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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**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



# Mass Intentions

*"If it dies, it produces much fruit."*

- John 12:24

### Monday March 19 – St. Joseph

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a – No Mass

### Tuesday March 20

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

7 PM – Bill Curtin

### Wednesday March 21

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

9 AM – Christian Taylor

### Thursday March 22

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

9 AM – James Hansen

### Friday March 23

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

9 AM – Christina Lyons

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

### Saturday March 24

Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-57

5 PM – Lance Todd

### Sunday March 25 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Theresa Kennelly-Tessier



## Our Parish

### Monday March 19

Lenten Adoration – 5:45 PM – Church

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

### Tuesday March 20

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

### Wednesday March 21

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

### Thursday March 22

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

### Friday March 23

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

### Sunday March 24

Youth Choir practice – 10:30 AM – WR



## Easter Confession Schedule:

Tuesday, March 27: 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Wed., March 28: 11 a.m. to 12 noon

Thurs., March 29: 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Friday, March 30: 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday, March 31: 11 a.m. to 12 noon

## Easter Mass Schedule:

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

Monday, March 26: 7:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, March 29: 8:00 p.m.

**Good Friday:**

Friday, March 30: Liturgy at 3:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass:**

Saturday, March 31: 8:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Masses:**

Sunday, April 1: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

## **CWL Message**

May our focus on the Gospel, prayerful listening and reflecting, lead us to much growth in the Catholic Women's League. We kindly ask that you submit your membership dues if you have not done so.

## **SHARE LENT**

Share Lent invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. *"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."* - Pope Francis (during the Jubilee of Mercy). Your Share Lent donation helps our brothers and sisters all over the world from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond.

## **FORMED presents: Ready Reasons**

Is the Holy Spirit the Same as the Force? What do certain Christian groups and Star Wars have in common? The idea of a universal, impersonal force. For certain Christian groups, this force is the Holy Spirit who we, as Catholics, call the third Person of the Holy Trinity. Karlo Broussard explains why evidence shows that the Holy Spirit is a person, not an impersonal "force." View this video from the St. John the Baptist community page of FORMED by clicking on the "Community" tab.

## 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!

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.

## IN THE DIOCESE

### 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.

### 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 clean up. Any wreaths or decorations remaining will be removed and discarded. For further information, phone 905-522-7727. **The Spring Memorial Mass** is on Saturday, April 7 at 11 a.m. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington. All are most welcome.

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 are here to help.

## IN OTHER PARISHES

**Holy Rosary**, Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m., a Soup & Bun Supper. Fr. Martin Valley 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.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

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).

### 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.

### VOCATION VIEW

Strangers come to Philip with a simple request: "*Sir, we would like to see Jesus.*" In your actions and words, are you able to show the love of Christ to the stranger in your midst? 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 email [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com) with your questions.

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