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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.

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



Mass Intentions

“...the one who drinks of the water I will give will never be thirsty.”

- John 4:14a

Monday February 29

2 Kings 5:1-15a; Luke 4:24-30 – No Mass

Tuesday March 1

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

7 PM – Ray Bucher

Wednesday March 2

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

9 AM – Samuel DiTomaso

Thursday March 3

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

9 AM – George Walaszczyk

Friday March 4

Hosea 14:1-9; Mark 12:28b-34

9 AM – Deceased members of the Yohan family

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 5

Hosea 5:15b - 6:6+; Luke 18:9-14

5 PM – David & Kenneth Ramey

Sunday March 6 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Lke 15:1-3, 11-32

9 AM – Joan Galea

11 AM – Pro Populo



Our Parish

Monday February 29

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday March 1

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday March 2

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Thursday March 3

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday March 4

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday March 6

Baptism Preparation Meeting – 10 AM – WR

*On Holy Saturday,
March 26, join us in
the church for the
Blessing of the
Easter food at 1 p.m.*



C.W.L. Message

Mission Statement: The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values, calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. This is accomplished through prayer, retreats and good works towards our fellow parishioners and in the community at large.

World Day of Prayer 2016

World Day of Prayer Services are on Friday, March 4, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Wellington Square United Church, 2121 Caroline St., Burlington. In the evening, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3455 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington starting at 7 p.m.

Reminder

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

St. John's Talent Show

The St. John's Men's Group will again be hosting the Annual St. John's Talent Show on April 9 after the 5 o'clock Mass. If you can sing, tell jokes, play an instrument, or have any other special talent, this is your opportunity to shine. All acts must be confirmed by April 3. Please contact Tim O'Brien at 905-632-2954 to get in on the program. A pizza supper will be provided free of charge.

WEEKEND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 3, 2016.....	\$3,250
# of envelopes.....	212
January 10, 2016.....	\$4,530.15
# of envelopes.....	275
January 17, 2016.....	\$4954
# of envelopes.....	276
January 24, 2016.....	\$4,974.25
# of envelopes.....	271

Share Lent: Create a Climate of Change

This week, we visit Indonesia where the word *kampung* has come to mean 'slum' in the local language, but its original definition is 'community.' Your support for Share Lent means that Try Mopurto, who lives in a *kampung* has been able to renovate his home for his family, despite suffering from mental illness. The community is coming together to support him and his family. The Share Lent collection is taking place on the March 12/13 weekend.

Attention St. John's parishioners – Burlington has declared March 7-13 as “Special Olympics Flag Week.” **The Knights of Columbus** would appreciate your support through a **Bottle Drive**. Please bring your empty bottles and/or donations to the trailer located in the parking lot on March 11 between 2 - 6 p.m. Proceeds will support Burlington's Special Olympic Athletes participating in the Provincial School Championship Games in June.

IN THE DIOCESE

Come and See Retreat

Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to St. Peter's Seminary in London on March 4-6 for a retreat. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood and to hear their stories. For more information, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are married 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years in 2016, you are cordially invited to a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 29 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.

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, March 1 (7 to 9:30 pm) at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, please phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35.

KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS is a **ten week video-based program** meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. The program runs Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. starting March 3 at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The cost is \$45. For more information, phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouvaille** has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on March 11 in Niagara Falls, phone 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

The Office of Youth Ministry is offering a day of renewal and reflection for young adults (18-35) on Sunday, April 24 from 1 to 7 p.m. at McNally Hall, Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. To register or to get information, phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2239 or visit cmunes@hamiltondiocese.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY

24th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Come and celebrate the Lift Jesus Higher Rally on Saturday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Hear speakers and attend Mass with celebrant Cardinal Thomas Collins. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth and may be purchased at 416-251-4255 or visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org.

40 Days for Life

Join the international 40 Days for Life effort from February 10 to March 20 for peaceful prayer outside New Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (Third Line and Dundas Street). The vigil takes place every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You may register and get information at 40daysforlife.com/oakville.

Booked a vacation week in August yet? Please consider joining the **Cross of Victory Pilgrimage** for a day or two or the whole week of August 6 to August 13 as we walk to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. For information, search Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2016 on the internet or contact David Foster at CofVPilgrimage@gmail.com or 416-892-8819.



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