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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

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.



Masses of the Week

*"Learn from the way
the wild flowers grow."
- Matthew 6:28b*

Monday February 27

Sirach 17:24-27, 29; Mark 10:17-27 – *No Mass*

Tuesday February 28

Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

7 PM – Jimmy McLaughlin

Wednesday March 1 – Ash Wednesday

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

9 AM – Ron Shore (School Mass)

7 PM – Joanne Dussiaume

Thursday March 2

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

9 AM – Eva Del Corpo

Friday March 3

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

9 AM – Yvette Marchand

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 4

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

5 PM – Jack & Doreen Hayes 60th Anniversary

Sunday March 5 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 49:14-15; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Pietro Ranieri



Our Parish

Monday February 27

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 28

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Pancake Supper – 4-7 PM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday March 1

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday March 2

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday March 3

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Saturday March 4

Games Night – 6 PM – Hall



Clocks go ahead one hour on March 12th.

C.W.L. Message

Our **C.W.L. Lenten Day of Prayer** is on Tuesday, March 7 starting with Mass at 9 a.m. and concluding at 2:15 p.m. with Benediction. Father Isabel's theme will be *"He spoke in parables."* The fee of \$15 will include lunch and refreshments. Registration forms are at the church doors - please register by March 3 in the collection basket, at the parish office or phone Marie at 905-637-1677. Please make any cheques payable to the C.W.L.

World Day of Prayer 2017

World Day of Prayer Services are on Friday, March 3, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 287 Plains Rd. In the evening, at Appleby United Church, 4407 Spruce Ave. starting at 7 p.m.

Pancake Supper!

Come and join us on Shrove Tuesday (Feb. 28) for pancakes and sausages in the parish hall from 4 - 7 p.m. Cost is a free-will offering.

ST. JOHN'S GAMES NIGHT

Bring your family to the Games Night on **Saturday, March 4 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 for kids games and cards for adults. Sign up sheets are at all the church entrances.

Share Lent 2017

Development & Peace – Caritas Canada will launch its 50th annual Share Lent campaign, *Women at the Heart of Change*, on Ash Wednesday. Share Lent donations provide support to the poorest populations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Please look over the Solidarity Calendar in today's bulletin and make it part of your family's Lenten journey. This year's Share Lent collection will take place on April 2.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Reminder

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

IN THE DIOCESE

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Saint Joseph from March 11 to 19. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You may send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R. #1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0.

Retrouvaille - Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 24, please phone 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario requires physicians to make an "effective referral" for assisted suicide and euthanasia. Many Catholic physicians and other caregivers are unable to do this in good conscience and are being forced to choose between their conscience and their careers. Given the introduction of Bill 84 on medical aid in dying at Queen's Park in December we have the opportunity to push for amendments to the Bill to include conscience protection for all health care workers. The Diocese is asking parishioners to contact their MPPs about this important issue. There is available material with step by step instructions that can be used to help you speak to your MPP about this topic. Here are the links to the materials and to a video which explains the situation, or you can visit <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>.

Come & See Retreat for men interested in the priesthood. St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, March 17-19. For details, please visit the website at www.HamiltonVocations.com.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN
Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through high school who are not currently receiving religious instruction (i.e. in a public or private school). These instructions prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation**. Please visit the website www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 to enroll your child.

IN THE COMMUNITY

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 1 - April 9 (8am to 8pm)

Join this peaceful and effective international prayer movement. Choose a prayer time from 8 am to 8 pm by visiting 40daysforlife.com/Oakville or email 40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com.

Saturdays at 10 am & Sundays at 3 pm - Hour of Group Prayer (Oakville Hospital).

March 20 at 7pm - Mass for Life with Bishop Miehm at St. Dominic's (Oakville).

April 9 at 3 pm - Final Day Group Prayer outside the Oakville Hospital.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona
Join Deacon Rob Thomas on June 11 to June 20, 2017 on a faith-filled excursion, marking the 100th anniversary of Fatima. For info, contact Deacon Rob by phone at 905-315-9443 or visit the website at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/764541>.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr. Ted Slaman, together with Fr. Robert Hetu will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 13 to November 22, including 4 days in the Galilee area, 4 days in Jerusalem. Experience this wonderful spiritual opportunity and get connected with Jesus and His times. For information, you may phone Fr. Ted Slaman at 905-334-9869 or email him at tedslaman@rogers.com or phone Fr. Robert Hetu at 519-853-8579 or rhetu@hamiltondiocese.com.

"No one can serve two masters." If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. King at the Vocations Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2246 or mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

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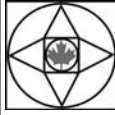


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