

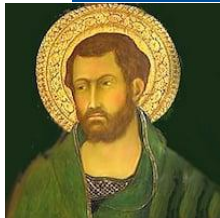


MASS INTENTION FOR THIS WEEK

October 27 – November 2, 2025

- Monday** Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
8:00 am – Teresa & Giulio Santini
Lancelot Long
- Tuesday** Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
8:00 am – Irene Priesman
Mary Gabriel
- Wednesday** Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30
8:00 am – Gail Cherrington
- Thursday** Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:1-35
8:00 am - Rosaria & Maria Dominica Parillo
Judith & Frank Correia
- Friday** Rom 9:10-5; Lk 14:1-6
8:00 am - Special Intention Simon Park
- Saturday** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
8:00 am - Michelina Ranalli & Family
- 5:30 pm - Our Parish Community
- Sunday** Wis 3:1-9; Rev 21:1-5a,6b-7; Lk 7:11-17
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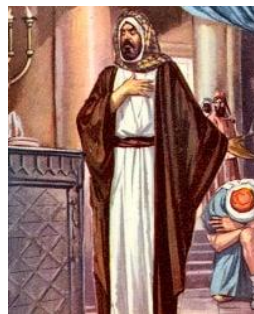
October 28, Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles



However meagre in details is the history of these glorious apostles, we learn from their brief legend how amply they contributed to this great work of generating sons of God. Without any repose, and even to the shedding of their blood, they "edified the body of Christ";

and the grateful Church thus prays to our Lord today: "O God, through the work of the apostles you have spoken your Word of love, your Son, into our world's deafness. Open our ears to hear; open our hearts to heed; open our will to obey, that we may proclaim the good news with our lives."

Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude: O God, who by the blessed Apostles have brought us to acknowledge your name, graciously grant, through the intercession of Saints Simon and Jude, that the Church may constantly grow by increase of the peoples who believe in you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



Jesus addressed this parable: "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even

like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

This week at St. James		
Tue Oct 28	6:30 pm	Confirmation Meeting
Fri Oct 31	8:30 am – noon	Adoration in Chapel
Sat Nov 1	10:00 – 12:30 4:00 -5:00 pm	Enrichment Program Confessions

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we pray for:

- Oct 27 – Rev. John Ha
- Oct 28 – Rev. John Schnurr
- Oct 29 – Pallottine Fathers, S.A.C.
- Oct 30 – Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel
- Oct 31 – Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C.
- Nov 1 – All Saints Day

WANTED: Humble sinners who know the forgiveness of God. These make good servants of the Gospel. They can be priests, deacons, brothers or sister. If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Prayer for Vocations:

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever . Amen.

Sunday Collection \$3,474.45
\$2,316.00 in env 133, avg \$17.41, loose \$1,158.45
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Ex Corde Grant

We would like to thank the Ex Corde Foundation, that functions under the leadership of Bishop Crosby, for the grant we received to help with the cost of painting the nave of the church. The new paint has brightened our church and enhances the celebration of the Liturgy. We are very grateful for their generosity. May God bless all the members of the Foundation in their work and charity.

A WALK WITH JESUS RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph from 9 am to 4 pm on November 22nd (lunch is included). Registration is required Register at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night begins at (6:30pm and concludes with prayer at 9:00 p.m. on **Saturday, November 1st** at St. Basil’s Church (50 Palace Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: For information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or visit, <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

MOVE CLOCKS BACK!

On **Sunday November 2** we will go back to Eastern Standard Time. Remember to set you **clocks back 1 hour** when you go to bed on Saturday night.



“ Righteousness Through Humility ”

Why did the tax collector in today's Gospel go home justified by God? God hates sin, but He loves sinners, especially those who are ready to repent. The tax collector humbled himself before God, knowing he was a sinner. As he confessed, he showed deep remorse. Because of his humility and sincere repentance, God justified him.

