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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**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



*“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.”*  
- John 3:14

# Mass Intentions

### Monday March 12

Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 – No Mass

### Tuesday March 13

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

7 PM – Fernando Lopes

### Wednesday March 14

Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:16-30

9 AM – Mary Tilden

### Thursday March 15

Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:18, 31-47++

9 AM – Shirley Coveny-Johnston

### Friday March 16

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

9 AM – Deceased members of the Ryan family

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

### Saturday March 17

Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

5 PM – Armelina Riga

### Sunday March 18 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34++; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Patricia O’Brien



## CWL Message

Weather permitting, please join us for our **General Meeting** on Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the hall.

## SHARE LENT

For this 4th week of Lent, let’s go to Peru where we discover one of the D&P partners, the Bartolome de Las Casas Institute. It runs the Hugo Echegaray Leadership School where students learn the necessary skills in order to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities. The Share Lent collection (each year on Solidarity Sunday) will be taken up in all Canadian parishes next weekend. Thank you again for your support of our brothers and sisters in the Global South who fight for peace, human dignity and social justice.

## Get Your Act Together



The St. John the Baptist Men’s Group will once again be hosting the **Annual Talent Show** on Saturday, April 14 right after the 5 o’clock Mass. So if you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument or have some other special talent, this is your opportunity to shine. Please phone Tim O’Brien at 905-632-2954 to get in on the program. See you on stage!

## Share Lent Collection

Next weekend we celebrate Solidarity Sunday when the annual Share Lent collection for Development & Peace takes place. Your donations are vital to the mission of D&P: to help, respect and promote the poor. We don’t have to remind you to be generous – you always are.

## Lenten Adoration

All are invited to attend **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Monday, March 19 from 5:45 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the church. We will begin by praying the Liturgy of the Hours at 5:45 p.m., followed by Adoration. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 7:45 p.m. This is going to be an evening of silent reflection to enhance your Lenten journey. You are welcome to come for as much or as little time as you like.



## Our Parish

### Monday March 12

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

CWL Meeting – 7 PM – Hall

### Tuesday March 13

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

### Wednesday March 14

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women’s AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

### Thursday March 15

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

### Friday March 16

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

### Sunday March 18

Youth Choir practice – 10:30 AM – WR

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church



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.

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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On Tuesday, March 13, Monsignor Murray Kroetsch will offer a Mass in support of the 40 Days for Life campaign being held in Oakville during the Lenten season. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Dominic's Parish (2415 Rebecca Street) at 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to unite in prayer for the cause of life.

### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? On Sunday, June 10, at 1:30 pm., you are invited to attend a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. (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.

All are welcome to join His Excellency, Bishop Crosby at the annual **Diocesan Mass of Chrism** on Monday, March 26 at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.

### Is your child preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation this year?

Visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and find information for parents under "Catechesis Office." We have videos with practical suggestions and helpful information for parents of children with special needs. We're here to help.

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### Retrouvaille

The married singles lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and now are living like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these. For confidential information about the program or to register for the weekend starting March 16, please phone 905-664-5212 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

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## IN OTHER PARISHES

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**St. Raphael's**, Tuesday, March 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fr. Vettiyangal from India will lead this praise and worship and healing service.

**Holy Rosary**, Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m., a Soup & Bun Supper. Fr. Martin Vallely will facilitate an evening of prayer and reflection.

**St. Patrick's**, from Saturday, March 17 to Tuesday, March 20, Bishop Douglas Crosby will lead the community in a **Lenten Mission**. Starting with Mass on Saturday at 5 p.m., Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. and Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m. As part of the Mission, a **Penance Celebration** will take place at the Monday evening Mass. All are welcome.

On Saturday, March 17, St. Patrick's parish will host a **Family Variety Night** featuring the talents of many. Enjoy a meal of appetizers, shepherd's pie, Irish soda bread, macaroni and cheese, cake and ice cream. For tickets phone the parish office, 905-632-6114.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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The Assumption Catholic Secondary School **Annual Trivia Night** will take place on Saturday, April 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the school. Cost is \$15/player with 6-8 players per team. All money raised will be donated to the Hamilton Naturalists' Club and the HCCE Foundation. For details and to register please email [assumptiontrivia@gmail.com](mailto:assumptiontrivia@gmail.com).

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### 40 Days for Life 2018

The 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach is taking place February 14 to March 25. We pray at Proudfoot Trail and Dundas in Oakville. Please come to one of our group vigils on Saturday mornings at 10-11 a.m. For more information, visit [40daysforlife.com/oakville](http://40daysforlife.com/oakville) or phone Steve Germann at 905-333-6472.

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### VOCATION VIEW

When we are born again in baptism, we really become a new creation. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you. For information on the priesthood or religious life, contact Fr. King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at the Diocese of Hamilton. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2246 or send an email to [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com) with your questions.

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