

# 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.

## 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

*"Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."*

- Psalm 90(91)

## Monday March 11

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

## Tuesday March 12

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

7 PM – Joanne McDermott

## Wednesday March 13

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

9 AM – John Schunk

## Thursday March 14

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

9 AM – Intentions of Pat McFarlane

## Friday March 15

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

9 AM – Gillian Brown

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

## Saturday March 16

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

5 PM – Fernando Lopes

## Sunday March 17 – *Second Sunday of Lent*

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Wanda Van Impe



## CWL Message

Our *CWL Lenten Day of Prayer* on Tuesday, March 12 starts with Mass at 9 a.m. and concludes with Benediction at 2:15 p.m. Our facilitator will be Fr. Peter Ciallella. Please phone Marie at 905-637-1677 if you require further information.

**Thank you** to all those who helped to make World Day of Prayer a meaningful event that brought us together for prayer and social interaction. Our General Meeting is on Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall (weather permitting). Tickets (\$10) for the Fashion Show (April 8) can be purchased at this time.

## Formed Presents: The Holy Rosary

Need help with your Lenten prayer life? Pray the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary with legendary Hall of Fame sportscaster Vin Scully. Scully is best known for his work as the play-by-play announcer for the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers. In 2016, Scully completed his 67th and final season with the Dodgers - the longest time any broadcaster has been with a single team in professional sports history. He is known for his dulcet voice and lyrically descriptive style. These recordings include meditations and prayers. Find this audio presentation on our St John the Baptist page on FORMED.org in the "Community" tab. Have questions or concerns, please email your parish FORMED team at: [stjohnsformed@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsformed@gmail.com).



## Our Parish

### Monday March 11

Lenten Bible Study – 6:30 PM – Hall

CWL General Meeting – 7 PM – Hall

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

### Tuesday March 12

CWL Lenten Day of Prayer – 9 AM – Church/Hall

### Wednesday March 13

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

### Thursday March 14

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

### Friday March 15

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

### Sunday March 17

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church

## Reminder

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

## St. John's Lenten Bible Study and Faith Sharing Evenings

We invite you to join your parish community as we embark on a journey to explore the meanings of the Eucharist and its profound role in the life of the Church. From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays, March 4-March 18 and April 1. Bring your friends and come, learn and share.

## Share Lent: Create a Culture of Encounter

In 2013, poor coastal communities in the Philippines saw their homes ravaged by Super Typhoon Haiyan. Thanks to your donations, Development and Peace and its local partners formed a consortium for the purchase of a piece of land that affected communities were able to transform into the Pope Francis Village. Watch the documentary *After the Storm* to follow the inspiring journey: [devp.org/en/philippines-documentary](http://devp.org/en/philippines-documentary).

If you are interested in participating in a ministry at St. John's, please e-mail [sjtbvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:sjtbvolunteer@gmail.com) with your name and phone number and the ministry you are interested in. Your info will be forwarded to the appropriate ministry leaders who will contact you.

### Upcoming Events

April brings attention to our Lenten practice with **Evening and Morning Prayers, Lenten Adoration and Benediction** and **Blessing of the Easter Foods!** Keep an eye on the parish bulletin for dates and times. And a **Parish Bowling Day** is taking place on May 26 at 2 p.m. – sure to be fun!!

**Children's Liturgy** is looking for a couple of grade 7 or 8 students that would like to assist the teachers. Please consider and the commitment can be only once a month if preferred. Please contact Anne Marie at [childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com](mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com) or phone 905-317-3539.

## IN THE DIOCESE

The **One Heart, One Soul Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton** commences with Mass at noon on Monday, March 25 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, celebrated by Bishop Crosby and followed by a reception at the Cathedral. The campaign's pilot wave parishes will commence their own efforts in April. Three additional waves over the next two years will allow every parish in the Diocese to participate. Most of the funds from the 3-year campaign will go to parish projects with emphasis on the parishes most in need. A number of Diocesan ministries will benefit as well. A series of Frequently Asked Questions are on the campaign website at [www.oneheartonesoul.ca](http://www.oneheartonesoul.ca).

### Catechetical Correspondence Program

Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in a Catholic school is also available. Families work through the programs at home. Please contact Monica Verin at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238. You may also register online at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

## IN OTHER PARISHES

*Turn anger and hatred to love and peace.* Have your relationships with others been altered because of your anger? If so, please attend St. Raphael's **Lenten Mission** presented by Fr. Francis on March 13, 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. Lent is a season of grace and presents the perfect opportunity to renew our relationships with God and with one another. Let us not allow it to pass by. St. Raphael's is located at 4072 New Street. Also at St. Raphael's are Stations of the Cross, each Friday during Lent at 7 p.m., followed by Mass.

**Trivia Night at St. Paul's** – a fun Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, April 6 after the 5 p.m. Mass. The cost is \$5 per person and tables of 8 are reserved. Pizza and pop will be sold at the event. Please email [stpaulsocial2011@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsocial2011@gmail.com) or phone Doris at 905-541-4486 if you are interested in attending.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 6 - April 14 (8am - 8pm vigil hours)  
Save lives and join the peaceful prayer vigil. Choose an hour and pray as a family this Lent. The location is near the Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital (vigil site: Proudfoot Trail & Dundas St.). Go to [40daysforlife.com/oakville](http://40daysforlife.com/oakville) to register. The contact email address is [40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com).

### Cross of Victory Pilgrimage Pasta Dinner

You are invited to a fundraising Pasta Dinner on Saturday, March 30 at 6 p.m. in St. John's parish hall. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses on March 9/10, 16/17 and 23/24 for \$12 (children under 10 - \$6). For more info phone Christl at 905-639-5949. The Walking Pilgrimage takes place in August. Participants pray for an end to abortion on the way to the Martyr's Shrine in Midland.

**Halton Alive** presents a Life Talks Pro-Life Conference on Saturday, March 30 at St. George's Church, 4691 Palladium Way, Burlington. Tickets \$75 or \$125 for 2. Hear local Canadian speakers and be in the know about what's happening in Canada and how you can be part of a positive change. Details are available at [www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks](http://www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks) or phone 365-366-3232 for more information.



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