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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.

## 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](http://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**



*"Behold, the Lamb of God."*

# Mass Intentions

Monday January 15

I Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 – No Mass

Tuesday January 16

I Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

7 PM – Intentions of Victor Nunes

Wednesday January 17 – St. Anthony

I Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

9 AM – Val Liskauskas

Thursday January 18

I Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

9 AM – Deceased members of the Caruso family

Friday January 19

I Samuel 24:2-21; Mark 3:13-19

9 AM – Intentions of Flo McDermott

Saturday January 20

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

5 PM – Joseph Luciani

Sunday January 21 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

9 AM – Andrew Galea

11 AM – Pro Populo



## CWL Message

The CWL needs women who *"Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace."* – Mother Teresa. To assist our Executive, please complete the front of your membership envelope with your name, address and phone number. **The front of the renewal envelope must be completed in full** so that we may identify you. Thank you for taking the time to do this. If paying by cheque, please make your cheque payable to St. John's Catholic Women's League. Your timely payment of dues is a great help.

## FORMED PRESENTS

Born and raised in Muslim Turkey, Derya Little wandered far and wide in search of her true home. After her parents' divorce, she rejected her family's Islamic faith and became an atheist. During her stormy adolescence, she tried to convince a Christian missionary that there is no God but was converted to Christ instead. Download the e-book, "From Islam to Christ – One Woman's Path Through the Riddles of God" and read Derya's fascinating story in the "Read" section under the "Current Topics" ribbon of formed. Register for free using our parish code RHTGK2 at FORMED.org.

## Children's Liturgy Announcement

Children in JK – Grade 4, are invited to join in the parish's Children's Liturgy program which takes place on Sundays at the 11 a.m. Mass. Phone Anne Marie at 905-317-3539 or send an email to [childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com](mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com) to register or for information.



## Our Parish

Monday January 15

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday January 16

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday January 17

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday January 18

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

Friday January 19

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Universal  
Week of Prayer  
for Christian  
Unity,  
January 18-25



**Mark your Calendars for Tuesday, February 13, Pancake Tuesday in the parish hall. More details will follow in upcoming bulletins.**

Thank you so much for your support of the parish. Work on the **tax receipts** and **Annual Report to Parishioners** is commencing. To help immensely, when donating a loose cheque please use a pink visitor's envelope and complete the front of the envelope in full or at least write your name. OR, if you would like a set of parish envelopes of your own, please visit or phone the office for assistance .

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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### Share Lent 2018 Campaign

Attend any one of our Hamilton Diocesan Workshops and learn how to prepare for the 2018 Share Lent Campaign. Tuesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. at Annunciation of Our Lord parish, 280 Limeridge Rd. W., Hamilton or Wednesday, January 17 at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's parish, 181 Sewell Dr., Oakville. For more information, phone Rita at 905-525-1198.

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### Project Rachel

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

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### PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through high school **who are not currently receiving religious instruction** (i.e. in a public or private school). These instructions prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation**. Visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

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### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? On Sunday, June 10, at 1:30 pm., you are invited to attend a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest). Details are available on the poster at the Brant Street entrance.

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Attend a **Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, on Friday, January 26, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a bag lunch; tea, coffee and muffins are provided. An offering of \$20 is suggested. To register please email [ssspertshire@sympatico.ca](mailto:ssspertshire@sympatico.ca) or phone 905-388-3966.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### BIG BAND CONCERT

The Burlington Knights of Columbus are proud to sponsor A Tribute to Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman and Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey performed by the Toronto All-Star Big Band. The concert takes place on Saturday, January 28, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. Come and enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing with your friends. The price per ticket is \$45 and tickets may be reserved by phoning the box office at 905-681-6000.

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Join the **Serra Club of Hamilton** in honouring and celebrating milestone years of service of our priests and consecrated brothers and sisters. This event takes place on May 2 at Liuna Station, Hamilton beginning with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$65 through Margaret at 905-628-5682 or email [celebrationprl@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationprl@gmail.com).

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**You are invited to visit with the Lay Carmelites** at St. James Parish, 231 Morden Rd., Oakville. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lay Carmelites are Roman Catholic men and women, called to seek God's will in the ordinary. They share a deep spirituality embraced by the Order's friars, nuns and laity, including St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. You are welcome to join us at the next community meeting.

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Please visit the **St. Vincent de Paul Next to New Stores** at 200 Parkdale Ave. N. and 969 Upper Ottawa St. (Giant Tiger Plaza) in Hamilton. Find good quality clothing, shoes, furniture, household items, books, dvds, cds and more. Please phone 905-549-3902 for free pick up of your gently used donations. Volunteers are always welcome. Please speak to John at the store.

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### Vocation View

*"We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth." (John 1:41).* After his encounter with Jesus, St. Andrew goes first to find his brother Peter to also bring him to Christ. Do not be afraid to bring others to Christ as well. For information on the priesthood or religious life, visit [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca), or contact Fr. King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, extension 2246. Email [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).

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