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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Masses of the Week

All things belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

1 Corinthians

Monday February 24

James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29 – *No Mass*

Tuesday February 25

James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37

7 PM – Deceased members of the Augustyn Family

Wednesday February 26 – *Ash Wednesday*

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

9 AM – Al Clarke (School Mass)

7 PM – Blair Kitchen

Thursday February 27

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

9 AM – Bob Coulter

Friday February 28

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

9 AM – Jeannie Bulla

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 29

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

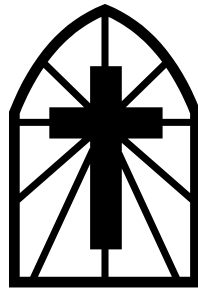
5 PM – Dennis Shannon

Sunday March 1 – *1st Sunday of Lent*

Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25, 3:1-7+; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Tim Hourigan



Our Parish

Monday February 24

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 25

CWL Crafts – 10 AM – Hall

Pancake Supper – 4 PM – Hall

Wednesday February 26

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday February 27

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday February 28

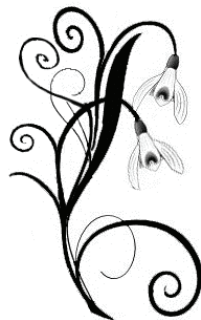
AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Saturday February 29

Winter Escape Marketplace – 10 AM to 2 PM – Hall

Sunday March 1

Baptism Preparation Meeting – 10 AM – WR



C.W.L. Message

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 9:00 a.m. and concludes with Benediction at 1:45 p.m. Our facilitator will be Father Peter Ciallella. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. Registration forms are available at all doors of the church. All women of the parish and beyond are invited. For additional information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

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!!

SHARE LENT: "OUR COMMON HOME"

During this year's Lent, navigate the Amazon River to learn, reflect, pray and act throughout Lent in solidarity with the people of the Amazon and the earth, our common home. Follow our Solidarity Calendar included in this week's bulletin.

Reminder

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

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.

IN THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? On Sunday, June 14, at 1:30 p.m., you are invited to attend a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. (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 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Has separation or divorce caused you to feel upset, or like you are on a roller coaster? Would you like to minimize the impact on yourself and feel stronger? **Learning to Cope (Level 1)** is a ten-week support program offered in Hamilton starting Tuesday, March 24 from 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West. A newly written Level 2 program will be offered for the first time on the same evening (past participants are welcome) and Level 3 and 4 will run at the same time and location on Wednesday evenings. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. Come on your own or bring a friend and find your strength.

Diocesan Choir – The Diocesan Choir provides music for the Chrism Mass and ordinations of priests and deacons. We invite interested Music Ministers to register and ask new members to audition during the first rehearsal. Rehearsals begin March 2 and take place each Monday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. For information and to register, phone the Liturgy Office at 905-528-7988.

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 THE COMMUNITY

The Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on Saturday, March 7. Tickets are \$25.00 for Adults and \$15.00 for youth. We are once again organizing a bus leaving from St. Paul the Apostle (2265 Headon Road, Burlington) parking lot at a fee of \$5.00 per person. To take the bus and/or order tickets for this event, please sign up on the sheet that is on the table by the Hearth Room. Payment for the bus and/or ticket must be made at the same time as you register. For information phone Celia Lobo at 905-319-2526.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Learn more about fostering and adoption by registering to attend the *Fostering and Adoption Online Information Session (Webinar)* on 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.

Halton Alive Talks Conference

Halton Alive is holding a conference on March 27-28 at St. George's Church, 4691 Palladium Way, Burlington. Tickets are \$75/person. On Friday evening, catch a screening of the movie, *Unplanned*. To register, visit www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks or phone 365-366-3232.

Christopher Leadership Courses in Effective Speaking can help if you need to improve your public speaking. The next course begins Tuesday, March 31 at McMaster University in Hamilton. To register or for more information, please visit www.clchamilton.com or phone Frank at 905-662-4076.

Serra Club of Hamilton 17th Annual Dinner

On Tuesday, April 28 at Liuna Station, 360 James St. N., Hamilton, attend the reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. For information on tickets, email celebrationprl@gmail.com. The cost is \$68/person and tables of 10 are available.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

✠ We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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