibility. Their sacrifice challenges us to ask: **What will we do with the freedom we have been given?**... Remembrance thus calls us to gratitude. Gratitude reshapes how we live, because when we are grateful for freedom, we use it responsibly; when grateful for peace, we work to protect it; and when grateful for sacrifice, we honour it by living with integrity and compassion.
May we, by living our daily lives in gratitude and integrity, honour the lives of the fallen for the gift of freedom they gave us.

Book of Life: Our Book of Life is available to enter your loved ones who have passed away. Whether your loss is more immediate and you are struggling with feelings of grief, loss and hopelessness, or if you are simply commemorating special anniversaries of loved ones. November brings opportunities to pause, reflect and pray.
We have loved Them during life, let us not abandon Them until we have conducted Them by our prayers into the House of the Lord. (Saint Ambrose)

Halloween Candy: We will continue to collect candy which will be sent to hospitals in Third World Countries. Candy encourages the very sick children to take their medications. White buckets are found in the entrances.

K of C News - Join Brother Knights for our November meeting, Thursday,Nov. 12 at 7:00pm come and share your ideas for this year. We look forward to your attendance and don't forget your name tag so our new Brothers know you by name.
Please note our annual Memorial Mass with the Catholic Women's League Members from our parishes will be held at St Mary Church on Tuesday November 24 at 7:00 pm. Hope all will be able to attend as we honour our deceased members from both groups. Facebook Page ID: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574810413544

Permanent Deacon Information Session:
Are you interested in the Diaconate. Information Sessions: Nov. 22nd, 2026, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 620 Rymal Rd. E, Hamilton after 11am mass. OR Dec 6th, 2026, at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener after 11am mass.
Attend the 11am Sunday Mass, 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.
Or feel free to contact: Deacon Tom Vert at tvert@hamiltondiocese.com OR Fr. Mark Gatto, Director of the Deacon Formation Program, mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com.

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life.* John 6.27