The Pharisee in this story shows two kinds of religious pride: relying on his own righteousness and looking down on others. These often go together. The Pharisee's prayer shows he not only believed he was righteous, but also bragged about it to God and others. It's striking that his pride comes out during religious activities. He starts his prayer by thanking God, but then talks only about himself, using the word “I” five times. Shouldn't thanksgiving focus on what God has done for us?

Some of us might easily spot the Pharisee's mistake and wonder why he acted that way. But if we were in his place, we might do the same or worse. The second kind of pride is looking down on others. It's not wrong to know the truth or to recognize when we are right before God. Jesus said the tax collector went home justified. What matters is understanding where our righteousness comes from. We don't earn it; we receive it. God gives righteousness to those who admit they are not righteous. This is a wonderful paradox: those who admit their unworthiness before God will be lifted up, while those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

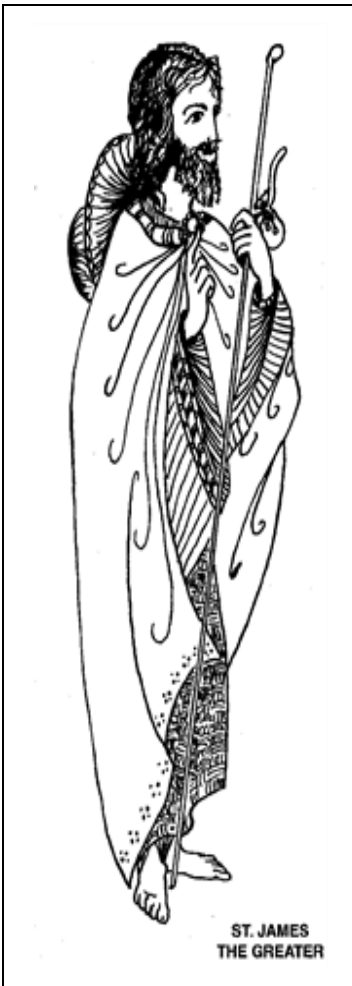
His prayer was short and simple: “O God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” He only asked for God's mercy, without making excuses or trying to defend himself. His request came from a sense of unworthiness before God. This is the attitude God wants from us.

Today, we should have the same attitude. The righteousness we have in Christ is a gift, not something we earn. We receive it through true faith, by admitting our unworthiness and that we cannot make ourselves righteous before God. So, it is right for us to stay humble before Him.

Fr. Joselito Ortega, C.R.S.P.

Mark your calendars:

We will have our annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, November 23 from 9:00 to 1:00pm in the gym of Thomas Merton Adult Centre.



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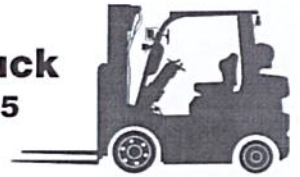
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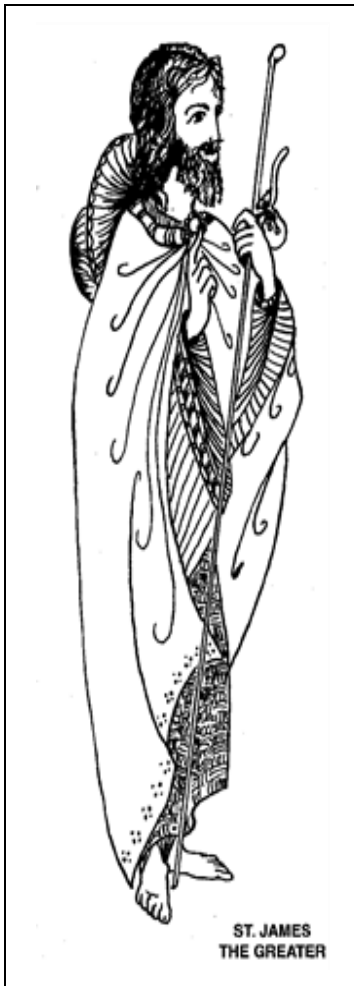
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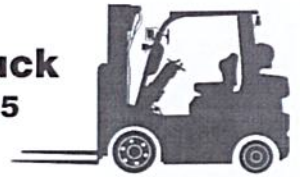
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