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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](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.



# Masses of the Week

*He began to teach them, saying...*  
- Matthew 5:2

Monday January 30

Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20 – *No Mass*

Tuesday January 31 – St. John Bosco

Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43

7 PM – Anton Matkovic

Wednesday February 1

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6

9 AM – Mary Quinn

Thursday February 2 – Presentation of the Lord

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

9 AM – Achilli Altobelli

Friday February 3

Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29

9 AM – Deceased members of the Fedosiewicz Family

Saturday February 4

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34

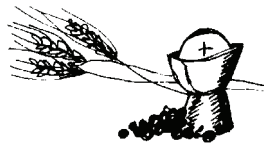
5 PM – Basil Grant

Sunday February 5 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:6-10+; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – James Mercanti



## Our Parish

Monday January 30

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday January 30

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

First Communion Meeting – 7 PM – School Library

Thursday February 1

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday February 2

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday February 3

Baptism Preparation Meeting – 10 AM – WR



## C.W.L. Message

The C.W.L. invites all women and their friends to indulge in warm, sunny thoughts on Monday, February 13 for our **Valentine's Fashion Show**. You will be treated to a great collection of fine fashions and refreshments, 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 Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.



**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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## IN THE DIOCESE

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### RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN

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). These instructions prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **Reconciliation, 1st Communion and Confirmation**. Please visit the website [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 to get your child started.

Men interested in learning about the **Permanent Diaconate Formation** program are invited to attend and information session on Sunday, February 5 at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. The meeting will take place after their 11 a.m. Mass. To register, contact Deacon Peter Gittens at 905-528-7988, ext. 2258 or email [diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com).

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### LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1)

This ten week support program starts Tuesday, February 28 (7 to 9:30 pm) at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, please phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs.

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### KEYS

This 10-week, video-based program is meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better 'me' in all your relationships. The program runs Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. starting March 2 at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. The cost is \$45. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 for more information.

A special program, "*Insects in the Bible: An Intertextual Approach*" will take place at the Royal Botanical Gardens Rock Garden on Saturday, March 11 from 2 - 4 p.m. Fr. Michael Patella, OSB and Sabrina Hall will discuss insects featured in the St. John's Bible. Cost is \$30. Pre-register by March 1 at [www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca) or 1-800-694-4769.

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## IN OTHER PARISHES

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On the World Day of the Sick on Saturday, February 11 (also the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes) there will be **Healing Mass and Anointing with Holy Oil** at Charles Garnier Church, 129 Hughson St. S. Adoration at 3 p.m. and Healing Mass at 5 p.m.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### 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](mailto:mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca)

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### 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](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca) or phone 905-833-0360.

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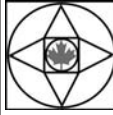
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