

St. Joseph Parish



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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements for Baptismal Preparation two months in advance. All baptisms are celebrated on the following dates:

Jan 9/10	May 22/23	Oct 23/24
Feb 13/14	June 26/27	Nov 13/14
No March Baptisms	Aug 14/15	Dec 11/12
April 17/18	Sept 18/19	

Sacrament of Marriage

Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

Children's Liturgies (September to June)

Children from J/K to grade 2 (pre First Eucharist age). Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Hall during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

Pastoral Council

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Father Bob Liddy, C.R.
519-885-0331 ext 312
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905-528-0138

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

LAY MINISTERS for MARCH 13 / 14			
	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Lilli Schikolenko Cathy Brogly Rose O'Connor	Mary Tompkins Amy Maggio Denise Campuzano	Jennifer Weir Nick Kovacs Annette Mihic
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Third Sunday of Lent

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

GET YOUR TICKETS! Our annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 14. This is a long standing tradition to commemorate St Joseph's Feast Day which is on March 19. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. They are available after Mass each week.

Once again the ladies of the CWL are offering Lenten breakfast for the children who attend 8:00 a.m. Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent. Check the school schedule as breakfasts will not be served on PA days or during March break.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

CRUTCHES AND BAGS - Please support struggling Haitians: There is an urgent need for CRUTCHES of all sizes to protect the integrity of stump sites for future successful prosthesis. Calling all who can sew sturdy BAGS WITH HANDLES (upholstery material or leatherette). These will be used at food distribution centres when 100 lb bags are broken down into family sized portions. MANY THANKS!

ADOPTION BUILDS FAMILIES

Have you ever considered adoption? Would you like to hear more about the adoption process through the Catholic Aid Society of Hamilton? Please join our adoption staff for our information night on Wednesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Society, 735 King St. E. For further information call 905.525.2012 ext. 3125.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH ONGOING FOOD DRIVE

A reminder that St Joseph's Parish is holding an ongoing food drive. Non-perishable food items may be left in front of the Sacred Heart altar every Sunday. The Brothers of the Good Shepherd have graciously offered to pick up your donations and they join us in thanking you for helping to provide food for the hungry. The food items most desired by the Good Shepherd presently are peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned pasta, juice, canned tuna and salmon. Thank you for your generosity.

VON CAREGIVER SERIES

"FROM STRESS TO STRENGTH" SPRING 2010

If you are caring for a family member or friend with a long-term health condition, come to this workshop series. The sessions are informal. Bring your concerns and ideas. Fortino's Community Room; 65 Mall Road, Hamilton. Monday, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is required as spaces are limited. To register or for more information, call VON 905.523.1055

INVITING ALL ST. MARY SECONDARY SCHOOL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

St. Mary Catholic Secondary School will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary of Catholic Education from May 27 to 30, 2010. The celebration will begin on Thursday, **May 27th** with a May Crowning/40th Anniversary Mass at 9:30 a.m. for students, staff and parents, followed by a Gallery of Distinction Awards and Gala Dinner on Friday, May 28th, and alumni games and social events on Saturday, May 29th. The weekend will wrap up with a Closing Mass celebrating 40 Years in the Catholic Learning Community of Hamilton on Sunday, May 30th. All are welcome to attend. If you are interested in volunteering at any of these events, please call 905 528-0214, ext. 507. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

FAST FREE & CONFIDENTIAL INCOME TAX SERVICE

Volunteers with the Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be completing 2009 Income Tax Returns during March & April for low income Canadians, whose 2009 annual income was less than \$25,000 for singles, and around \$35,000 for families. This FREE income tax service runs from March 1st until April 19, 2010. Tax Clinics will be open every Monday morning, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and every Thursday afternoon, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, (Rm 3) 260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton. Your return will be Efiled to the CRA and your paperwork can be picked up a week later. For details contact volunteer Chris Dunn by phone at 905-525-8388 or by email at: cnjdunn@cogeco.ca



The OFFERTORY Collection
for **February 27 / 28** was **\$5,406.31**.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MONDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 Peder Larsen Sister Michael Sinclair

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

8:00 Rocco Pietroantonio Lina Pietrantonio

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

8 a.m. Robert Coons Patrice Graham
7 p.m. Evensong

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 Christine Cully Kathleen McGarr

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 Michael Martin Sernie Helen & Jerry Creedon

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

5:00 Giuseppe Narducci Lynda Narducci & Family
Intentions of Louis & Mary McKeon Jill McKeon

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

9:30 Peter Genua Maria Ennett & Family
11:30 For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish

Desk Scribbles . . . 3rd Sunday of Lent . . . March 7, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.
Exod 3:1-8,13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

