

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

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

"Look toward heaven and count the stars...So shall your descendants be."

- Genesis 15:5-6

Monday March 18

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

Tuesday March 19 – St. Joseph

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

7 PM – Regino Delvillar Jr.

Wednesday March 20

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

9 AM – George Sertic

Thursday March 21

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

9 AM – Christian Taylor

Friday March 22

Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17-b-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-56

9 AM – Intentions of the Laurin Family

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 23

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

5 PM – Deceased members of the Wilbur Family

Sunday March 24 – Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Lou McDermott



Our Parish

Monday March 18

Lenten Bible Study – 6:30 PM – Hall

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday March 19

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday March 20

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday March 21

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

Friday March 22

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



CWL Message

Thank you to all the women who attended our Lenten Retreat. A special thanks to Fr. Ciallella and Lori Skinner, Joan Moore and Marie Arponen for their hard work. We appreciated the chance to attend Mass, Reconciliation, and Benediction and to hear Father's inspirational presentation. May you all have a very prayerful Lent.

The CWL is sponsoring the "Spring into Spring Fashion Show" on April 8 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Enjoy fashions by Jus B'Gauze with refreshments, door prizes and a jewelry boutique. Tickets (\$10) are available at Jus B'Gauze or phone Joan at 905-336-3024 or Lori at 905-637-8165.

The Healing Power of Confession

Formed Presents: The Healing Power of Confession. Dr. Scott Hahn presents the historical and biblical origins of the Sacrament of Penance. He provides an important guide for new Catholics, a source of renewal for "old hands," and a challenge to all of us to deepen our relationship with Christ by frequenting the Sacrament of Penance. 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.

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 Monday, March 18 and April 1. Bring your friends and come, learn and share.

Share Lent: Create a Culture of Encounter

In 1990, a peaceful community in the south of Nigeria became the victim of what has been recognized as the first crime committed by an oil company. Traumatized by a massacre of unparalleled violence, a large majority of the members of this community fled to neighbouring communities, never to return home again. To make sure that their story is never forgotten and to combat impunity, Development & Peace's partner Social Action is supporting the Umuechem community in their legal action against the oil company.

If you are interested in participating in a ministry at St. John's, please e-mail 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 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.

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.

IN OTHER PARISHES

A Mass and Healing Service in the Charismatic tradition will be held at St. Joseph's Church on Friday, March 29 beginning at 7 p.m. While not everyone has had experience with the Charismatic Movement, we invite you to come and experience the joy, renewal of faith and hopefully healing of one kind or another. The church is located at 760 David St. N., Fergus. Phone 519-843-2006 for information.

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 or phone Doris at 905-541-4486 if you are interested in attending.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Birthright is in need of volunteers to be sure we are there whenever someone reaches out for help. We provide a bridge over the gap between those first days of fear and the ultimate joy at the birth of a child. We offer free pregnancy tests, counselling and many other services to help those facing a pregnancy say "yes" to life. Please phone 905 527-3677 and ask for Eva if you would like to volunteer.

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 to register. The contact email address is 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 16/17 and 23/24 for \$12 (children under 10 - \$6). For more information 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.

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