

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca> for articles & photos of all parish activities.

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

VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY

Email sjtbvolunteer@gmail.com with your name, phone number and ministry you are interested in. The ministry leader will contact you.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Masses of the Week

Monday March 2

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 – *No Mass*

Tuesday March 3

Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

7 PM – Jude Malone

Wednesday March 4

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

9 AM – Tom Lamb

Thursday March 5

Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7:7-12

9 AM – Intentions of Pat McFarlane

Friday March 6

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

9 AM – Frank Easson

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 7

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

5 PM – Eva Murray

Sunday March 8 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Mary O'Rourke

A Heart Turned To God



Our Parish

Monday March 2

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday March 3

CWL Crafts – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday March 4

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday March 5

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday March 6

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



Clocks go ahead one hour on March 8th.

Reminder

Stations of the Cross are on Friday evenings at 7 p.m.

C.W.L. Message

We'll see you at our **Lenten Day of Prayer** on **Tuesday, March 3**. The day begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and concludes with Benediction at 1:45 p.m. Our facilitator will be Father Peter Ciallella. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. Registration forms are available at all doors of the church. All women of the parish and beyond are invited. For additional information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

Weather permitting, there will be a **General Meeting** on **Monday, March 9** at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces.

World Day of Prayer

You are invited to join with Christian denominations of Burlington on Friday, March 6 at 1 p.m. at Burlington East Presbyterian Church, 505 Walkers Line. The service features Zimbabwe in the Church with a reception to follow. World Day of Prayer offerings provide grants that benefit women touched by injustice.

Break free from pornography

One of the biggest issues that destroys our own happiness and rips apart marriages and families is pornography. It's estimated that 60-70% of men are engaging porn with some frequency. If this is an issue that you or a loved one deals with, we have a powerful solution for you. It's called STRIVE and it's an anonymous, 21-day challenge that men all around the world are taking to break free from pornography. The normal cost is \$49, but STRIVE is being provided for FREE for a limited time for all the men at our parish. All you need to do is sign up at strive21.com and you can begin right away.

SHARE LENT: "OUR COMMON HOME"

In 1967, the Bishops of Canada sowed a seed of solidarity, seeking to nurture a movement for social justice. Thousands of Canadians support the organization by donating time and money along with partners, together helping build a world of justice. Their work bears fruit for millions of people in the Global South who are taking charge of their own destiny.

MARCH 1, 2020

TALENT SHOW!!

Don't hide your talent. Come and share with us at the St. John's Talent Show in April 25. We are hoping this year to have acts from people of every age. So, if you sing, play an instrument, juggle or have any special talent at all, please phone 905-632-2954. Thanks and we hope to hear from you!

IN THE DIOCESE

Lenten Day of Prayer

Attend a Lenten Day of Prayer at St. Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site) on Friday, March 13, 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. (Mass at 9 a.m.) Bring a bag lunch and coffee mug. To register, please phone 905-388-3966 or email ssspertshire@sympatico.ca.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? On Sunday, June 14, at 1:30 p.m., you are invited to attend a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. (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 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Diocesan Choir – The Diocesan Choir provides music for the Chrism Mass and ordinations of priests and deacons. We invite interested Music Ministers to register and ask new members to audition during the first rehearsal. Rehearsals begin March 2 and take place each Monday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. For information and to register, phone the Liturgy Office at 905-528-7988.

Learning to Cope (Level 1) is a ten-week support program offered in Hamilton starting Tuesday, March 24 from 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West. A newly written Level 2 program will be offered for the first time on the same evening (past participants are welcome) and Level 3 and 4 will run at the same time and location on Wednesday evenings. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. Come on your own or bring a friend and find your strength.

Retrouvaille is a program that has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For information or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, phone 905-664-5211, or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on Saturday, March 7. Tickets are \$25.00 for Adults and \$15.00 for youth. We are once again organizing a bus leaving from St. Paul the Apostle (2265 Headon Road, Burlington) parking lot at a fee of \$5.00 per person. To take the bus and/or order tickets for this event, please sign up on the sheet that is on the table by the Hearth Room. Payment for the bus and/or ticket must be made at the same time as you register. For information phone Celia Lobo at 905-319-2526.

Halton Alive Youth Event

Calling all youth! Come hang out with other pro-life youth, make friends, eat pizza and hear inspiring stories from Jenna Sinke. This event takes place at St. Matthew's, 1150 Monks Passage, Oakville from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4. Event is free and refreshments will be provided. RSVP at www.haltonalive.ca/youth.

Christopher Leadership Courses in Effective Speaking can help if you need to improve your public speaking. The next course begins Tuesday, March 31 at McMaster University in Hamilton. To register or for more information, please visit www.clchamilton.com or phone Frank at 905-662-4076.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is an effective method of prayer, fasting and outreach which has saved more than 16,000 lives and saved families from the pain of abortion. There will be group prayer at the vigil site weekly at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings and 3 p.m. on Sundays up until April 5. Contact Steve at 905-333-6472 and visit 40daysforlife.com/Oakville for maps and details.



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