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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

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

"I do choose. Be made clean!"

- Mark 1:42

Monday February 12

James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13 – No Mass

Tuesday February 13

James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21

7 PM – Margaret Zuraw

Wednesday February 14 – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

9 AM – Mary Scheer (School Mass)

7 PM – Deceased members of the Walchuk Family

Thursday February 15

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

9 AM – Joseph Tarnowski

Friday February 16

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

9 AM – Rudy Florio

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 17

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

5 PM – Bertha McCarthy

Sunday February 18 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Saturnino Delvillar



Our Parish

Monday February 12

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 13

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Pancake Supper – 4 to 7 PM – Hall

Wednesday February 14

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday February 15

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

Friday February 16

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday February 18

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church



Monday, February 20 is Family Day and the parish office will be closed that day.

CWL Message

Our CWL **Lenten Day of Prayer** is on Tuesday, February 27 starting with Mass at 9 a.m. and concluding with Benediction at 2:15 p.m. Father Peter Ciallella's theme will be from The Book of Micah 6:8 - *To act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with God.* The cost is \$15 which includes lunch and refreshments. Registration forms are at the church doors - please register by February 22 and make any cheques payable to CWL. All women of the parish and beyond are welcome so bring a friend. Phone Marie for any other information at 905-637-1677.

SHARE LENT 2018

Thanks to money donated annually during Share Lent, Development & Peace is able to support 202 projects in 36 countries. This year's Share Lent collection is on Sunday, March 18 (Solidarity Sunday). Please make use of the calendar in today's bulletin.

A Lent to Remember:

A Lenten Encounter with Mercy

Join our parish-wide study about the power of confession as a community to encounter God's mercy, be reconciled with Him and seek unity among our brothers and sisters. Celebrate God's love for us as a community that has been forgiven, meet other parishioners, share testimonies and pray for unity and reconciliation. Come to any or all sessions you are able to attend at either 2-4 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. in the parish hall. The dates are Thursday, February 22, Monday, February 26 and Thursday, March 8.

ST. JOHN'S TALENT SHOW

The St. John the Baptist Men's Group is once again hosting our **Annual Talent Show** right after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 14. If you sing, dance, play a musical instrument or have any other special talent, please phone Tim O'Brien at 905-632-2954.



Ash Wednesday will be here on February 14. Are you prepared? Lent is a time for repentance, change of heart and prayer. Give some thought now to prepare for your Lenten practice.

Children in JK – Grade 4, are invited to join in the parish's **Children's Liturgy** program which takes place on Sundays at the 11 a.m. Mass. Phone Anne Marie at 905-317-3539 or send an email to childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com to register or for information.

IN THE DIOCESE

Attend a **Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, on Friday, February 23, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a bag lunch; tea, coffee and muffins are provided. To register please email ssspertshire@sympatico.ca or phone 905-388-3966.

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1)

This is a ten-week support program for persons experiencing difficulties through a separation or divorce. The program begins Tuesday, March 6 (7 to 9:30 p.m.) at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. For more information or to register, please phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249 or visit the website at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The cost: \$35. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs.

KEYS

This 10-week, video-based program is meant for anyone (married or single) looking to develop the skills needed to have the most meaningful relationship possible with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better 'me' in all your relationships. The program runs Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. starting March 1 at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. The cost is \$45. For information or to register, phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th, 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.

Coalition for Healthcare and Conscience – assisted suicide has been legal in Canada since June 2016, placing physicians, nurses and other health professionals in an impossible situation – assist in end of life of their patients or lose the ability to care for patients at all. The Coalition represents more than 110 healthcare facilities and more than 5,000 physicians across Canada. The members are unable to participate in taking a patient's life due to moral, ethical or philosophical convictions. You are invited to refer to the information sheet at the doors of the church and visit canadiansforconscience.ca, especially as the 2018 provincial elections approach.

Retrouaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or how to communicate about it. For confidential information about the program or to register for the weekend starting March 16, please phone 905-664-5212 or visit www.retrouaille.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Life Jesus Higher Rally takes place on Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. in Toronto. The adult Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins and Bishop Scott McCaig will celebrate with the youth. Also there will be separate youth events (13-18 years or age). For tickets and info visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca or phone 416-251-4255.

Please visit the **St. Vincent de Paul Next to New Stores** at 200 Parkdale Ave. N. and 969 Upper Ottawa St. (Giant Tiger Plaza) in Hamilton. Find good quality clothing, shoes, furniture, household items, books, dvds, cds and more. Please phone 905-549-3902 for free pick up of your gently used donations. Volunteers are always welcome. Please speak to John at the store.

Jesus was moved with pity when he saw a leper. Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society? Who will come forward to minister Christ today? For information on the priesthood or religious life, contact Fr. King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at the Diocese of Hamilton. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2246 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

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