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

- John 4:14a

Monday March 20 – St. Joseph

2 Sam. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22; Lk. 2:41-51a – *No Mass*

Tuesday March 21

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

7 PM – Christian Taylor

Wednesday March 22

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

9 AM – Francesco Martello

Thursday March 23

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

9 AM – Victoria Kelly

Friday March 24

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

9 AM – Ann Murray

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 25 – *Annunciation of the Lord*

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10d; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

5 PM – John O’Boyle

Sunday March 26 – *4th Sunday of Lent*

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

9 AM – Lance Todd

11 AM – Pro Populo



Our Parish

Monday March 20

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday March 21

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday March 22

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women’s AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

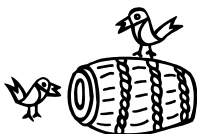
Thursday March 23

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday March 24

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



Reminder

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

C.W.L. Message

St. John’s C.W.L. sincerely hopes that you have enjoyed or participated in some or all of our recent events – retreats, bazaar, craft group, guest speakers, pot luck, bingo night & fashion show. Our efforts have yielded great satisfaction and we trust that with the support and help from our members, our council will continue to thrive.

Share Lent 2017

Women at the Heart of Change

70% of the world’s population is fed by small family farmers using less than a quarter of the world’s farmland. Small family farmers are still the major food producers, however, they face many challenges; among them land grabs by multinational companies. Many small farmers have simply farmed their land for generations and do not hold deeds or proof of ownership. When their land is sold, legally or not, they are pushed off their land. D&P has been advocating for justice and support for these farm communities. Next Sunday, you will find Action Cards in the pews for signing. Please drop your signed card in the boxes provided at each church entrance.

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.

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? – So many couples struggle alone and confused with their difficulties. Retrouvaille offers those in troubled and painful marriages the chance to rediscover for themselves, their spouse and a loving relationship. You are not alone. Please don't wait. 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.

Hamilton Catholic Young Adults Group (19-39)
On Sunday, March 26 at St. Ann's parish (11 Wilson St., Ancaster) come and meet, hang out and pray together with other young adults and deepen your faith as we conclude our study series on the Crusades. We will explore the last Crusades, the Battle of Lepanto and the lasting legacy of this era of Christendom. A group discussion will follow. At 5:30 – Holy Hour, 6 p.m. – Group Rosary and 6:30 dinner and social. If you have any questions – jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com.

Discover Serra!

Serra is a Catholic organization for the promotion of vocations. For information about the Serra Club of Halton please visit www.serrahalton.ca.

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 sssperthshire@sympatico.ca.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Attention all Trivia Enthusiasts!

Assumption Catholic Secondary School is hosting its 13th Annual Trivia Night to be held on Saturday, April 1 from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$15 per player, with 6-8 players per team. The evening includes raffles, a 50/50 draw and team prizes for highest scores. All money goes to Hamilton Naturalists' Club, Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation and Assumption's Crusaders Care Fund. To register – Assumptiontrivia@gmail.com.

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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