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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 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

#### **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 contact the parish office to register for parent meeting for Baptism.

#### **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

#### 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.



# Mass Intentions

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

- John 15:4

Monday April 27

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 - No Mass

Tuesday April 28

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

7 PM – **Donald Bowie** 

Wednesday April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50

9 AM - Colin Hay

Thursday April 30

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

9 AM – Matthew Smiley

Friday May 1

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

9 AM - Ethel Snow

Saturday May 2 - St. Athanasius

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

5 PM - Louis Riga

Sunday May 3 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Joe Lynch



#### Our Parish

Monday April 27

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday April 28

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - Hall

Wednesday April 29

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday April 30

Cenacle Group 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation - 12:30 - WR

Choir Practice - 7:30 PM - Church

Friday May 1

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday May 3

Baptism Preparation Meeting – 10 AM – WR

## C.W.L. Message

Mark your calendars for our May 11 meeting at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. *All* parishioners are invited to attend this meeting with our guest speaker, Teresa Hartnet, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton. She will discuss the new Health and Physical Education cirriculum as it pertains to Catholic teaching.

April 26th is First Communion Sunday for the children of our parish. Let us keep these young people in our prayers.

## **CWL Christian Family Life**

National March for Life in Ottawa, Thursday, May 14. When faced with hard choices... let life win! Join the largest Pro Life Event of the year on Parliament Hill. For information phone 1-800-730-5358, visit <a href="www.clcottawa@clife.ca">www.clcottawa@clife.ca</a>, or to reserve a seat on the bus, phone Sandra 905-528-3065 or Christl 905-639-5949.

## The Pope's Prayer Intentions for May

- That rejecting the culture if indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.
- † That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

## **Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament**



When planning your special golf events this season, mark down the Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 11, which will be sure to be the highlight of your season.

Council #5073 membership comes from and represents the parishes of St. Patrick, St. Paul the Apostle, St. Raphael's and St. John the Baptist in our community. Visit our website <a href="www.kofc5073.ca">www.kofc5073.ca</a> and find our about our Early Bird Special!

#### WEEKEND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you!

## IN THE DIOCESE

The first Hamilton Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage Days in Honour of Our Lady of Fatima will take place at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown on the five 1st Saturdays of the month from May to September 2015. Each celebration will be lead by a bishop and will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES FOR CHILDREN

The Hamilton Diocese provides correspondence programs for Catholic children from Kindergarten through high school, not receiving religious instruction to prepare them for the sacraments. For information and registration forms, phone Monica at the Catechesis Office of the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

#### **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversary in 2015? If you are, you are invited on Sunday, June 7, 2015, for a **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster at the Brant Street doors for registration by May 1, 2015.

## **Praying for Vocations**

If you love priests and religious men and women, join us on Saturday, May 2 at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Burlington and/or Saturday, May 9 at Canadian Martyrs Church in Hamilton for 9 a.m. Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations. For more information, please visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

## **Project Rachel**

Healing after an aboration is possible. At Project Rachel, caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often follow an abortion. We offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please phone 905-526-1999.

## IN OTHER PARISHES

**St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League** is holding their annual Dessert/Card Party on Thursday, May 7 at 7 p.m. in the parish centre, 4072 New Street. Play bridge or euchre, enjoy delicious homemade desserts and refershments. You have a chance to win door prizes for only \$10 and take part in a 50/50 draw. Phone Helen Sheehan at 905-634-7481 for tickets. The money raised is given to local charities.

**St. Matthew's Church** presents a 10th Anniversary Concert on Saturday, May 23 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 24 at 3 p.m., featuring Poulenc Gloria, Stravinsky Symphony of Psalms and Demuynck Alerion. Tickets are \$30/adults, \$25/senior, \$15/student. Children 10 and under attend for free. For tickets visit <a href="https://www.masterworksofockville.ca">www.masterworksofockville.ca</a>.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

Men's Day of Retreat – Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga on Saturday, May 9, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Theme is "A biblical journey into a deeper relationship with Christ," facilitated by Greg DeMarchi, deacon, doctor, surgeon as well as scripture scholar. Day begins with refreshments, followed by a 4-course lunch at noon. Suggested offering is \$35 – register at 905-278-5229.

## "Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2015"

You are welcome to join us for any day or all eight days of our walking pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland this August 1 to 8. Email David Foster at cofvpilgrimage@gmail.com or search "Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2015" for all the information. You are invited to come to our Pasta Fundraiser Dinner at St. John the Baptist after the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass on May 23, 2015 (in the parish hall).

**Vocation View** ~ Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for his people? We need more faithfilled, prayerful and spirited people to make the vine and the branches one again. How about you? For information on the priesthood or religious life, talk to the pastor or visit <u>www.vocationinfo.ca</u>.

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