

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

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

- John 4:14a

Monday March 25 – *Annunciation of the Lord*
Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10d; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 – No Mass

Tuesday March 26
Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

7 PM – Lance Todd

Wednesday March 27
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-90; Matthew 5:17-19

9 AM – Intentions of Marnie Kervin

Thursday March 28

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

9 AM – Intentions of Bev Carbin

Friday March 29

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

9 AM – Kevin Proctor

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 30

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

5 PM – Therese Tessier Kennelly

Sunday March 31 – *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Mabel Grant



CWL Message

Along with our many other acts of service, the CWL is contributing monetary assistance to World Day of Prayer, St. Luke’s Community Lunch, the Lenten Retreat, a bursary for an Assumption graduate and fees for some infirm members. We appreciate your support of our good works.

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. Tickets will not be available at the door.

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. The next session is on Monday, April 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring your friends and come, learn and share.

Share Lent: Create a Culture of Encounter

Facing persecution and violence, 723,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since August 2017 and taken refuge in neighbouring Bangladesh. Development and Peace’s longtime partner, Caritas Bangladesh is working hard to restore some dignity to these people who yearn to live in peace. Thanks to your donations, Caritas Bangladesh has provided temporary shelters, clean water, safe latrines and showers for women and girls and hygiene kits to raise awareness among refugees about safety issues.



Our Parish

Monday March 25

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday March 26

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday March 27

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women’s AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday March 28

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

Friday March 29

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



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.

Turn anger and hatred to love and peace. Have your relationships with others been altered because of your anger? If so, please attend St. Raphael's **Lenten Mission** presented by Fr. Francis on March 27 at 7 p.m. Lent is a season of grace and presents the perfect opportunity to renew our relationships with God and with one another. Let us not allow it to pass by. St. Raphael's is located at 4072 New Street. Also at St. Raphael's are Stations of the Cross, each Friday during Lent at 7 p.m., followed by Mass.

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

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 9/10, 16/17 and 23/24 for \$12 (children under 10 - \$6). For more info 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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