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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

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

"And he cured many who were sick with various diseases..."

- Mark 1:34

Monday January 29

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13a; Mark 5:1-20 - No Mass

Tuesday January 30

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-26a, 30-19:3++; Mark 5:21-43

7 PM - Quinn Dang

Wednesday January 31 - St. John Bosco

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6

9 AM – Intentions of Margaret McGarrett

Thursday February 1

I Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13

9 AM – Maria Stubits

Friday February 2 - Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40

9 AM – Intentions of Donna Dawson

Saturday February 3

I Kings 3:4-131; Mark 6:30-34

5 PM – Vic Domingo

Sunday Febraury 4 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Sonny Malone



Our Parish

Monday January 29

Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR

Tuesday January 30

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - Hall

Wednesday January 31

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group - 6:15 PM - Hall

Thursday February 1

Cenacle Group - 9:30 AM - WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

Friday February 2

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday February 4

Baptism Preparation Meeting – 10 AM – WR



In the League Prayer we ask God to "Send your Holy Spirit to give light to our minds and strength to our wills." The Spirit works within us; shows us what we are called to do, nudges us and leads us.

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 to register or for information.

PANCAKE TUESDAY IS COMING!

All are invited to the parish hall on Tuesday, February 13 for <u>Pancake Tuesday</u>. Come and enjoy pancakes and sausages from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is a free-will offering.

FORMED – FROM LOVE, BY LOVE, FOR LOVE A Deeper Understanding of Sex, Same-Sex Attraction and Authentic Love

Fr. Michael Schmitz tackles some of the most difficult topics in the Church today. With compassion, clarity and humour, he shows that the Church's teachings on contraception and same-sex attraction are rooted in the yearnings for authentic love that is shared by all who are made in the image and likeness of God. Find this video on the FORMED welcome page just under the St John the Baptist Parish information. Register for free using our parish code RHTGK2 at FORMED.org.

ST. JOHN'S TALENT SHOW

The St. John the Baptist Men's Group is once again hosting our **Annual Talent Show** right after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 14. If you sing, dance, play a musical instrument or have any other special talent, please phone Tim O'Brien at 905-632-2954.



Ash Wednesday will be here on February 14. Are you prepared? Lent is a time for repentance, change of heart and prayer. Give some thought now to prepare for your Lenten practice.



IN THE DIOCESE

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

Say "No" to corruption: that those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption. To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, visit www.livingwithchrist.ca.

Seniors' Study Session

This 5-week Study Session will give you an opportunity to study carefully Pope Francis' encyclical through videos and discussions. Join us as we explore this important text for Adult Faith Formation. The course will be held at the Chancery Office on Mondays from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. starting February 5. Contact Monica at 905-528-7988, ext 2238 or mverin@hamiltondiocese.com.

SEEING THE WORD SESSION

On February 1, at the Chancery Office, the Liturgy Office will be hosting a session for those who may be interested in delving deeper into God's Word through the illuminations of the St. John's Bible. Focus will be on a particular illumination from one of the volumes, giving participants an opportunity to experience the illumination through Vision Divina. One session per month will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Please contact Anthony De Feo to register at adefeo@hamiltondiocese.com. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th, 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.

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or how to communicate about it. For confidential information about the program or to register for the weekend starting March 16, please phone 905-664-5212 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Marriage Tip: In February we celebrate love on Valentine's Day, but love is an action word, needed every day. This year try something different — make a commitment to tell each other what you love about each other. An attitude of recognizing the good in the other and making a point of telling each other why you are in love is a great way to put love into action and it helps you to never take your love for granted.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ST. VALENTINE DINNER & DANCE!

Attend a special night for Catholic Young Adults (19-39) on Saturday, February 10 at 5 p.m. Attend Mass then enjoy dinner, dancing, photo booth, door prizes, 50/50 draw and cash bar. The event takes place at St. Augustine Parish, 58 Sydenham St., Dundas. Cost is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by February 8. Phone Justin at 905-689-4857 or email jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 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.

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.

Jesus speaks as one having authority, so that even the demons must obey. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we see this same authority passed down to the Church that she might guide us closer to Christ (Mark 1:21-28). For information on the priesthood or religious life, visit www.vocationinfo.ca, or contact Fr. King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, extension 2246. Or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com.



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