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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

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 23

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

Tuesday February 24

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

9 AM - CWL Lenten Reflection Retreat Mass

7 PM - Mass for 40 Days for Life Vigil

Wednesday February 25

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

9 AM – Arvydas Gudinskas

Thursday February 26

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

9 AM – Ronald Wardel

Friday February 27

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

9 AM – Maria Cieri

7 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 28

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

5 PM – Joseph Zuk

Sunday March 1 - 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 (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Anne Gilmore



Our Parish

Monday February 23

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 24

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday February 25

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA 6:15 PM - Hall

Thursday February 26

Cenacle Group 9:30 AM - WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM - Church

Friday February 27

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday March 1

Baptism Preparation - 10 AM - WR



C.W.L. MESSAGE

World Day of Prayer 2015

"Do you know what I have done to you?"

Everyone is invited to attend World Day of Prayer Services on Friday, March 6, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at St. Raphael's Church, 4072 New St., Burlington. In the evening, at St. Christopher's Church, 662 Guelph Line, Burlington starting at 7:30 p.m.

Development and Peace "Sow Much Love"

Many thanks to the parishioners who signed our Development & Peace petition to help farmers retain their right to preserve and use their own seeds in the future.

Please make good use of the Solidarity Calendars in the bulletin for the prayers, information and ideas for every day of Lent.

40 Days for Life Opening Mass

Everyone is invited to the **opening Mass** celebrated by Bishop Miehm on Tuesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. in St. John's Church. Light refreshments will be served in the Church Hall following the Mass.

WEEKEND OFFERTORY COLLECTION



The following children were baptised on February 15, 2015:

Jace Dinelle Ashley Dorsman

Congratulations to their parents, Godparents and families.

Reminder

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our conference has brand new high quality clothing in sizes for infants up to size 6. Any parishioners with young children who need clothing are invited to the parish hall any Tuesday in February from 10:30 a.m. until noon. A volunteer from St. Vincent de Paul will be there to help you with your selections.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

- † That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.
- [↑] That the unique contribution of women to the life
 of the Church may be recognized always.

IN 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, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 13-15, 2015, in Niagara Falls please phone 905-664-5212 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversary in 2015? If you are, you are invited on Sunday, June 7, 2015, for a **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster at the Brant Street doors for registration or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Come away and pray for awhile. Join the **Sisters of St. Joseph** at the Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Avenue in Hamilton on Saturday, February 28 from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The day includes Mass, lunch and time for prayer. Please phone 905-528-0138 to register by February 22. The contribution is \$20.



Group Bereavement Workshops

Are you dealing with a loss in your life such as the death of a spouse, child or miscarriage; divorce; job loss; loss of your home; health; pet; culture, infertility; romantic relationship; ailing parents? There is help – you are invited to join us for a series of Group Bereavement Workshops intended to assist you in coping. The goal is to provide definitive actions that will mend conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. Join us for this 8-week course being held on Thursdays March 5, 12, 26 and April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7 at Mary Mother of God Parish, 2741 N Trail Ridge, Oakville. Choose from afternoons (1-3 p.m.) or evenings (7-9 p.m.). For more information, phone Ilse at 905-338-1778, register at www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. The cost is \$35 (includes materials).

Learning to Cope (Level I) is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, March 3 (7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.) for persons experiencing difficulties after a separation or divorce. For more information, please contact the Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost is \$35 and past participants are welcome to inquire about other Levels programs available.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

The annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Tickets are \$20/adults and \$10/youth. A separate youth rally (13-18 yrs.) will take place in the theatre next door to the adult rally. For general information, phone 416-251-4255 or visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org.

40 Days for Life

The worldwide Prayer Vigil to end abortion and heal those affected by it takes place from February 18 to March 29 for 40 days of peaceful prayer. Gather outside Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (327 Reynolds Street). To take part, please register at 40daysforlife.com/oakville.

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