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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 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

## 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 contact the parish office to register for parent meeting for Baptism.

## 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

*“If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”*

- John 8:7-8

**Monday March 14**

Daniel 13; 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64++; John 8:12-20 – No Mass

**Tuesday March 15**

Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

7 PM – Fernando Lopes

**Wednesday March 16**

Daniel 3:13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95++; John 8:31-42

9 AM – Gail Fritz

**Thursday March 17**

Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

9 AM – John Dickie

**Friday March 18**

Jeremiah 20:7, 10-13++; John 10:31-42

9 AM – Intentions of Bev Carbin

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

**Saturday March 19 – St. Joseph**

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Luke 2: 41-51a

5 PM – Joseph & Rose Semaani

**Sunday March 20 – Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14 - 23:56

9 AM – Deceased members of the Caruso family

11 AM – Pro Populo



**Our Parish**

**Monday March 14**

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

CWL Meeting – 7 PM – Hall

**Tuesday March 15**

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

**Wednesday March 16**

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

**Thursday March 17**

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

**Friday March 18**

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

**Saturday March 19**

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church



**Easter Confession Schedule:**

Tuesday, March 22: 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23: 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Thursday, March 24: 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Friday, March 25: 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday, March 26: 11 a.m. to 12 noon

**Easter Mass Schedule:**

**Palm Sunday Masses:**

Saturday, March 19: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 20: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

**Christ Mass (at Christ the King Cathedral Basilica):**

Monday, March 21: 7:00 p.m.

**Mass of the Lord's Supper:**

Thursday, March 24: 8:00 p.m.

**Good Friday:**

March 25: Liturgy at 3:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass:**

Saturday, March 26: 8:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Masses:**

Sunday, March 27: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

**C.W.L. Message**

Our first **General Meeting** for 2016 will be held on Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Please plan to attend and hear our guest speaker, David Foster, talk about the Cross of Victory Pilgrimage.

***Blessing of Easter Food***

*On Holy Saturday, March 26, you are welcome to come to the church for the Blessing of the Easter food at 1 p.m.*

**St. John's Talent Show**

The St. John's Men's Group will again be hosting the Annual St. John's Talent Show on April 9 after the 5 o'clock Mass. If you can sing, tell jokes, play an instrument, or have any other special talent, this is your opportunity to shine. All acts must be confirmed by April 3. Please contact Tim O'Brien at 905-632-2954 to get in on the program. A pizza supper will be provided free of charge.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

February 21, 2016.....\$4,744  
# of envelopes.....284

*Children's Liturgy News*

*Correction – There will be no Children's Liturgy program on Easter Sunday, March 27.*

*The last day will be May 15 until the fall session.*

**Share Lent: Solidarity Sunday**

Today is Solidarity Sunday. Thank you for your generosity. Every gift goes far to help our sisters and brothers around the world – from Haiti to Paraguay to Bethlehem and beyond. We end our Share Lent pilgrimage with words from Pope Francis: *"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."*

Thank you for helping to create a hopeful future!

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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**A NOTE FROM THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

Families are reminded to kindly remove all wreaths on stands and other winter decorations from their lots by April 1 to facilitate the spring cemetery clean up. Any wreaths or decorations remaining after April 1 will be removed and discarded. For further information, phone 905-522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

If you are married 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years in 2016, you are cordially invited to a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 29 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest). Please refer to the poster near the Brant St. entrance for a tear-off sheet to mail in to register.

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**Catechetical Correspondence Courses**

The Hamilton Diocese provides **correspondence programs for Catholic children** from Kindergarten through high school, not receiving religious instruction to prepare them for the sacraments. To register, phone Monica at the Catechesis Office of the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

**Laudato Si: A Look at the New Encyclical**

This workshop/study series exploring the major components of Pope Francis' Encyclical on the environment and the impact it has on our lives will be presented on four Tuesday evenings starting May 3 at 8:30 p.m. The facilitator will be Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon, SSND. The cost is \$75 which includes text and resources. Register by April 22. To register or for info, phone 905-528-7988, ext 2238 or email [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com).

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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**SERRA CLUB SEEKING MEMBERS**

The Serra Club of Halton is seeking people to come together monthly at St. Dominic's parish in Oakville to promote and support vocations to religious life. We share Mass, a meal, listen to interesting speakers and plan ways to encourage young men and women to listen to God's call. Please join us for a meeting; contact Garth at [garthbrown@sympatico.ca](mailto:garthbrown@sympatico.ca).

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**40 Days for Life**

Join the international 40 Days for Life effort from February 10 to March 20 for peaceful prayer outside New Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (Third Line and Dundas Street). The vigil takes place every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You may register and get information at [40daysforlife.com/oakville](http://40daysforlife.com/oakville).

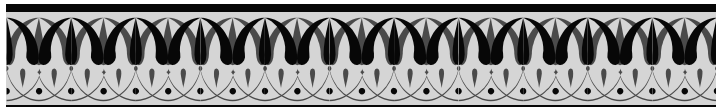
Booked a vacation week in August yet? Please consider joining the **Cross of Victory Pilgrimage** for a day or two or the whole week of August 6 to August 13 as we walk to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. For information, search Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2016 on the internet or contact David Foster at [CofVPilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:CofVPilgrimage@gmail.com) or 416-892-8819.

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**The Knights of Columbus Hall** is available for celebrations, meetings, social events and more. Phone 905-580-3472 for information or visit their website at [www.kofc5073.ca](http://www.kofc5073.ca).

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*Interested in the priesthood or religious life? Speak to the pastor or contact Rev. Kuzma at (905)528-7988, ext. 2246 or visit [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca).*





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