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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](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**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



# Mass Intentions

*"Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."*

- Psalm 90(91)

### Monday February 15

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 – No Mass

### Tuesday February 16

Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

9 AM – CWL Lenten Retreat

7 PM – John Campbell

### Wednesday February 17

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

9 AM – Vincent Enright

### Thursday February 18

Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7:7-12

9 AM – George Burton

### Friday February 19

Ezekiel 19:21-28; Matthew 65:20-26

9 AM – Intentions of Flo McDermott

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

### Saturday February 20

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

5 PM – Joy Bryce

### Sunday February 21 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

9 AM – Leo Arponen

11 AM – Pro Populo



### Our Parish

### Monday February 15

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

### Tuesday February 16

CWL Lenten Retreat – 9 AM – Church

### Wednesday February 17

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

### Thursday February 18

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Not Catholic but Curious Lectures – 7 PM – Rectory

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

### Friday February 19

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

### Saturday February 20

Pilgrimage Coffee/Video presentation – after Mass – Hall

### Sunday February 21

Pilgrimage Coffee/Video presentation – after each Mass – Hall

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church



### C.W.L. Message

The **2016 Lenten Retreat** will take place on **Tuesday, February 16**. This event will again be facilitated by Fr. Mike Isabelle and will run from 9 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Refreshments and lunch will be served. The cost is a donation of \$15. Registration forms are available at all the doors of the church. For more information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

### World Day of Prayer 2016

Everyone is invited to attend World Day of Prayer Services on Friday, March 4, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Wellington Square United Church, 2121 Caroline St., Burlington. In the evening, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3455 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington starting at 7 p.m. All are welcome – please join us.

### A Jubilee of Mercy Evening

Everyone is invited to attend a free public event on Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in our parish hall. Learn more about the **Year of Jubilee of Mercy**, declared for 2016 by Pope Francis. Fr. Bill Trusz, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and one of 800 "Missionaries of Mercy" chosen by the Pope, will explore the many ways we can integrate this important virtue into our personal lives and that of our parishes. This event is sponsored by the St. John's Men's Group. Refreshments provided.

### Share Lent: Create a Climate of Change

On Ash Wednesday, Development and Peace launched its annual Share Lent Campaign. Money raised through Share Lent provides support to the poor in more than 30 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. You could make Share Lent a part of your Lenten journey by using the Solidarity Calendar provided in last week's bulletin. The Share Lent collection will take place on March 13.

This year for Share Lent, D&P invites you to join a Climate of Change Pilgrimage. We will journey through Lent with People whose lives are being changed with your support. Adonis Medijine, a survivor of the 2010 Earthquake in Haiti has benefited from a social enterprise project to raise chickens and can now send her children to school.

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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All women are invited to attend a **Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton on Friday, February 26, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring a bag lunch - tea and coffee provided. \$25 suggested offering. To register, phone 905-388-3966 or email [ssspertshire@sympatico.ca](mailto:ssspertshire@sympatico.ca).

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**LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1)** is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, March 1 (7 to 9:30 pm) at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. 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 starting the same week.

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**KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS** is a **ten week video-based program** meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. The program runs Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. starting March 3 at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The cost is \$45. For more information, phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

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### **Retrouvaille – Help for your Marriage**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on March 11 in Niagara Falls, phone 905-664-5212 or email [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca).

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### **160th Anniversary of the Hamilton Diocese**

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, February 28 at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, will preach the homily for the Anniversary Mass. All are welcome.

### **Pilgrimage Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**

You are welcome to make a *Year of Mercy* pilgrimage to the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, February 21. You may enter through the *Door of Mercy* (located near the elevator entrance). At 2 p.m. we begin the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be offered at 3 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Pilgrims are most welcome to stay for our 4 p.m. Mass that day. All are welcome to come and share in the Father's mercy and peace.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### **Birthright Hamilton**

Giving hope at Birthright means finding a way to bridge the gap between the fear people feel when faced with an unplanned pregnancy and the hope they find when their needs have been met. Can you help us reach out to people in their time of need and become a volunteer? If you are interested, phone Eva at 905-527-3677.

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### **40 Days for Life**

Join the international 40 Days for Life effort from February 10 to March 20 for peaceful prayer outside New Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (Third Line and Dundas Street). The vigil takes place every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You may register and get information at [40daysforlife.com/oakville](http://40daysforlife.com/oakville).

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Do you ever wonder what the draw is for the **Cross of Victory Pilgrimage**? Come and enjoy free coffee, juice, snacks and fellowship with past and present pilgrims, in St. John's parish hall after each Mass on the weekend of February 20/21. View images and video of this annual walking pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, have your questions and concerns addressed and find out how this pilgrimage has continued annually for almost 30 years.

**The Knights of Columbus Hall** is available for celebrations, meetings, socials and more. Phone 289-260-7352 for information or visit their website at [www.kofc5073.ca](http://www.kofc5073.ca).



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