

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

(FOUNDED IN 1849)

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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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca> for articles & photos of all parish activities.

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

VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY

Email sjtbvolunteer@gmail.com with your name, phone number and ministry you are interested in. The ministry leader will contact you.

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



Masses of the Week

“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel...”

- Luke 2:34

Monday February 3

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13a; Mark 5:1-20 – *No Mass*

Tuesday February 4

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-26a, 30:19:3+++; Mark 5:21-43

7 PM – Kay Cutler

Wednesday February 5 – *St. Agatha*

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6

9 AM – Marcel David

Thursday February 6 – *St. Paul Miki & Companions*

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13

9 AM – Maria Tryburski

Friday February 7

Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29

9 AM – Deceased members of the Majpruz family

Saturday February 8

1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

5 PM – Keelin Carey

Sunday February 9 – *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 58:6-10+++; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Mary O'Rourke



Our Parish

Monday February 3

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 4

CWL Crafts – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday February 5

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday February 6

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday February 7

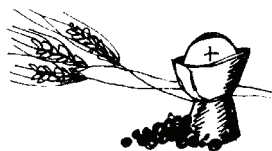
AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Saturday February 8

Men's Group Meeting – 8 AM – WR

Sunday February 9

Children's Pizza & Jesus Stories – 12 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

Your membership in St. John's CWL recognizes you also as a member of a greater national organization, dedicated to faith, service and social justice.

The C.W.L. Lenten Day of Prayer

All women are invited to our Lenten Day of Prayer on Tuesday, March 3. The day begins with Mass at 9 a.m. and concludes with Benediction at 2:15 p.m. Our facilitator will be Father Peter Ciallella. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. All women of the parish and beyond are invited. For more information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

Jesus Stories – Sunday, February 9

Save the Date: Join us in the parish hall on Sunday, February 9 after the 11 o'clock Mass for pizza, popcorn and Jesus stories – The Little Lost Sheep, The Good Samaritan and The Unforgiving Servant. Let us know if you can help with this event, whether you have children or not, we'd love to have you. Email us at stjohnsformed@gmail.com.

Break free from pornography

One of the biggest issues that destroys our own happiness and rips apart marriages and families is pornography. It's estimated that 60-70% of men are engaging porn with some frequency. If this is an issue that you or a loved one deals with, we have a powerful solution for you. It's called STRIVE and it's an anonymous, 21-day challenge that men all around the world are taking to break free from pornography. The normal cost is \$49, but STRIVE is being provided for FREE for a limited time for all the men at our parish. All you need to do is sign up at strive21.com and you can begin right away.

Winter Escape Marketplace

Saturday, February 29

10 am to 2 pm in the church hall

Beat the winter blues! Visit our first ever **Vendor's Marketplace**. More than 20 vendors will be there. Stop in and relax in the **Tea Room** to enjoy tea and scones with preserves and Devonshire cream.

Save the date!!

3rd Annual Games Night

Come and join us for games, cards, Euchre and Bridge in the parish hall on **Saturday, February 22** after the 5 p.m. Mass. Pizza and drinks will be provided and you are welcome to bring a snack or something sweet to share. Adults and families are welcome and it's a great way to meet your fellow parishioners.

Pancake Supper!

Mark your calendars and come and join us on Shrove Tuesday (February 25) for a Pancake Supper in the parish hall between 4 and 8 p.m. Your free-will offering is appreciated to help cover costs.

Men's Group Meeting Saturday, February 8

Meet up with men of this parish at the **St. John's Men's Group** for an exploration of our faith. "*What Catholics Believe 6: Examining the Sacraments of Initiation, Part 1*" will be the topic of our meeting on Saturday, February 8 from 8-10 a.m. in the Warren Room of the parish hall. All are welcome and the event, coffee and snacks are free.

Children's Liturgy (for children in **JK to Grade 4**) takes place throughout the school year during the 11 a.m. Mass. No need to pre-register. We are always looking for extra teachers or grade 7/8 students to volunteer. Email childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com.

IN THE DIOCESE

Attend a **Day of Prayer** at St. Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site) on Friday, February 14, 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. (Mass at 9 a.m.) Bring a bag lunch - tea and coffee on arrival. To register, please phone 905-388-3966 or email ssspertshire@sympatico.ca.

At **Project Rachel** caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please phone (905) 526-1999.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses are available to prepare children not in Catholic schools for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Families are encouraged to register early by visiting www.hamiltondiocese.com or phoning Monica Verin at the Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

Retrouvaille is a program that has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For information or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, phone 905-664-5211, or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

IN OTHER PARISHES

Valentine's Dinner Dance – Saturday, February 8 at Holy Rosary Church, 287 Plains Rd. E. The Knights of Columbus welcome all (19+) to come and enjoy a delicious dinner, great music and dancing. Cocktails at 6:15, dinner at 7. Door prizes, spot dances, cash bar and raffles. Tickets are \$40 – phone Ron or Susan Lehocki at 905-521-9445.

IN THE COMMUNITY

BIG BAND CONCERT

The Burlington Knights of Columbus are proud to sponsor an afternoon of music as we "*Relive the Swing Era*" featuring the Toronto All-Star Big Band. The concert takes place on Sunday, February 23, 2-4:30 p.m. at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. Now is a good time to reserve your seats! The price per ticket is \$45 and tickets may be reserved by phoning the box office at 905-681-6000 or visit the website: www.burlingtonpac.ca.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Learn more about fostering and adoption by registering to attend the *Fostering and Adoption Online Information Session (Webinar)* on either Tuesday, February 11 or Monday, February 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For information, please contact the Foster and Adoption Recruitment Coordinator, Niamh O'Flaherty at 905-525-2273 or by email at niamh.oflaherty@hamiltonccas.on.ca.



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