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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.



# Mass Intentions

Monday February 19

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

Tuesday February 20

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

7 PM - Intentions of Branden & Brittany DaSilva

Wednesday February 21

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

9 AM - Beverly Coveny

Thursday February 22 - Chair of St. Peter

I Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

9 AM – Armelina Riga

Friday February 23

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

9 AM – Patricia O'Brien

7 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 24

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

5 PM - Des Edwards

Sunday Febraury 25 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-35, 37++; Mark 9:2-10

9 AM - Pro Populo

11 AM – Bud Kennaley



#### Our Parish

Monday February 19

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 20

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Pancake Supper – 4 to 7 PM – Hall

Wednesday February 21

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group - 6:15 PM - Hall

Thursday February 22

Cenacle Group - 9:30 AM - WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

Lenten Session 1 – 2-4 p.m./7-9 p.m. – Hall

Friday February 23

AA Meeting - 9 PM - Hall



#### **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.

**World Day of Prayer** celebrating the country of Suriname will take place on Friday, March 2 at 2 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 2090 Prospect St.

#### **SHARE LENT**

For this year's Share Lent, Development & Peace is encouraging us to come together for peace. You will find inspiring testimonials in the enclosure in today's bulletin. During this first week, our search for peace takes us to Cambodia to meet ICSO, a D&P partner that works with minority indigenous communities to help them have their rights recognized by their government, defend their land against corporate interests and develop sustainable economic activities that enable them to live with dignity.

#### A Lent to Remember Session 1: Where Are You?

Have you ever felt lost and alone, isolated in guilt? Like the Prodigal Son among the pigs, we know that we have sinned but God won't leave us there – he searches for us and runs to welcome us home in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join us for any or all sessions 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.

#### Reminder

Stations of the Cross are on Friday evenings at 7 p.m.

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 <a href="mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com">childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:sssperthshire@sympatico.ca">sssperthshire@sympatico.ca</a> 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 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.

#### **Mass of Chrism**

All are welcome to join His Excellency, Bishop Crosby at the annual Diocesan Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 26 at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. During this Mass, oil for the sick and for catechumens will be blessed. Sacred Chrism will be consecrated. All priests present for this Mass will renew their priestly commitments in the presence of the Bishop and the lay faithful of the Diocese.

**Retrouvaille** – The married singles lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and now are living like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these. For confidential information about the program or to register for the weekend starting March 16, please phone 905-664-5212 or visit <a href="https://www.retrouvaille.org">www.retrouvaille.org</a>.

#### 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 <a href="www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca">www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca</a> 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.

Lent is the springtime of the soul; a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover your calling. 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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