In 1981, conservative Jewish rabbi, Harold Kushner wrote a book entitled *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* [Random House Inc.]. He dedicated the book to his son Aaron who died in 1977 at the age of 14 from the rapid aging disease called progeria. Kushner wrestled with the age old conundrum of trying to reconcile the problem of suffering and evil. If the universe is controlled and held in existence by a God whom we believe is all good, powerful and loving then why is there suffering and evil? Some years prior to this, novelist Thornton Wilder wrote *The Bridge over San Luis Rey* [Harper & Row, 1967] which accounts a priest's effort to prove that the reason a bridge collapsed with certain persons on it was to be found in the moral flaws in the lives of these persons. His efforts failed. More currently, some have wondered why the earthquakes devastated Haiti or Chile and could not God have prevented these things from happening?

In the gospel today, Jesus rejects all attempts at such calculations because they miss the point — the obligation of every person to live in penitence and trust before God without linking one's loyalty to God to life's sorrows or joys. All are to repent or perish.

I recalled in December 1999 having spirited discussions with friends of mine who were stockpiling water and food in preparation for the doom and devastation that was threatened to take place as the millennium began and the clock struck midnight moving us in the year 2000. All I kept thinking is that if we try our best to live good, upright and moral lives every day, we have nothing to fear; it does not matter when the end comes — or our death. The late Pope John XXIII said once that any day is a good day to be born and any day is a good day to die. I think you can only say that if you have faith. Jesus tells us elsewhere in the gospel that our death will come upon us like a thief in the night. It was a warning, as this Sunday's gospel is a warning, that we need to be ready. If we keep putting off what we need to do, we may never get the chance. Good intentions are not enough.

Our readings remind us that death comes to us all regardless of whether we are good or bad and that repentance is possible only on this side of the grave. "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." God has given us a chance to turn away from sin and be faithful now . . . today. The entire season of Lent provides us with the perfect time and tools to renew our commitment, to remember who we are a baptized people and to turn our lives back toward God with renewed fervor and conviction.

We have help in our endeavors as God the gardener patiently works with us, pruning, digging up and turning over the soil, fertilizing, watering and waiting patiently for us to grow and produce fruit. But time is marching on and even though God is willing to help us, we still have to make an effort. This Lent presents many opportunities for us to be better. What better time than now?

DID YOU KNOW...Richard Rolle of Hampole was born into a farming family about the year 1300 in Thornton, Yorkshire, England. Showing early promise as a scholar and intellectual, the generosity of a patron allowed him to begin studies at Oxford University. Finding the academic life not to his liking, he left the university and decided to become a hermit. After several years of contemplation and life as a mystic and writer, he began wandering across England, eventually settling in Hampole where he assisted the spiritual development of the nuns in a nearby Cistercian community. His writings include letters, scriptural commentaries and treatises on spiritual perfection. In *The Fire of Love*, Rolle describes his three types of mystical experiences: a physical warmth, a sense of wonderful sweetness, and a heavenly music that accompanied him as he chanted the Psalms. Richard Rolle is the author of the text of the Offertory motet sung at the 11:30 Mass this weekend, *Prayer to Jesus*, which was set to music by George Oldroyd.

LENTEN SCHEDULE Be sure to mark your calendars. The Lenten Reconciliation service will be held on Thursday, **March 25** at 7 p.m. Lenten schedules, listing the liturgies and activities taking place during Lent, are found at the doors of the church.

YOUTH MINISTRY The Youth Ministry has not had enough of this year's Olympic Games, so we are going to continue tonight with our own Wacky Olympics. Join us for a night of fun, some exercise and, hopefully, meet some new friends. Our youth from 10 to 17 years of age (and their friends) are invited to attend. This event will be held in the school gym from 7:00 until 8:30.

Kindergarten Registration The Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board is now accepting new registrations for Junior Kindergarten. Catholic Schools are ready to welcome your child to an academic, spiritual and social journey that will last a lifetime. An information package for parents/guardians is available upon request from your parish school.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCERY Congratulations and thanks have been extended to all who supported the Haiti relief fund. A total of \$1,315,797.63 has been raised to date. Of this total \$1,035,570.01 is for the work of the St. Joseph's Health System and \$280,167.62 is for Haiti relief work of the Canadian Catholic organization for Development and Peace.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Thomas Vermiglio, M.C.C.J., Fr. Denis Wilkinson, M.C.C.J., Soeurs du Sacre-Coeur de Jesus, (S.S.C.J.), Fr. Adrian Lee, Fr. George Nowak, C.R., and Fr. Jacek Mikulski, S.A.C.

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