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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

*"The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want."*

- Psalm 22(23)

Monday March 27

Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 – *No Mass*

Tuesday March 28

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

7 PM – John O'Rourke

Wednesday March 29

Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:16-30

9 AM – Mariette Degens

Thursday March 30

Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:18, 31-47++

9 AM – Leo Doucet

Friday March 31

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

9 AM – Fr. David Oliveire

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 1

Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

5 PM – Norma Walsh

Sunday April 2 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

9 AM – Nora Cox

11 AM – Pro Populo



Our Parish

Monday March 27

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday March 28

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday March 29

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday March 30

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday March 31

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Saturday April 1

Talent Show – 6 PM – Hall

Sunday April 2

Baptism Preparation Meeting – 10 AM – WR



C.W.L. Message

Membership and involvement in the C.W.L. provides opportunities for spiritual, personal and social growth. Friends in the League will always be there to support you with your efforts. During this Lenten Season, ask yourself, "How is God calling me to make the world and the church better through my talents?"

Share Lent 2017

Take Action to Promote Ecological Justice

Small family farmers are still the major food producers; however, they face many challenges. Among them, access to land and climate change. Agriculture must be at the heart of climate change solutions. We need to support these farmers to live in dignity and feed their communities. Ask the Prime Minister to recognize the essential role of small family farmers and to ensure their voices are heard. Please sign the Action Cards that are in the pews today and drop them into the boxes provided at each church entrance. Next week is Solidarity/Share Lent Sunday. Please be generous.

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.

The St. John's Men's Group has again sponsored the **Annual Talent Show** for St. John's students. It will take place on Saturday, April 1 after the 5 o'clock Mass. Parishioners are free to attend and pizza and refreshments will be provided.

Do you have small religious articles such as rosaries or small prayer books to donate? Please put them in the box marked "Religious Articles" on the shelf in the closet near the Blairholm Street entrance (the accessible door entrance). Please help by not leaving them on the tables at the doors. Thank you so much.

Reminder

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

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for April

✠ That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

IN THE DIOCESE

A NOTE 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 cemetery clean up. Any wreaths or decorations remaining after April 1 will be removed and discarded. For further information, phone 905-522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985.

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.

Dementia Understood

Join us for a Workshop that aims to demystify dementia by clarifying the causes and manifestations of the disease. The presentation will also support caregivers by offering practical tips for working with the person who has dementia. This free workshop is well-suited for both professionals and any individual who works with or has family members with dementia. Join us on Thursday, April 20 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W. in Hamilton. For more info, 905-529-7988, ext. 2249 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

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.

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, brother, sister or deacon, please speak to the pastor or contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

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