

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

"...the one who drinks of the water I will give will never be thirsty."

- John 4:14a

Monday March 16

2 Kings 5:1-15a; Luke 4:24-30 – *No Mass*

Tuesday March 17

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

7 PM – Fernando Lopes

Wednesday March 18

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

9 AM – Marianne Campbell

Thursday March 19 – *St. Joseph*

2 Sam. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22; Lk. 2:41-51a

9 AM – Margaret Doyle

Friday March 20

Hosea 14:1-9; Mark 12:28b-34

9 AM – Bob Coulter

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 21

Hosea 5:15b-6:6+++; Luke 18:9-14

5 PM – Christian Taylor

Sunday March 22 – *4th Sunday of Lent*

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Cleary Percy



Our Parish

Monday March 16

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday March 17

CWL Crafts – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday March 18

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday March 19

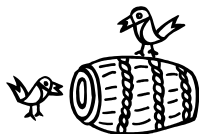
Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:15 PM – Church

Friday March 20

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



Reminder

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

C.W.L. Message

It's not too late to renew your **CWL membership**. Please remit \$25 in an envelope labeled *CWL Membership*. Remember to write your name, address and phone number on the envelope so that we can identify you. If writing a cheque, kindly make it payable to "St. John CWL" then drop into the collection basket or the parish office. Thank you for your support.

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"

For several years now, the Mura people of Brazil's Amazonas State have sought to assert their claim to their ancestral lands. To their frustration, however, it has been much easier for cattle herders and a potash mine to occupy and control those lands than it has been for them to have their rights respected. Development and Peace's partner, the Indigenous Missionary Council, helps them advocate for, defend and publicize their cause more effectively. Watch the Mura's testimony at devp.org/campaign/mura.

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

Grief can be a lonely experience but you are not alone. Join us for a six-week (one session per week) program led by Dr. Wendy Hofman starting April 16 and running until May 16 at the Chancery Office, Hamilton. These sessions will offer personal support, ideas on how to manage your grief and a greater understanding of grief's impact on people. To register, contact Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com. Join us and find some "grief relief."

Struggling after an abortion? Either your own or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional or angry? **Project Rachel** is available to help with a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, and find hope and healing. Please phone (905) 526-1999.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses are available to prepare children not in Catholic schools for the sacraments of First Communion (celebrated in the spring) and Confirmation (coming in the fall). Families are encouraged to register early by visiting www.hamiltondiocese.com or phoning Monica Verin at the Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

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 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.

Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced. Would it help to have people around you who understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. No need to register and no cost. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 if information is needed, but you may just drop in between 7-9 p.m.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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. You can change hearts and minds in Oakville from February 26 to April 5. For maps and details, visit 40daysforlife.com/Oakville or contact Steve Germann, 905-333-6472. There will be group prayer at the vigil site weekly at 10 a.m. on Saturdays **mornings**.

You are invited to attend **Mass for Life** with Bishop Crosby at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Burlington on March 18 at 7 p.m.

You are invited to attend a video of **Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist** on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:15 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall (2400 Industrial St.). The video presentation features Dr. Brant Pitre and will answer questions such as: What was the Passover like at the time of Jesus? What were the Jewish hopes for the Messiah? And, most importantly, what did Jesus mean when he said, "This is my body... This is my blood?" Phone Henry at 1-905-510-9182 or email hvalcheff@hotmail.com.

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