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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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS - 12 NOON

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

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.



Masses of the Week

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

- Matthew 4:19

Monday January 23

Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30 – *No Mass*

Tuesday January 24 – *St. Francis De Sales*

Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35

7 PM – Chris Collins

Wednesday January 25 – *Conversion of St. Paul*

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

9 AM – Rose Stella

Thursday January 26 – *St. Timothy & St. Titus*

2 Timothy 1:1-8; Luke 10:1-9

9 AM – Mary Vancas Josefik

Friday January 27

Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34

9 AM – Intentions of Fred Moersfelder

Saturday January 28 – *St. Thomas Aquinas*

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41

5 PM – Ellen Hanna

Sunday January 29 – *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Sonny Malone



Our Parish

Monday January 23

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday January 24

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday January 25

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday January 26

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday January 27

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

To help our Executive, complete the front of your envelope with your name, address and phone number when submitting your **membership envelope**. Thank you for doing this. If paying your membership by cheque, please make it payable to Catholic Women's League. There is no meeting in January. Keep February 13 open for our Valentine's Fashion Show with refreshments and prizes, featuring fashions from "Just B Gauze." For tickets (\$5), see or phone Lori at 905-637-8165 or Dolene at 905-634-8611.

Anxiety and Depression Seminar

For anyone who struggles with anxiety or depression, St. John's Parish is hosting a free seminar – no reservations required. Come and hear speaker, Mike Glugosh, from the Mountainview Clinic for Stress and Anxiety, share coping skills to help you overcome Anxiety Disorder, the #1 emotional problem in our country today. This Seminar will take place on Thursday, February 23 at 7 p.m. in St. John's parish hall. If you cannot attend, please phone the Clinic at 905-320-4699 for information.

Pancake Supper!

Mark your calendars and come and join us on Shrove Tuesday (February 28) for pancakes and sausages in the parish hall between 4 and 7 p.m. Cost is a free-will offering.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

The Knights of Columbus #5073 will be hosting a Catholic Men's Retreat on Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Ave., Dundas. The theme will be "Thy (God's) Will (Not Mine) be done." The retreat will be conducted by both lay persons and clergy and will include presentations, group discussions and opportunities for reflection. Food and refreshments will be provided and the cost is \$35 with limited seating. Please reserve your seat by contacting Michael Enright at 905-315-1744.



THE 2017 ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the church, close to the Brant Street entrance. If you have any difficulty finding your envelopes, please contact the office at 905-634-2485 during office hours and you will receive assistance. THANK YOU so much for supporting St. John's parish with your contributions. Kindly make all cheques payable to **St. John's Parish**.

Are you interested in the Ministry of bringing Communion to the sick and homebound in our community? If so, kindly contact the parish office with your information. 905-634-2485.

IN THE DIOCESE

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

The Sacrament of Confirmation is normally celebrated in the fall of each year. Because it will come quickly upon us, we want you to be ready in advance. If your child is in grade 6 (Confirmation takes place in grade 7) and does not attend Catholic School, we would like you to be aware of the **Catechetical Correspondence Courses** offered by the Diocese of Hamilton. Please visit the website www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 to get your child started.

Euthanasia & Assisted Dying

Dr. Moira McQueen of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute will offer a presentation and Q&A on the need for conscience rights protection for physicians, healthcare workers and Catholic institutions in light of the legalization of assisted dying and euthanasia. Join us at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, January 29 at 12 noon for this presentation in McNally Hall – a light lunch will be provided.

Attend a **Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, on Friday, January 27, 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 phone 905-388-3966 or email ssspertshire@sympatico.ca.

IN OTHER PARISHES

Attend a Women's Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 4 from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. in St. Raphael's Parish Centre. Our theme will be "Forgiveness; a New Day" with keynote speaker, Miriam Wright and a play by Elisa Lollino. Tickets are on sale for \$30. Contact St. Raphael's parish office at 905-637-2346 for ticket information.

IN THE COMMUNITY

32nd Annual Children's Fundraiser

On Thursday, March 2, the C.Y.O. will celebrate our 32nd Annual Children's Fundraiser. Proceeds from this event enable children with special needs and those in financial need the opportunity to attend our C.Y.O. Camp Marydale and Camp Brébeuf camping programs. It is an evening of good food, great friends and fun entertainment - all for a great cause. Our evening's presentations include His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Douglas Crosby, Diocese of Hamilton, the 2016 Golden Horseshoe Athlete of the Year Award presentation and more. For more information please contact Mel Leggat at 905-528-0011, ext. 3608 or mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona

Join Deacon Rob Thomas on June 11 to June 20, 2017 on a faith-filled excursion, marking the 100th anniversary of Fatima. For info, contact Deacon Rob by phone at 905-315-9443 or visit the website at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/764541>.

The Life Jesus Higher Rally takes place on Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. in Toronto. A Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins, also separate youth events and speakers. For tickets and info, visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca or phone 905-833-0360.



Ash Wednesday will be here on March 1. Are you prepared? Lent is a time for repentance, change of heart and prayer. Give some thought now to prepare for your Lenten practice.

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