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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 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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 contact the parish office to register for parent meeting for Baptism.

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

"They rose up, drove him out of the town..."

- Luke 4:29

Monday February 1

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

Tuesday February 2 - Presentation of the Lord

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

7 PM – Bill Kennaley

Wednesday February 3

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

9 AM – Peter Presti

Thursday February 4

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

9 AM – Veronica Flis

Friday February 5 - St. Agatha

Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29

9 AM – Scott Frechette

Saturday February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions

1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

5 PM – Joseph & Victoria Poper

<u>Sunday February 7</u> – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – 60th Anniversary of Harry & Margaret Murphy



Our Parish

Monday February 1

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 2

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday February 3

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Thursday February 4

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation - 12:30 - WR

Not Catholic but Curious Lectures – 7 PM – Rectory

Friday February 5

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday February 7

Baptism Preparation Meeting – 10 AM – WR

C.W.L. Message

Congratulations to Pauline Ustick who won the free membership for 2016. Please renew your membership if you haven't already done so and remember to complete the front of the envelope as requested. A reminder – there is no general meeting in February.

All women are invited to the **2016 Lenten Retreat** on Tuesday, February 16. This event will again be facilitated by Fr. Mike Isabelle and will run from 9 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Refreshments and lunch will be served. The cost is a donation of \$15. Registration forms are available at all the doors of the church. Be sure to register by February 11. For more information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

Please pick up your **2016 envelopes** as soon as you are able before they are removed to the parish office. **Tax receipts** will be put out in the church for pick up. This will save a lot on postage. If you are planning on going away in the winter, don't worry, we will still mail any that do not get picked up. Please be patient while they are being prepared during this busy year-end period.

Pancake Supper!

Come and join us on Shrove Tuesday (February 9) for pancakes and sausages in the parish hall between 4 and 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 for children 5 and under.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

December 27, 2015	\$6,381
# of envelopes	256
December 31, 2015	
# of envelopes	4

Thank you for a great year of supporting St. John's. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Papal Prayer Intentions for February

- → That we may take good care of creation a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations.
- That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

The Knights of Columbus Hall is available for celebrations, meetings, socials and more. Phone 289-260-7352 for information or visit their website at www.kofc5073.ca.

2016 Knights of Columbus Cash Calendar

You have a chance to win money throughout the year. Proceeds help those in need in the Burlington community. Phone Ray Bartlett at 289-795-3404.

IN THE DIOCESE

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, March 1 (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 starting the same week.

KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS is a **ten** week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. The program runs Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. starting March 3 at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The cost is \$45. For more information, phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are married 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years in 2016, you are cordially invited to a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 29 at the Cathedral of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest). Please refer to the poster near the Brant St. entrance for a tear-off sheet to mail in to register.

The Hamilton Diocese provides **correspondence programs for Catholic children** from Kindergarten through high school, not receiving religious instruction to prepare them for the sacraments. To register, phone Monica at the Catechesis Office of the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

Pilgrimage Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King

You are welcome to make a *Year of Mercy* pilgrimage to the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, February 21. You may enter through the *Door of Mercy* (located near the elevator entrance). At 2 p.m. we begin the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be offered at 3 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Pilgrims are most welcome to stay for our 4 p.m. Mass that day. All are welcome to come and share in the Father's mercy and peace.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Winter Evening Hike and Bonfire

Young adults (ages 19 to 39) – February 21, 6-8 p.m., discover the magic of winter by participating in a guided hike through the woods, under the light of the moon at the Royal Botanical Gardens. We will begin with a basic introduction then hit the trails, capping it off by a bonfire with a hot cup of cocoa. Share this experience, share our faith journey and share peace with like-minded young adults. For registration and more information, contact Cristian, youth minister at St. Raphael's at (905) 637-2346 or email cala1271@gmail.com.

40 Days for Life

Join the international 40 Days for Life effort from February 10 to March 20 for peaceful prayer outside New Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (Third Line and Dundas Street). The vigil takes place every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You may register and get information at 40daysforlife.com/oakville.

Booked a vacation week in August yet? Please consider joining the **Cross of Victory Pilgrimage** for a day or two or the whole week of August 6 to August 13 as we walk to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. For information, search Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2016 on the internet or contact David Foster at CofVPilgrimage@gmail.com or 416-892-8819.

Interested in the priesthood or religious life? Speak to the pastor or contact Rev. Kuzma at (905)528-7988, ext. 2246 or visit www.vocationinfo.ca.

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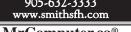


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