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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

"After Jesus had been baptized and was praying...the Holy Spirit descended on him..."

- Luke 3:21

Monday January 11

I Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20 - No Mass

Tuesday January 12 - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

I Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28

7 PM – Dr. Robert Carbin

Wednesday January 13

I Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39

9 AM – Joseph Smiley

Thursday January 14

I Samuel 4: Ic-II; Mark 1:40-45

9 AM – Margaret Alessi

Friday January 15

I Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12

9 AM - Keith MacMillan

Saturday January 16

I Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17

5 PM - Peter Coonan

Sunday January 17 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; I Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Roy Culp



Monday January 11

Our Parish

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

<u>Tuesday January 12</u>

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 – WR

<u>Wednesday January 13</u>

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Thursday January 14

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 – WR

Men's Group Free Public Event – 7 PM – Hall

Friday January 15

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday January 17

Baptism - 12:30 PM - Church

C.W.L. Message

A reminder to all women of the parish who are members, and those who wish to become members that our **Membership Tea** is on Sunday, January 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your membership dues – the names of all who pay their dues on or before January 10 will be entered into a draw for one person to receive free membership for the year. Please RSVP to Dolene at 905-634-8611 or Lori at 905-637-8165. We hope you will attend.

WEEKEND OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 6, 2015 \$5,079 # of envelopes 282 December 13, 2015 \$5,812 # of envelopes 282 December 20, 2015 \$8,566.25 # of envelopes 307

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their **monthly meeting** in the Warren Room on Monday, January 18 at 2 p.m.

Not Catholic But Curious?

This 6 evening series, starting Thursday, January 21 is especially for those who might be non-Catholic, yet attend Mass with their Catholic spouse. It will focus on the Scriptures as well as the various sacraments and is designed to impart knowledge about the Catholic faith. It is not a series which expects one to become Catholic. Those who are already Catholic are welcome to attend as well and perhaps have some questions answered. If interested please leave your name and phone number at the rectory office.

The Church as a Field Hospital

Pope Francis asks us to think of the Church as a field hospital after a battle, dedicated to healing the wounded. Come explore what that means with David Daylor, author of *Being a Man After God's Own Heart* and other titles, in a free public event on January 14, 7 p.m. in the parish hall. David Dayler is Director of the Office of Discipleship for the Diocese of Hamilton. This event is sponsored by the the Men's Group of St. John's.

The Knights of Columbus #5073 have teamed up with St. Raphael's Men's Group to invite men from all parishes to a **Social Night**. We will meet and welcome the new priests from the Congregation of the Holy Cross. There will be plenty of discussion while enjoying food and drink. From 7-9 p.m. at St. Raphael's Parish on Monday, January 25.

It's not too late to buy **2016 Knights of Columbus Cash Calendar**. You have a chance to win money throughout the year. Proceeds help those in need in the Burlington community. Phone Ray Bartlett at 289-795-3404 today.

IN THE DIOCESE

Attend a **Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, Friday, January 29, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring a bag lunch - tea and coffee are provided. An offering of \$25 is suggested. To register, phone 905-388-3966 or email sssperthshire@sympatico.ca.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION COURSES

Correspondence 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). For information and registration forms, phone Monica at the Catechesis Office in the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

Heal Your Heart

Are you dealing with a loss in your life such as the death of a spouse, child or miscarriage, divorce, job loss, loss of home, health, pet, culture, infertility, romantic relationship, ailing parents? There is help – you are invited to join a series of Group Bereavement Workshops aiming at mending conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. This is a 6-week course on Wednesdays at 7 to 9 p.m. starting January 20 and each Wednesday until February 24 at St. Michael's Church, 181 Sewell Dr., Oakville. To register, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. The cost is \$35 including material.

Project Rachel

Healing after an abortion is possible. Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please phone us at (905) 526-1999.

IN OTHER PARISHES

Mass and Rosary for the Unborn

Mass and Rosary will be celebrated at St. Paul's Parish on January 19 at 7 p.m. for the intentions of the unborn. This will continue every month on the 3rd Tuesday at the same time. Please plan to attend and lend your support.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ADOPTION INFORMATION NIGHT

Have you considered adoption? Would you like to hear more about the process through CCASH? Come to an Information Night on Thursday, January 21 starting at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew Parish, 1150 Monks Passage in Oakville. For information and to register, phone Jocelyn at 905-525-2012, ext. 3125. The website is www.hamiltonccas.on.ca.

SERRA CLUB CELEBRATION

Plan on joining the Serra Club of Hamilton in celebrating 50 years of service by Fr. Ciavarro, Fr. Curtin, Fr. Isabelle, Fr. Strohmeyer, Fr. Clarke SJ, Fr. Kelly CCSp, Fr. Wagner CSC, Fr. Wahl CR and Sr. Kerrigan CSJ on Tuesday, April 26 at Liuna Station. Visit http://celebrationprl.wix.com/dinner or phone Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682 for details of this event.

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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