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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

*"This I command you:  
love one another."*

- John 15:17

Monday April 30 – St. Marie de L'Incarnation

Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 – No Mass

Tuesday May 1

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

7 PM – James Maher

Wednesday May 2 – St. Athanasius

Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

9 AM – John Mathews

Thursday May 3 – St. Philip & St. James

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

9 AM – Christina Lyons

Friday May 4

Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

9 AM – Veroslava Hanousek

Saturday May 5

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

5 PM – Sheila Dos Ramos

Sunday May 6 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

9 AM – Robert Beatty

11 AM – Pro Populo



## Our Parish

Monday April 30

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday May 1

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday May 2

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday May 3

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

Friday May 4

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday May 6

Baptism Preparation Meeting – 10 AM – WR



## CWL Message

The CWL of St. John the Baptist send to the Communicants a prayer that Jesus will bless you and walk closely beside you. Happy First Holy Communion. In keeping with the CWL focus this year on "Homelessness," our guest speaker, Krista, from the Good Shepherd will address our next meeting on May 14, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Since their account keeping in 1987, it is recorded that St. John's CWL has donated \$37,000. **All parishioners** are invited to attend our "Crowning" service followed by Krista's presentation.

## Get ready for St. John's First Ever YARD SALE!

Saturday, May 26: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date: June 2)  
That's right - St. John's has spring fever and is cleaning out the cupboards. You can get bargain prices for kitchen ware, jewellery, toys and more! If you have spring fever, but no place to hold your own sale, join St. John's. We'll advertise and bring in the crowds; you just need to set up your own spot. Cost is \$25/space (including table). Make a day of it; the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a barbeque in the park! For details (to volunteer, reserve space, any questions) contact Peggy at 289-260-8336 (call or text) or email [blackpeg133@hotmail.com](mailto:blackpeg133@hotmail.com).

## First Communion

*On Sunday, April 29, the children of the parish will be receiving their First Communion at 2 p.m., a special time set aside for them. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass.*

## 40th Anniversary!

*All are welcome to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Father Bob's Ordination to the Priesthood, taking place on Sunday, May 6th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the church hall. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.*

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## The Pope's Prayer Intentions for May

✠ That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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**Is your child preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation this year?** Visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and find information for parents under "Catechesis Office." We have videos with practical suggestions and helpful information for parents of children with special needs.

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Healing after an abortion is possible. At **Project Rachel**, caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that may 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.

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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 2018? On Sunday, June 10, at 1:30 pm., you are invited to attend 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). Details are available on the poster at the Brant Street entrance.

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### Support for Persons Separated or Divorced

Would it help to have people around you to understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help to deal with the stresses you are experiencing? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month (it's free) and they can help. No need to register; just come and join us at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton from 7 to 9 p.m. For information, phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249.

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Please join us on Saturday, May 5 at 11 a.m. for the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons Grayson Hope, Christopher Tracey and Tim Theriault. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Priests are invited to concelebrate and participate in the "laying on of hands." All are welcome to attend.

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## IN OTHER PARISHES

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The Catholic Women's League of St. Raphael's church is holding their **Annual Card Party for the Homeless** on Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m. in the parish centre. We encourage you to get your tickets soon and make up a foursome. For only \$20 you can enjoy Bridge or Euchre, refreshments, homemade desserts and have a chance to win one of the many door prizes. We will also have a 50/50 draw. To order tickets, phone Helen at 905-634-7481 or Lesley at 905-512-2477.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### Cross of Victory Pilgrimage Dinner

**All you can eat Pasta Dinner**, Saturday, May 12 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 door - \$12/person and \$6 per child under 10.

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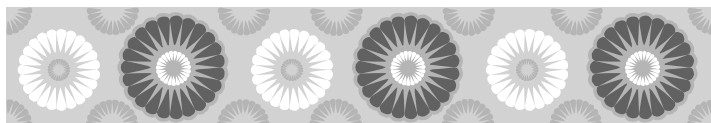
### March for Life in Ottawa

Come join us for the **Annual March for Life** on Thursday, May 10. For agenda/information, visit [marchforlife.ca](http://marchforlife.ca). To reserve a seat on the bus leaving from the carpool lot at Guelph Line & North Service Rd., phone Sandra at 905-528-3065.

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### March for Life Ottawa 2018

Burlington Knights of Columbus have arranged transportation to Ottawa by coach bus. Join us on Thursday, May 10 beginning with Mass at 5:30 a.m. at St. Gabriel's Church. Board the bus at 6 a.m. to Ottawa for the 12:30 p.m. rally and 1:30 p.m. march. The bus will return to St. Gabriel's at approximately 10 p.m. Cost is \$35/person. Phone 416-559-4071 or email [ewart.harris@kofc.org](mailto:ewart.harris@kofc.org).





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