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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

"The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage."

Matthew 2:11

Monday January 9 – Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Matthew 3:13-17 – No Mass Tuesday January 10
Hebrews 2:5-12: Mark 1:21-28

7 PM – Brian & David Jordan Wednesday January 11

Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39

9 AM - Victoria Kelly

<u>Thursday January 12</u> – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45

9 AM – Fran Walsh

Friday January 13

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12

9 AM - Sharon Stasiuk-Labuda

Saturday January 14

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17

5 PM - Edmund & Leona Quesnelle

Sunday January 15 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; I Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

9 AM - Pro Populo

11 AM – Poonam Sharma



### Our Parish

Monday January 9

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday January 10

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - Hall

RCIA - 7:30 PM - WR

Wednesday January 11

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall

Thursday January 12

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday January 13

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 will be 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.

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**.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers to become involved with our home visit program. Our St. John Conference has been actively helping people in our parish area and beyond for over five decades. However, we have reached a point where our membership has declined substantially and we find ourselves with fewer people to respond to the calls for help that we receive. For information please visit the parish website at <a href="www.stjohnthebaptist.ca">www.stjohnthebaptist.ca</a> or email <a href="www.stjohnthebaptist.ca">stvatsj@gmail.com</a> or phone 905-979-6460.

# **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.

The **Daily TV** Mass is now available Monday-Saturday any time and any place. Take a moment to visit their new website at <a href="www.dailytvmass.com">www.dailytvmass.com</a> to watch the Mass and to find out more about how to stay connected with our faith. For more information, feel free to phone NCBC at 1-888-383-6277.

# IN THE DIOCESE

## **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 <a href="mailto:sssperthshire@sympatico.ca">sssperthshire@sympatico.ca</a>.

Healing after an abortion is possible. Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At **Project Rachel**, we offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Phone (905) 526-1999.

# IN OTHER PARISHES

# 7th Annual Women's Day of Reflection

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 will go on sale January 14 for \$30. Contact St. Raphael's parish office at 905-637-2346 for ticket information.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

The Burlington Knights of Columbus are presenting a tribute to Dean Martin and Ella Fitzgerald with the **Toronto All-Star Big Band**. Come and enjoy a terrific afternoon of swing music with your friends. You may reserve your "Gift of Swing" by phoning the box office at 905-681-6000. The cost is \$45. This great event is taking place on Sunday, January 29 with the 2 p.m. matinee at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre at 440 Locust St. in downtown Burlington.

In the Stop Censorship Tour, you may learn how the Government of Ontario is alleged to be hiding abortion statistics in order to frustrate the ongoing work of advancing pre-born human rights. Hear speakers, John Sikkema, a lawyer with ARPA Schouten. Canada. Mike Director WeNeedaLAW.ca and Pat Maloney a pro-life blogger from Ottawa, speak on this topic. Hosted by Halton Alive, this event takes place at the Oakville Banquet Hall, 1494 Wallace Road, on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free but accepting free-will offerings for the ongoing efforts of WeNeedaLAW.ca.

Join Halton Alive in viewing a film, *The Euthanasia Deception*, and learn more about this issue that is affecting Canadians. A short presentation and question period will follow after the 54-minute film. This event is taking place at the Oakville Banquet Hall on Tuesday, January 31 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 at the door. Popcorn and drinks are included. Please RSVP to reserve a seat by visiting <a href="https://haltonalive.com/film-nights">haltonalive.com/film-nights</a> or phone Halton Alive at 905-632-3232.

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. Please visit the link, <a href="https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/764541">https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/764541</a> or phone Deacon Rob at 905-315-9443. Early booking savings deadline is fast approaching.

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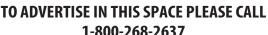
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