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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

*Light rises in the darkness
for the upright.*

- Psalm 111

Monday February 6 – St. Paul Miki & Companions

Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56 – No Mass

Tuesday February 7

Genesis 1:20 - 2:4a; Mark 7:1-13

7 PM – Frank Huyge

Wednesday February 8

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23

9 AM – Mary Markey

Thursday February 9

Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30

9 AM – Emiglio Pellizzari

Friday February 10 – St. Scholastica

Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37

9 AM – Oreste Figliuzzi

Saturday February 11

Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

5 PM – Intentions of Harry & Margaret Murphy

Sunday February 12 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

9 AM – Frank Opavsky

11 AM – Pro populo



Our Parish

Monday February 6

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 7

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday February 8

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday February 9

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday February 10

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

The C.W.L. invites all women and their friends to indulge in warm, sunny thoughts on Monday, February 13 for our **Valentine's Fashion Show**. You will be treated to a great collection of fine fashions and refreshments, featuring fashions from "Just B Gauze." For tickets (\$5), see or phone Lori at 905-637-8165 or Dolene at 905-634-8611.

Pancake Supper!

Mark your calendars and come and join us on Shrove Tuesday (February 28) for pancakes and sausages in the parish hall between 4 and 7 p.m. Cost is a free-will offering.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

The Knights of Columbus #5073 will be hosting a Catholic Men's Retreat on Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Ave., Dundas. The theme will be "*Thy (God's) Will (Not Mine) be done.*" The retreat will be conducted by both lay persons and clergy and will include presentations, group discussions and opportunities for reflection. Food and refreshments will be provided and the cost is \$35 with limited seating. Please reserve your seat by contacting Michael Enright at 905-315-1744.

ST. JOHN'S GAMES NIGHT

Save the date – **Saturday, March 4 at 6 p.m.** Bring your family to the Games Night 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... if you would like to help for an hour, please sign up at the Brant Street entrance.



Ash Wednesday will be here on March 1. Are you prepared? Lent is a time for repentance, change of heart and prayer. Give some thought now to prepare for your Lenten practice.

Anxiety and Depression Seminar

For anyone who struggles with anxiety or depression, St. John's Parish is hosting a free seminar – no reservations required. Come and hear speaker, Mike Glugosh, from the Mountainview Clinic for Stress and Anxiety, share coping skills to help you overcome Anxiety Disorder, the #1 emotional problem in our country today. This Seminar will take place on Thursday, February 23 at 7 p.m. in St. John's parish hall. If you cannot attend, please phone the Clinic at 905-320-4699 for information.

IN THE DIOCESE

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict and most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. 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.

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1)

This ten week support program starts Tuesday, February 28 (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. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs.

Exploring the St. John Bible: Seeing the Word

A Senior Adult Workshop Series on "*Exploring the St. John Bible*" will take place starting March 8 at the Chancery Office from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. You will be introduced to the history and making of the newly acquired bible, the first hand-written, illuminated bible in 500 years. The program will be facilitated by the Director of the Discipleship and Parish Life Office and the cost of \$35 and includes resources. Register by February 21 at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or email mverin@hamiltondiocese.com.

KEYS

This 10-week, video-based program is meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better 'me' in all your relationships. The program runs Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. starting March 2 at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. The cost is \$45. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 for more information.

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, not Catholic school). These instructions prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **Reconciliation, 1st Communion and Confirmation**. Please visit the website www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 to get your child started.

A special program, "*Insects in the Bible: An Intertextual Approach*" will take place at the Royal Botanical Gardens Rock Garden on Saturday, March 11 from 2 - 4 p.m. Fr. Michael Patella, OSB and Sabrina Hall will discuss insects featured in the St. John's Bible. Cost is \$30. Pre-register by March 1 at www.rbg.ca or 1-800-694-4769.

IN OTHER PARISHES

On the World Day of the Sick on Saturday, February 11 (also the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes) there will be **Healing Mass and Anointing with Holy Oil** at Charles Garnier Church, 129 Hughson St. S. Adoration at 3 p.m. and Healing Mass at 5 p.m.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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>.

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