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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](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.

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



# Mass Intentions

*“They were overjoyed at seeing the star.”*

- Matthew 2:10

Monday January 8 – *Baptism of the Lord*

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Mark 1:7-11 – No Mass

Tuesday January 9

I Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28

7 PM – Brian MacDougall

Wednesday January 10

I Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39

9 AM – Owen Davidson

Thursday January 11

I Samuel 4:1c-11; Mark 1:40-45

9 AM – Doris Vella

Friday January 12 – *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*

I Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12

9 AM – Michael Farrauto

Saturday January 13

I Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17

5 PM – Helen Carroll

Sunday January 14 – *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

I Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; I Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Patrick Noon



## CWL Message

The CWL needs women who *“Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.”* – *Mother Teresa.* To assist our Executive, please complete the front of your membership envelope with your name, address and phone number. **The front of the renewal envelope must be completed in full** so that we may identify you. Thank you for taking the time to do this. If paying by cheque, please make your cheque payable to St. John’s Catholic Women’s League. Your timely payment of dues is a great help.

**THE 2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES** are available for pick-up in the church, close to the Brant Street entrance. Please check that your address is correct and phone the office with any correction. If you have any difficulty finding your envelopes, please visit or contact the office for assistance at 905-634-2485. *Kindly remember not to staple or seal your envelopes closed with tape, glue or address labels as this hinders the work of the team.* The parish could not operate without the financial contributions made by our parishioners so a huge **“thank you”** to all those who currently support the parish and a warm welcome to those who are new to our community. Registration forms are available at all church doors. Kindly fill out a registration form and drop it into the collection basket or bring it to the office.



## Our Parish

Monday January 8

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday January 9

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday January 10

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women’s AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday January 11

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday January 12

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



## Children’s Liturgy Announcement

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](mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com) to register or for information.

**Catholic Missions calendars** are available to purchase for only \$3 each at the church entrance near the school/parking lot entrance for as long as the supply lasts. Please leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes that are provided.

A few **Sunday Missals** are still available for \$3 which covers our cost. Phone the office to have one set aside or kindly leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes provided. Please do not remove Missals from the pews.



Kindly use a pink Visitor's Envelope if donating a loose cheque and complete the front of the envelope in full or at least write your name. This helps immensely. If you would like a set of parish envelopes of your own, please visit or phone the office for assistance. Thank you!

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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Attend any one of our Hamilton Diocesan Workshops and learn how to prepare for the **2018 Share Lent Campaign**. With our theme, "*Building peace through dialogue*," join us as we explore how we and those around us can become "artisans of peace."

Tuesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. at Annunciation of Our Lord parish, 280 Limeridge Rd. W., Hamilton.

Wednesday, January 17 at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's parish, 181 Sewell Dr., Oakville. For more information, phone Rita at 905-525-1198.

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### Project Rachel

Healing after an abortion is possible. At Project Rachel, caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that may follow an abortion. We offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please phone (905) 526-1999.

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### PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Programs are available for **children** from Kindergarten through high school who are not currently receiving religious instruction (i.e. in a public or private school). These instructions prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation**. Visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

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In response to the Rohingya persecution in Myanmar, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is working with Caritas Bangladesh to support a food distribution program along the border with Myanmar. Visit the D&P website: [www.dev.org/en/emergencies/bangladesh](http://www.dev.org/en/emergencies/bangladesh) for instructions on how to make a financial contribution to this Relief Fund.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### BIG BAND CONCERT

The Burlington Knights of Columbus are proud to sponsor A Tribute to Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman and Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey performed by the Toronto All-Star Big Band. The concert takes place on Saturday, January 28, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. Come and enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing with your friends. The price per ticket is \$45 and tickets may be reserved by phoning the box office at 905-681-6000.

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Join the **Serra Club of Hamilton** in honouring and celebrating milestone years of service of our priests and consecrated brothers and sisters. This event takes place on May 2 at Liuna Station, Hamilton beginning with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$65 through Margaret at 905-628-5682 or email [celebrationprl@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationprl@gmail.com).

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**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 are Roman Catholic men and women, called to seek God's will in the ordinary. They 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.

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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.

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### Vocation View

*Even gift bearing kings, accompanied by camels and servants went to visit Jesus Christ. Take the Good News back to your people: Jesus is Lord of all. For any information at all on the priesthood or religious life, please visit [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca), or contact Fr. King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, extension 2246. Email [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).*



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