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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.

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

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.



Masses of the Week

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.
- Psalm 119

Monday February 13

Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 – *No Mass*

Tuesday February 14 – St. Cyril & St. Methodius

Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21

7 PM – Richard & Miriam Dubois

Wednesday February 15

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26

9 AM – Intentions of Birdie Rossborough

Thursday February 16

Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33

9 AM – Francis Jessone

Friday February 17

Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-38, 9:1

9 AM – Vince Enright

Saturday February 18

Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13

5 PM – Sonny Malone

Sunday February 19– 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Mathew 5:38-48

9 AM – Joan O'Rourke

11 AM – Pro Populo



Our Parish

Monday February 13

C.W.L. Fashion Show Event – 7 PM – Hall

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 14

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday February 15

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday February 16

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday February 17

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday February 19

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church



C.W.L. Message

Thank you for your overwhelming support for the **Fashion Show**. Tickets are now sold out. We're looking forward to an enjoyable evening. Please consider our next event – Our **Lenten Retreat** on Tuesday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. More details will follow.

World Day of Prayer 2017

World Day of Prayer Services are on Friday, March 3, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 287 Plains Rd. In the evening, at Appleby United Church, 4407 Spruce Ave. starting at 7 p.m.

Pancake Supper!

Come and join us on Shrove Tuesday (Feb. 28) for pancakes and sausages in the parish hall from 4 - 7 p.m. Cost is a free-will offering.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

The Knights of Columbus #5073 will be hosting a Catholic Men's Retreat on Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Ave., Dundas. The theme will be "*Thy (God's) Will (Not Mine) be done.*" The retreat will be conducted by both lay persons and clergy and will include presentations, group discussions and opportunities for reflection. Food and refreshments will be provided and the cost is \$35 with limited seating. Please reserve your seat by contacting Michael Enright at 905-315-1744.

ST. JOHN'S GAMES NIGHT

Bring your family to the Games Night on **Saturday, March 4 at 6 p.m.** starting with a pizza supper, then let the games begin! There will be fun for the young and old and everyone in between. Volunteers are still needed for kids games and cards for adults. Sign up sheets are at all the church entrances.



Ash Wednesday will be here on March 1. Are you prepared? Lent is a time for repentance, change of heart and prayer. Give some thought now to prepare for your Lenten practice.

Anxiety and Depression Seminar

On Thursday, February 23 at 7 p.m. in St. John's parish hall, for anyone who struggles with anxiety or depression, St. John's is hosting a free seminar – no reservations required. Hear speaker, Mike Glugosh, from the Mountainview Clinic for Stress and Anxiety, share coping skills to help you overcome Anxiety Disorder, the #1 emotional problem in our country today. If you cannot attend, please phone the Clinic at 905-320-4699 for information.

IN THE DIOCESE

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversary in the year 2017? You are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 25 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. Space allows room for anniversary couples only – those married 60+ years may bring 1 guest if you require assistance. Please register with a tear off sheet from the board at the Brant Street entrance of the church.

The *married singles lifestyle* describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. **Retrouvaille** teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 24, please phone **905-664-5212** or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

Exploring the St. John Bible: Seeing the Word

A Senior Adult Workshop Series on “*Exploring the St. John Bible*” will take place starting March 8 at the Chancery Office from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. You will be introduced to the history and making of the newly acquired bible, the first hand-written, illuminated bible in 500 years. The program will be facilitated by the Director of the Discipleship and Parish Life Office and the cost of \$35 and includes resources. Register by February 21 at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or email mverin@hamiltondiocese.com.

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1)

This ten-week support program for persons experiencing difficulties through a separation or divorce starts Tuesday, February 28 (7 to 9:30 pm) at the Chancery Office. For more information, please phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. 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) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship 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 2 at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. The cost is \$45. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249.

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, not Catholic school). These instructions prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **Reconciliation, 1st Communion and Confirmation**. Please visit the website www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 to get your child started.

A special program, “*Insects in the Bible: An Intertextual Approach*” will take place at the Royal Botanical Gardens Rock Garden on Saturday, March 11 from 2 - 4 p.m. Fr. Michael Patella, OSB and Sabrina Hall will discuss insects featured in the St. John's Bible. Cost is \$30. Pre-register by March 1 at www.rbg.ca or 1-800-694-4769.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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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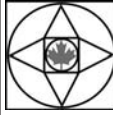


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