

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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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

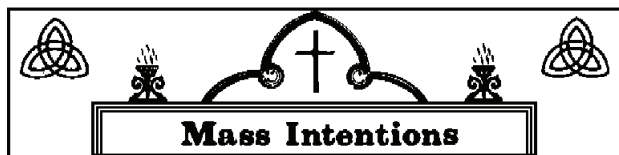
We invite you to take the time to complete a census form, located at all doors of the church. Please drop it into the collection basket.

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS - 12 NOON

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday February 25

Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29 – No Mass

Tuesday February 26

Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37

7 PM – Zofia Paluch

Wednesday February 27

Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40

9 AM – Intentions of Louis Lucas

Thursday February 28

Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50

9 AM – Maria & Antonio Cieri

Friday March 1 – *World Day of Prayer*

Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12

9 AM – Catherine Lynch

Saturday March 2

Sirach 17:1-4, 6-8, 10-15; Mark 10:13-16

5 PM – Betty Liskauskas

Sunday March 3 – *8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sirach 27:4-7; I Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Brian Flannery



CWL Message

Our *CWL Lenten Day of Prayer* is on Tuesday, March 12, starting with Mass at 9 a.m. and concluding with Benediction at 2:15 p.m. Our facilitator will be Fr. Peter Ciallella. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. Registration forms are at the doors. Please register before March 10 and make any cheques payable to CWL. All women of the parish and beyond are invited. For more information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

World Day of Prayer – Please join us at St. John the Baptist with other Burlington Christian denominations, for World Day of Prayer 2019 on Friday, March 1. The Service, featuring Slovenia, begins in the Church at 1:30 p.m. with a reception to follow in the parish hall. World Day of Prayer offerings provide grants that benefit women touched by injustice.

FORMED Presents

Hope Undimmed – Session 6

A glimpse into the future – the challenge for a new generation. Technological advancement brings the promise of a brighter future. Many have hopes for a period of peace and prosperity. Others aren't so sure. Hope Undimmed brings together a resourceful panel to answer the question, "Where is our world heading?" (Parental guidance suggested – some material may not be suitable for children.) Find this video presentation on our St. John the Baptist page on FORMED.org in the "Community" tab. Please email your parish FORMED team at sjtbformed@gmail.com with any questions.

Interested in participating in a ministry at St. John's? We now have an e-mail address for **new volunteer inquiries**. Simply send an e-mail to sjtbvolunteer@gmail.com with your name and phone number and the ministry you are interested in. Your info will be forwarded to the appropriate ministry leaders who will contact you.



Our Parish

Monday February 25

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 26

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday February 27

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday February 28

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

Friday March 1

CWL World Day of Prayer – 1:30 PM – Church/Hall

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Saturday March 2

Games Night – After Mass – Hall

Sunday March 3

Baptism Preparation Meeting – 10 AM – WR



St. John's Lenten Bible Study and Faith Sharing Evenings

We invite you to join your parish community as we embark on a journey to explore the meanings of the Eucharist and its profound role in the life of the Church. From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays, March 4-March 18 and April 1. Bring your friends and come, learn and share.

Upcoming Events

April brings attention to our Lenten practice with **Evening and Morning Prayers, Lenten Adoration and Benediction** and **Blessing of the Easter Foods!** Keep an eye on the parish bulletin for dates and times. And a **Parish Bowling Day** is taking place on May 26 at 2 p.m. – sure to be fun!!

Pancake Supper!

Come and join us on Shrove Tuesday (March 5) for a full pancake supper in the parish hall between 4 and 7 p.m. Freewill offering. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus 5073.

Children's Liturgy is looking for anyone interested in volunteering as a teacher. All are welcome to join in the fun of learning and crafts. We are also looking for a couple of grade 7 or 8 students that would like to assist the teachers. Please consider and the commitment can be only once a month if preferred. Please contact Anne Marie at 905-317-3539 or at childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com.

IN THE DIOCESE

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 19 (7 to 9:30 p.m.) at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. 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. Already completed level 1, 2 or 3? Join the next level and continue the journey toward healing and connect with others.

Catechetical Correspondence Program

Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in a Catholic school is also available. Families work through the programs at home. Please contact Monica Verin at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238. You may also register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are married 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years in 2019, you are cordially invited to a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9 at the Cathedral 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). Please refer to the poster near the Brant St. entrance for a tear-off sheet to mail in to register.

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouaille is a program that has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 15, send an email to hamiltonretrouaille1@cogeco.ca or phone 905-664-5212. Or visit www.retrouaille.org.

Project Rachel

Are you struggling with an abortion decision – either your own or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional or angry? **Project Rachel** is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Phone us at 905-526-1999 or 1-888-385-3850.



Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, March 6. Lent is a time for repentance, change of heart and prayer. Are you prepared? Give some thought now to your Lenten practice.

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