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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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday February 9

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

Tuesday February 10 – *St. Scholastica*

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

7 PM – Ricardo Mendez

Wednesday February 11

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

9 AM – Donald Bowie

Thursday February 12

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

9 AM – Madeleine Arabo

Friday February 13

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

9 AM – Intentions of Lenore McGuire

Saturday February 14 – *St. Cyril & St. Methodius*

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

5 PM – Patricia Villeneuve

Sunday February 15 – *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Liviticus 13:1-2, 45-46; I Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1; Mark 1:40-45

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Patrick McCarthy



C.W.L. MESSAGE

Remember to register for the C.W.L. **Lenten Retreat Day** on Tuesday, February 24. This event will be facilitated by Fr. Mike Isabelle and will run from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Refreshments and lunch will be served. The cost is a donation of \$15. Registration forms are available at the church doors – please be sure to register by February 19. For more information, phone Marie Arponen at 905-637-1677. **The General Meeting** is on Monday, February 9 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome to learn more about the Cross of Victory Pilgrimage as our guest speaker relates his experience.

St. John's Parish Breakfast!!



On Sunday, February 22, come and enjoy a delicious breakfast after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Tickets cost \$7/adults and \$3/children (5 to 12), children 4 and under eat for free. Tickets will only be sold at the door. The menu, prepared by the Knights of Columbus: eggs, bacon, sausages, beans, pancakes, hash browns, coffee, tea & juice.

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Development and Peace “Sow Much Love”

For the next two weeks, we are all invited to petition the government and the House of Commons to commit to adopt international policies that support small family farmers’ rights to preserve, use and freely exchange seeds. These rights play a vital role in the struggle against hunger and poverty in the Global South. You can find more information at the Brant Street entrance. Petition sheets are at all doors of the church. When signing, please be sure to follow the instructions about using block lettering, etc.



Our Parish

Monday February 9

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

C.W.L. General Meeting – 7 PM – Hall

Tuesday February 10

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday February 11

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday February 12

Cenacle Group 9:30 AM - WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM - Church

Friday February 13

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday February 15

Baptisms – 12:30 PM - Church



Ash Wednesday is February 18. Are you prepared? Lent is a time for repentance, change of heart and prayer. It's good to give some thought now to your Lenten practice.

Monday, February 16 is Family Day and the parish office will be closed that day.



February 8, 2015

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our conference has brand new high quality clothing in sizes for infants up to size 6. Any parishioners with young children who need clothing are invited to the parish hall any Tuesday in February from 10:30 a.m. until noon. A volunteer from St. Vincent de Paul will be there to help you with your selections

IN THE SCHOOL

Calling all parents of grade 3 students at St. John School: Please join us along with our grade 3 students for an informal “Golden Time Together” gathering following the 9 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass on February 18. We will meet immediately following the Mass in the parish hall. The Mental Health Liaison Nurse and the Public Health Nurse will be available to lead in a special activity that you can take home. Light refreshments will be provided.

IN THE DIOCESE

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversary in 2015? If you are, you are invited on Sunday, June 7, 2015, for a **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** at the Cathedral Basilica 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 if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster at the Brant Street doors for registration or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Come away and pray for awhile. Join the **Sisters of St. Joseph** at the Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Avenue in Hamilton on Saturday, February 28 from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The day includes Mass, lunch and time for prayer. Please phone 905-528-0138 to register by February 22. The contribution is \$20.

Synod of Marriage & Family Participation

Pope Francis has called a Synod of Marriage & Family for October 2015. You are invited to participate by filling in a questionnaire at www.hamiltondiocese.com by February 27th. Or attend a focus group gathering at St. Michael Parish, Oakville on Tuesday, February 17 (7-9 p.m.) or at the Chancery Office on Thursday, February 19 (7-9 p.m.). RRSP by phone at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 if you plan to attend the focus group.

IN OTHER PARISHES

Snowshoeing Adventure!

Young adults (ages 19 to 39) – February 22, 6-8 p.m., discover the magic of winter by snowshoeing 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. Snowshoes supplied. Share this experience, share our faith journey and share peace with like-minded young adults. If no snow, the adventure will be a winter hike. To register, please contact Mary Tessari at mtessari@bellnet.ca.

Burlington Welsh Male Choir Concert

On Sunday, February 15 at 3:30 p.m., St. Gabriel's Church will host a parish concert, featuring our own parish musicians and the Burlington Welsh Male Choir. Tickets are \$15/adults; \$10/child (16 and under); \$50/family (2 adults + 5 children maximum, in the same family). For tickets, phone Peter Posocco at 905-336-3239 or the parish office at 905-336-7144. Proceeds go to St. Gabriel's Church.

IN THE COMMUNITY

40 Days for Life

The worldwide Prayer Vigil to end abortion and heal those affected by it takes place from February 18 to March 29 for 40 days of peaceful prayer. Gather outside Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (327 Reynolds Street). To take part, please register at 40daysforlife.com/oakville.

Girl's Night Swap 'N Shop - Halton Alive

Halton Alive presents its very first “*Girl's Night Swap 'N Shop*” on Friday, February 13 at 7 p.m. at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, 616 Dundas St. E., Waterdown. Bring all the extra clothes you don't wear to participate in the clothing exchange and be sure to check out the many vendors selling apparel, cosmetics and more. Clothes should be in ‘like new’ condition. Any clothes left at the end of the night will be donated to women in need. If you cannot attend but would like to donate clothes, drop them off at our office at 760 Brant St., Suite 39, Burlington.

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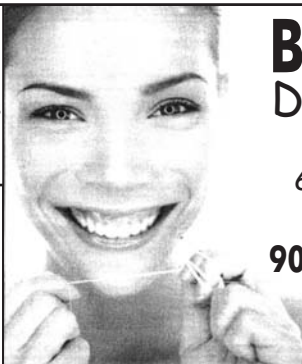
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