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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

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 Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?”
- Psalm 27

Monday March 13

Daniel 9:3, 4b-10++; Luke 6:36-38 – *No Mass*

Tuesday March 14

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, 27-28, 31++; Matthew 23:1-12

7 PM – John Kramer

Wednesday March 15

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

9 AM – Martin O’Boyle

Thursday March 16

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

9 AM – Julia Vasko

Friday March 17

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

9 AM – Mary McNulty

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 18

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

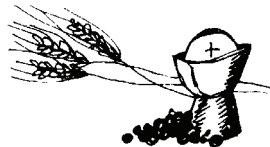
5 PM – Antoinetta Ormond

Sunday March 19 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

9 AM – Leo Arponen

11 AM – Pro Populo



Our Parish

Monday March 13

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

CWL Meeting – 7 PM – Hall

Tuesday March 14

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday March 15

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women’s AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday March 16

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday March 17

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



Reminder

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

C.W.L. Message

Thank you to all the women who attended our Lenten Retreat. A special thanks to Fr. Isabelle and also Marie Arponen and Dolene Vanderlelie for their hard work. We appreciated the chance to attend Mass, Reconciliation and Benediction and to hear Father’s inspirational presentation.

The next **General Meeting** will take place on Monday, March 13 starting at 7 p.m. in the hall.

Share Lent 2017

Women at the Heart of Change

Remember the tsunami around the coastline of the Indian Ocean in 2004 resulting in 300,000 victims? In collaboration with its partners, D&P provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3,500 permanent homes and infrastructure and helped establish 26 community organizations. See pages 8/9 in the previous insert to read about a courageous woman, blind since adolescence and who, with help from D&P and partner AIJ, attended classes in journalism. She is now writing a blog which encourages disabled women faced with discrimination to believe in their potential.

A Message from Deacon Rob

Thanks to all volunteers and participants of the St. John’s Games Night; this was a great success! Many hands made light work and all efforts were greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to Father Bob for his support and generosity. God’s blessings to all.

All are invited to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, March 27 from 5:45 p.m. until 8 p.m. 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. Please note: Deacon Rob will be using a small amount of incense during the Benediction portion.



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What's New in Religious Education in our Catholic Schools? The new evangelization is afoot in our Catholic schools. There are exciting opportunities for teachers, students at all levels, parents and parishes. Explore the new religious education program with Dr. Anne Jamieson, director of the Catechesis Office for the Diocese and popular author and speaker. This event is open and free to all. Attend on **March 23 at 7 p.m.** in our parish hall to learn more about the opportunities for all of us. This evening is being sponsored by the **St. John's Men's Group.**

IN THE DIOCESE

Stress in your marriage? – There is help for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down; others experience conflict and arguments. Most don't know how to change the situation or communicate to their spouse about it. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help couples in marital difficulty including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 24, please phone 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

The Diocesan Choir is seeking new members – the ability to read music and previous choral experience is an asset. The choir rehearses weekly on Monday evenings in Hamilton in preparation for major liturgies at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. If you are interested, contact Sharon Fazari at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN
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 or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

Attend a **Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, on Friday, March 24, 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 ssspertshire@sympatico.ca.

IN THE COMMUNITY

An Evening with the St. John's Bible

This is the first complete bible to be handwritten and illuminated since the invention of the printing press. Join us and hear about the history of the bible and a unique way of praying with the bible, using one of the illuminations. A volume of the bible will be on display for viewing. All are welcome on Wednesday, March 22 at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish Centre, 287 Plains Rd. E., Hamilton.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 1 - April 9 (8am to 8pm)

Join this peaceful and effective international prayer movement. Choose a prayer time from 8 am to 8 pm by visiting 40daysforlife.com/Oakville or email 40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com.

Saturdays at 10 am & Sundays at 3 pm - Hour of Group Prayer (Oakville Hospital).

March 20 at 7pm - Mass for Life with Bishop Miehm at St. Dominic's (Oakville).

April 9 at 3 pm - Final Day Group Prayer outside the Oakville Hospital.

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. For info, contact Deacon Rob by phone at 905-315-9443 or visit the website at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/764541>.

ADOPTION INFORMATION NIGHT

Have you considered adoption? Would you like to hear more about the process through CCASH? Come to an Information Night on Wednesday, March 29 starting at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish, 1150 Monks Passage, Oakville. For information and to register, phone Jocelyn at 905-525-2012, ext. 3125. The website is www.hamiltonccas.on.ca.

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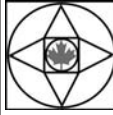
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