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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](http://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**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



# Mass Intentions

### Monday February 26

Daniel 9:3, 4b-10++; Luke 6:36-38 – No Mass

### Tuesday February 27

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, 27-28, 31++; Matthew 23:1-12

7 PM – Armelina Riga

### Wednesday February 28

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

9 AM – Milan Jukic

### Thursday March 1

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

9 AM – Frank Opavsky

### Friday March 2

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

9 AM – David Luckman

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

### Saturday March 3

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

5 PM – David Scagnetti

### Sunday March 4 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25++; John 2:13-25

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Deceased members of the Whelton family



## 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

This week we focus on ADYN, a D&P partner that contributes to peace in the Middle East by fostering cultural and religious tolerance. ADYN offers a wide range of programs, including conferences, training sessions, and workshops on peace, reconciliation, and coexistence. In the Middle East wounded by past and present wars, ADYN's work is essential and our support is indispensable to them. ADYN promotes spiritual solidarity, which means integrating thoughts and prayers with the suffering of others.

## A Lent to Remember

### Session 2: An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so. Join us on Monday, February 26 for our second of three in the Lenten Encounter with Mercy series. Come to either the 2-4 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. session in the parish hall.

## ST. JOHN'S GAMES NIGHT

Bring your family to the Games Night on **Saturday, March 3 at 6 p.m.** starting with a pizza supper, then let the games begin! There will be fun for the young and old and everyone in between. Volunteers are still needed. Sign up sheets are at the Brant Street entrance.



## Our Parish

### Monday February 26

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Lenten Session 2 – 2-4 PM/7-9 PM – Parish Hall

### Tuesday February 27

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

### Wednesday February 28

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

### Thursday March 1

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

### Friday March 2

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

### Saturday March 3

Games Night – Hall



## Reminder

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



The Knights of Columbus Council 5073 invite you to a **\$5 Spaghetti Dinner** on Sunday, March 4 at their Hall, 2400 Industrial St., Burlington. We are pleased to support St. Paul's parishioner, 10-year old Ayden Soares to raise funds for Childhood Arthritis. Seatings are at 4 and 6 p.m. Tickets available at the doors. For info, visit [www.teamayden.com](http://www.teamayden.com).

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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### Conferring of Papal Honours

On Sunday, March 4, Papal Honours will be conferred upon 16 recipients by the Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada. The honours will be conferred at 1:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton within a Liturgy of the Word celebration. All are welcome to attend.

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### Seeing the Word Session

On March 8 at the Chancery Office, the Liturgy Office will be hosting a *Seeing the Word* session for those who may be interested in delving deeper into God's Word through the illuminations of the Saint John's Bible. In preparation for the Easter Triduum, our Visio Divina will focus on the image of the Suffering Servant from Isaiah. The session will be at 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All those interested may contact Anthony De Feo at 905-528-7988, ext. 2336. All are welcome.

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### 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.

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.

**Is your child preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation this year?** We're here to help. Visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and find information for parents under "Catechesis Office." We have videos with practical suggestions and helpful information for parents of children with special needs.

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### 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 [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### 40 Days for Life 2018

The 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach is taking place February 14 to March 25. We pray at Proudfoot Trail and Dundas in Oakville. Please come to one of our group vigils on Saturday mornings at 10-11 a.m. For more information, visit [40daysforlife.com/oakville](http://40daysforlife.com/oakville) or phone Steve Germann at 905-333-6472.

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**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 [www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca) or phone 416-251-4255.

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### VOCATION VIEW

God calls Abraham to be willing to sacrifice all that is dear to him, even his own son, Isaac. In order to respond to a priestly or religious vocation, the same call to sacrifice is heard. Are you willing? 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](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).

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