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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday Closed

## WEEKEND LITURGY

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

## WEEKDAY LITURGY

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.  
Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon, and by appointment

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday evening Mass

## SACRED HEART DEVOTION

First Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

## BAPTISMS

Please take a baptism package from the tables in the church entrances.

## MARRIAGES

Please contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance.

## PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information or assistance contact our parish priest(s) or see [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)

## MINISTRY TO SICK/SHUT-INS

Please notify the Rectory Office and arrange Communion.

## CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family please advise the priest immediately and they will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial, contact the cemetery office at (905) 522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite you to take the time to complete a census form, located at all doors of the church. Please drop it into the collection basket.

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements MUST be received by the parish office no later than Monday at 3:30 p.m. to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday Bulletin.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS - 12 NOON**



# Mass Intentions

*"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

- John 20:29

## Monday April 24

Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8 - *No Mass*

## Tuesday April 25

1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20

7 PM - Catherine O'Connor

## Wednesday April 26

Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

9 AM - Kathleen McDonagh

## Thursday April 27

Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

9 AM - Soumaya Omran

## Friday April 28

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

9 AM - Junior McFarlane

## Saturday April 29

Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

5 PM - Alfonse Gudauskas

## Sunday April 30 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22b-28; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

9 AM - Intentions of Flo McDermott

11 AM - Pro Populo



## C.W.L. Message

Our next **General Meeting**, May 8 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall, will feature our traditional May Crowning Ceremony. Also, open to ALL parishioners, our guest speaker, Kim Routledge, a member of the Burlington Seniors Advisory Committee, will provide vital information on seniors' issues - medical, social, housing, recreation. Please plan to attend.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is once again offering to sponsor a limited number of students in grades one to eight wishing to attend a nearby **Summer Camp** or a **Recreational Day Program**. For more information please phone 905-979-6460 or e-mail us at [stvatsj@gmail.com](mailto:stvatsj@gmail.com).

*Sunday, April 30 is First Communion Sunday for the children of our parish. The Mass will be at 2 p.m. Let us congratulate these young people and keep them in our prayers.*



**Did you know?**...that we pray the rosary approximately one half hour before the start of each weekday Mass (Tuesday - Friday) here at St. John's? Everyone is most welcome.



## Our Parish

### Monday April 24

Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR

### Tuesday April 25

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - Hall

### Wednesday April 26

Legion of Mary - 9:30 AM - WR

Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall

### Thursday April 27

Cenacle Group - 9:30 AM - WR

Christian Meditation - 1 PM - WR

### Friday April 28

AA Meeting - 9 PM - Hall



## IN THE DIOCESE

### RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN

Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through high school who are not currently receiving religious instruction (i.e. in a public or private school). These instructions prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation**. Visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

On Saturday, May 27 at 11 a.m., Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the **Spring Memorial Mass** at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. All are welcome. For more information, phone 905-522-7727.



Attend a Sisters of Social Service **Day of Prayer** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, on Friday, April 28th from 9:30 am to 3:00pm. Bring a bag lunch, tea, coffee and muffins provided. Please phone or e-mail 905-388-3966, [ssspertshire@sympatico.ca](mailto:ssspertshire@sympatico.ca).

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Men interested in learning about the **Permanent Diaconate Formation** program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend the information session on Sunday, May 7 that will take place at St. Michael Church in Waterloo. The meeting will be held after the 11 a.m. Mass. Please contact Deacon Gittens at [diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com) or by phone at 905-528-7988, ext. 2258.

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**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**  
Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2017? On Sunday, June 25, at 1:30 pm., Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest). Please register by June 1. Details are available on the poster at the Brant Street entrance.

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### **Priests in the Pub!**

3 Priests. In a pub. Q & A. Free munchies provided (donations gratefully accepted). Hamilton's new, highly anticipated speaker series kickoff on Sunday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Coach & Lantern Pub (384 Wilson St. E., Hamilton). Adults 21+. We have a panel of 3 priests from the Diocese to answer all your questions (theology, spirituality, everyday life, etc.) You are welcome to submit questions in advance to [jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com) or write them down on the day.

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Are you dealing with a loss in your life (death, miscarriage, divorce, job loss, loss of home, health, pet, infertility, etc.)? Attend a series of **Group Bereavement Workshops**. Six week course begins May 1 at St. James Parish, 231 Morden Rd., Oakville. Sessions run from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 to register. Cost is \$35 and includes material.

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## **IN OTHER PARISHES**

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Come join us for an evening of fun playing bridge or euchre on Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the parish centre at St. Raphael's church, hosted by the CWL. Tickets are \$15. For tickets, phone Helen at 905-634-7481. Last year we were sold out so make up your foursome soon. Included are desserts, refreshments, door prizes and a 50/50 draw.

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## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

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### **Cross of Victory Pilgrimage Dinner**

**All you can eat Pasta Dinner**, Saturday, May 13 after the 5 p.m. Mass in St. John's parish hall. Funds raised support the pilgrims on their annual Walking Pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine in Midland. Tickets will be sold at the church doors each weekend until May 6/7 and at the doors. Cost is \$12/person and \$6 per child under 10.

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### **March for Life in Ottawa**

Come join us for the **20th Annual March for Life** on May 11 as thousands come together proclaiming justice for the unborn on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. A bus will be leaving at 3:45 a.m. and will return at 11:30 p.m. For more information or to secure a seat on the bus, phone Sandra at 905-528-3065.

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### **New Friendship Circle – for anyone 55+**

Join us at Holy Rosary Parish Centre on the 1st Thursday of each month from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Meet new friends, enjoy conversation and help plan group activities. There is no cost. For more info, phone Gary at 905-540-1037 or Nikki at 905-522-9996.

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### **Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona**

Join Deacon Rob Thomas on June 11 to June 20, 2017 on a faith-filled excursion, marking the 100th anniversary of Fatima. For info, contact Deacon Rob by phone at 905-315-9443 or visit the website at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/764541>.



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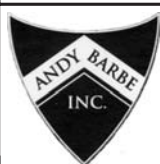
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