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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

VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY

Email sjtbvolunteer@gmail.com with your name, phone number and ministry you are interested in. The ministry leader will contact you.

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

- John 1:29

Monday January 20

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

Tuesday January 21 – *St. Agnes*

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

7 PM – Paz Zantua

Wednesday January 22

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

9 AM – Herbert White

Thursday January 23

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

9 AM – Lisa Johnston

Friday January 24 – *St. Francis De Sales*

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

9 AM – Jill O'Connor

Saturday January 25 – *Conversion of St. Paul*

Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18

5 PM – Thomas & Ellen McMahon

Sunday January 26 – *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 9:1-4; I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18; Matthew 4:12-23

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Mary Vancas Josefik



Our Parish

Monday January 20

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday January 21

CWL Crafts – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday January 22

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday January 23

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday January 24

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

<http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca>

For articles & photos of all parish activities.

C.W.L. Message

Thank you for submitting your membership envelopes. We appreciate your completing the front of the renewal envelope in full as this is how we are able to identify you. Thank you for taking the time to do this. If paying your dues by cheque, please make your cheque payable to St. John's Catholic Women's League. Thank you again.

Jesus Stories – Sunday, February 9

Save the Date: Join us in the parish hall on Sunday, February 9 after the 11 o'clock Mass for pizza, popcorn and Jesus stories – The Little Lost Sheep, The Good Samaritan and The Unforgiving Servant. Let us know if you can help with this event, whether you have children or not, we'd love to have you. Email us at stjohnsformed@gmail.com.

The **Children's Liturgy** (for children in **JK to Grade 4**) takes place throughout the school year during the 11 o'clock Mass. There is no need to pre-register. We are always looking for extra teachers or grade 7/8 students to volunteer. Our email is childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com.



Altar flowers were generously donated by Sandy and Albert Omran in memory of Linton Ewert and Soumaya Omran. If you would like to donate flowers to commemorate a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please phone or text Peggy Black at 289-260-8336 or email blackpeg133@hotmail.com.

Break free from pornography

One of the biggest issues that destroys our own happiness and rips apart marriages and families is pornography. It's estimated that 60-70% of men are engaging porn with some frequency. If this is an issue that you or a loved one deals with, we have a powerful solution for you. It's called STRIVE and it's an anonymous, 21-day challenge that men all around the world are taking to break free from pornography. The normal cost is \$49, but STRIVE is being provided for FREE for a limited time for all the men at our parish. All you need to do is sign up at strive21.com and you can begin right away.

Meet up with men of this parish at the **St. John's Men's Group** for an exploration of our faith. "*What Catholics Believe 6: Examining the Sacraments of Initiation, Part 1*" will be the topic of our meeting on Saturday, February 8 from 8-10 a.m. in the Warren Room of the parish hall. All are welcome and the event, coffee and snacks are free.

IN THE DIOCESE

Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced. Would it help to have people around you who understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. No need to register and no cost. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 if information is needed, but you may just drop in between 7-9 p.m.

At **Project Rachel** 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 (905) 526-1999.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses are available to prepare children not in Catholic schools for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Families are encouraged to register early by visiting www.hamiltondiocese.com or phoning Monica Verin at the Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

Has separation or divorce caused you to feel upset, or like you are on a roller coaster? Would you like to minimize the impact on yourself and feel stronger? **Learning to Cope (Level 1)** is a ten-week support program offered in Hamilton starting Tuesday, March 24 from 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West. A newly written Level 2 program will be offered for the first time on the same evening (past participants are welcome) and Level 3 and 4 will run at the same time and location on Wednesday evenings. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. Come on your own or bring a friend and find your strength.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For information or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, phone 905-664-5211, send an email to hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

IN THE COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Learn more about fostering and adoption by registering to attend the *Fostering and Adoption Online Information Session (Webinar)* on either Tuesday, February 11 or Monday, February 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For information, please contact the Foster and Adoption Recruitment Coordinator, Niamh O'Flaherty at 905-525-2273 or by email at niamh.oflaherty@hamiltonccas.on.ca.

Christopher Leadership Courses

The Christopher Leadership Courses in Effective Speaking can help if you need to improve your confidence and skill in public speaking. The next course begins Wednesday, January 29 at McMaster University in Hamilton. To register or for more information, please visit www.clchamilton.com or phone Frank at 905-662-4076.

Serra Club Annual Dinner - Celebrate the anniversaries of priests and consecrated/religious brothers and sisters who have served 25, 40, 50, 60 and more years in the Diocese of Hamilton. Join members of the Serra Club on Tuesday, April 28 at Liuna Station. Those called to ordination or to profess final vows will also be present. For more information, email Margaret Carreiro at celebrationprl@gmail.com.

Vocation View - St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Jesus Christ and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to the priesthood or religious life? Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director at the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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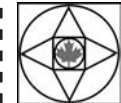
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