## 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 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.



# Mass Intentions

Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch."

- Luke 5:10-11

Monday February 8

I Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56 - No Mass

Tuesday February 9

I Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13

7 PM - Deceased members of the Korkis family

Wednesday February 10 - Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (School Mass)

9 AM - Deceased members of the O'Brien family

7 PM – Josip Vlaho

Thursday February 11

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

9 AM – Konstancija Zuk

Friday February 12

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

9 AM – Intentions of the Reid family

7 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 13

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

5 PM – Ted Carney

Sunday February 14 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

9 AM - Pro Populo

11 AM – Roman Brazil



#### Our Parish

Monday February 8

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 9

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Pancake Supper – 4 to 7 PM – Hall

Wednesday February 10

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall

Thursday February 11

Cenacle Group - 9:30 AM - WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Not Catholic but Curious Lectures – 7 PM – Rectory

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday February 12

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Saturday February 13

Men's Group Breakfast - 8 AM - Hall

#### C.W.L. Message

All women are invited to the **2016 Lenten Retreat** on **Tuesday, February 16**. This event will again be facilitated by Fr. Mike Isabelle and will run from 9 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Refreshments and lunch will be served. The cost is a donation of \$15. Registration forms are available at all the doors of the church. Be sure to register by February 11. For more information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

Please pick up your **2016 envelopes** as soon as you are able before they are removed to the parish office. **Tax receipts** are located on a table near the Brant Street doors.

### Pancake Supper!

Come and join us on Shrove Tuesday (February 9) for pancakes and sausages in the parish hall between 4 and 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 for children 5 and under. Tickets will be sold at the hall doors as you enter.

#### A Jubilee of Mercy Evening

Everyone is invited to attend a free public event on Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in our parish hall. Learn more about the **Year of Jubilee of Mercy**, declared for 2016 by Pope Francis. Fr. Bill Trusz, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and one of 800 "Missionaries of Mercy" chosen by the Pope, will explore the many ways we can integrate this important virtue into our personal lives and that of our parishes. This event is sponsored by the St. John's Men's Group. Refreshments provided.

Men of the Parish – join us for our monthly breakfast and spiritual reflection on Saturday, February 13 at 8 a.m. in the parish hall.

### **Partnership West Food Bank**

Thank you for assisting the Food Bank in getting much-needed food to families having difficulties. Please don't wait for Easter to make your next food donations to the food barrell at the Brant Street doors – there is need now, so please help if you can.



**The Knights of Columbus Hall** is available for celebrations, meetings, socials and more. Phone 289-260-7352 for information or visit their website at www.kofc5073.ca.

## IN THE DIOCESE

**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. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs starting the same week.

**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.

## **Retrouvaille – Help for your Marriage**

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like Retrouvaille teaches couples how to roommates. survive times like these in their marriages. This helped thousands has couples program experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress. For confidential information about, or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on March 11-17 in Niagara Falls, please phone 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

#### 160th Anniversary of the Diocese of Hamilton

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, February 28 at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, will preach the homily for the Anniversary Mass. All are welcome.

## Pilgrimage Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King

You are welcome to make a *Year of Mercy* pilgrimage to the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, February 21. You may enter through the *Door of Mercy* (located near the elevator entrance). At 2 p.m. we begin the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be offered at 3 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Pilgrims are most welcome to stay for our 4 p.m. Mass that day. All are welcome to come and share in the Father's mercy and peace.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

#### Winter Evening Hike and Bonfire

Young adults (ages 19 to 39) – February 21, 6-8 p.m., discover the magic of winter by participating in a guided hike through the woods, under the light of the moon at the Royal Botanical Gardens. We will begin with a basic introduction then hit the trails, capping it off by a bonfire with a hot cup of cocoa. Share this experience, share our faith journey and share peace with like-minded young adults. For registration and more information, contact Cristian, youth minister at St. Raphael's at (905) 637-2346 or email cala1271@gmail.com.

### 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.

Interested in the priesthood or religious life? Speak to the pastor or contact Rev. Kuzma at (905)528-7988, ext. 2246 or visit www.vocationinfo.ca.

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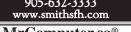


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