

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

September 15 - 18, 2026

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+ Paul Spanik + Tony Viera + John & Mike Krivec
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	† Sr. Terasita McNally
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+ Derek & Thelma Shimmin
Friday	8:30 a.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory

Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

September 19, 2026

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Charlotte Feegrade † Eileen Fry † Huguette Costello
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VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

September 14 - 19, 2026

Mon.	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tue.	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
Wed.	Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel, C.S.M.A.
Thur.	Rev. Ignatius Saiki, O.P.
Fri.	Rev. Romelito Guillen
Sat.	Rev. Thomas Manninezath, C.M.I.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 13, 2026

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you to consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SUNDAY FUNNY



SUNDAY CONNECTION

Jesus teaches us to forgive as God has forgiven us

A warm welcome to St Patrick's parish community. This brief reflection for Sunday's reading to help us to focus on God's abundant mercy. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

Friends, there is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives. A call to be generous towards others when it comes to forgive.

Fr. Jerome Mascarenhas



BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

The **Knights of Columbus at St. Patrick's Parish** have scheduled their next bottle drive to help support various charities and organizations within our Parish Community.

The next bottle drive will be on **September 12/13 Saturday 10 – 12 noon and Sunday after all Masses.**

Please bring your empty beer bottles and beer/liquor cans, wine bottles, wine tetra boxes, liquor bottles, bladders from boxed wine—anything you paid a deposit on. Please note, pop cans and random glass bottles go in your home recycling bin and cannot be returned for refund.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

September 12th & 13th, 2026

Saint Patrick's St. Vincent de Paul Society is preparing for the Fall Collection to support our neighbours in need. Donation envelopes will be handed out in the foyer before and after each Mass this weekend. If you are enclosing a cash donation and would like to receive a tax receipt, please be sure to include your full name and address on the donation envelope. Cheques can be made payable to Saint Patrick's St. Vincent De Paul Society. Tax receipts will be issued on an annual basis. Thanks so much for your ongoing interest and support. Your generosity makes this assistance possible.





THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

We are excited to remind everyone that **our parish offers FREE access to FORMED.org** — an incredible online Catholic resource that has something for **everyone** in the family! **What is FORMED?** FORMED is like a **CATHOLIC NETFLIX**, offering Engaging **videos and movies** for children, teens, and adults Beautiful **sacramental preparation programs** (used in our parish for **First Communion, Youth Group, and Bible Studies**) **Documentaries, audio talks, books, and daily reflections** to help you grow in your faith **How to Use It** It's **completely free** for our parishioners! Access it on your **computer, smartphone, tablet, or smart TV** — anytime, anywhere. Go to www.FORMED.org Click **"Find Your Parish Subscription"** at the top Find our parish name, St. Patrick, **by using the postal code, L7L 4L8, don't forget the space**, and then follow the steps to create your personal account. Whether you're just starting your faith journey or looking to go deeper, FORMED has something for you. Don't miss out on this amazing gift for you and your family!

CHARTWELL LAKESHORE

OPEN HOUSE

Chartwell Lakeshore Open House: You are warmly invited to join us for our Open House at Chartwell Lakeshore on **September 18 & 19 between 10am-4pm**. Guests will have the opportunity to tour the residence, meet the team, and learn more about the lifestyle and options we have available. No appointment is necessary, please feel free to drop in at your convenience. Everyone is welcome! Come experience the joy of everyday life at Chartwell Lakeshore.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

CONFERENCE 2026

The Young Adults are organizing the annual Conference on **Saturday, September 19th @ St. Raphael Parish** from **9:30am to 7:00pm**. During the conference we will have spiritual talks, praise and worship band, Art Booths, Adoration, confession and Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. The theme for the conference will be "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12) We encourage all the young adults (singles and married) ages 19 to 40 years to join in for this conference. Price is \$25.00. Please spread the word and encourage young adults to join for a spiritual renewal experience. For more information, please visit our website: Catholic Young Adult Conference.

FALL BOOK CLUB

Into the Heart of Middle-Earth! Step into the rich world of J.R.R. Tolkien and discover how his stories illuminate timeless truths about faith, hope, virtue, and Christian life. Join our book club exploring *Into the Heart of Middle-Earth* by Kaitlyn Facista, together we'll uncover the spiritual themes woven throughout Tolkien's beloved work and reflect on what they can teach us about following Christ today. Registration and information can be found <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/fall-book-club/>.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING "MAiD"

Creating a Culture of Faith-Based Care in Family and Community on **Wednesdays, September 23, 30, and October 7, from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at St. Michael's Church**, 181 Sewell Dr., Oakville you are all invited to three nights of formation and community engagement on the topics of health advocacy, legal planning, and moral theology as they relate to the subject of "medical assistance in dying" also known as 'MAiD'. In a world filled with disordered values and perspectives on the sacredness of life, these three nights offer the opportunity to dive deeper into our Catholic faith to shed light upon the human and spiritual devastation of "MAiD".

HEARTS RENEWED: A Franciscan Retreat Day As we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi during this Jubilee Year dedicated to his witness, you are invited to step away from the demands of ministry and spend a weekend renewing your heart in God's presence. Inspired by the life of St. Francis—whose joyful simplicity, deep love for Christ, and compassionate service transformed the Church—this retreat offers time for prayer, silence, reflection, community, and rest. Together we will rediscover the joy of our baptismal call and be renewed for the work of evangelization and service entrusted to us. Whether you serve in parish ministry, Catholic education, chaplaincy, or diocesan leadership, this retreat is an opportunity to be refreshed spiritually and return to your ministry with renewed hope, peace, and joy. **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (715 Centre Rd, Waterdown) Saturday, October 3, 2026 9:00 -3:00 pm.**

Register <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/hearts-renewed-a-st-francis-retreat-for-those-inministry/>

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 healing day. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we know this day will help to restore your inner core. **The retreat will be offered from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 10 or Saturday, November 7th.** The \$20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required for set up and lunch. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the date of the retreat), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

MULTICULTURAL MASS

All are warmly invited to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our Diocese at the Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., Bishop of Hamilton, and followed by a multicultural celebration in McNally Hall. All are welcome!