

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 Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

- Psalm 22(23)

Monday April 1

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

Tuesday April 2

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

7 PM – Marion Scollard

Wednesday April 3

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

9 AM – James Long

Thursday April 4

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

9 AM – Intentions of Rose Reffell

Friday April 5

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

9 AM – Intentions of Anna Paris

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 6

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

5 PM – Jacqueline Beaudoin

Sunday April 7 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Rose Giancola



Easter Confession Schedule:

Tuesday, April 16: 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 17: 11 a.m. to 12 noon
 Thursday, April 18: 10 a.m. to 12 noon
 Friday, April 19: 10 a.m. to 12 noon
 Saturday, April 20: 11 a.m. to 12 noon

Easter Mass Schedule:

Palm Sunday Masses:

Saturday, April 13: 5 p.m.
 Sunday, April 14: 9 & 11 a.m.

Chrism Mass (at Christ the King Cathedral Basilica):

Monday, April 15: 7 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Thursday, April 18: 8 p.m.

Good Friday:

April 19: Liturgy at 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass:

Saturday, April 20: 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses:

Sunday, April 21: 9 & 11 a.m.

CWL Message

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.

Formed Presents: *Could God Ever Love Someone like Me?*

Fr. Mike Schmitz, one of the leading presenters in the Church today, speaks powerfully about the sacrament of Reconciliation. He makes clear the truth that Christ deeply loves and wants to encounter each of us as we are, with all our imperfections. He debunks the lies we often believe about not being good enough to approach Jesus, and he draws upon Scripture to explain rationally why we go to priests to encounter God's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament. Find this audio presentation on our St John the Baptist page on FORMED.org in the "Community" tab. Please email your parish FORMED team at: stjohnsformed@gmail.com with questions.

Children's Liturgy is looking for grade 7/8 students to help approximately 1 time per month. Contact Anne Marie at childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com or phone 905-317-3539.



Our Parish

Monday April 1

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Bible Study Session – 6:30 PM – Hall

Tuesday April 2

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday April 3

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Evening Prayer/Adoration – 5:45 PM – Church

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday April 4

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

Friday April 5

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday April 7

Baptism Preparation Meeting – 10 AM – WR



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Wednesday, April 3 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.

Share Lent: Create a Culture of Encounter

In Colombia, over 6.5 million people have been forcibly displaced due to conflict, violence, natural disasters and development projects. With your support, Development & Peace partner, the National Agrarian Coordination (NAC) is working with Indigenous women, many being victims of displacement, to gain the skills to be intermediaries with the authorities. By promoting inclusive and participatory democracies, we are addressing one of the root causes of forced migration.

Next weekend is the **Share Lent collection**. Your generosity has a real impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in the Global South.



Baptisms

The following children were baptized on March 17th

*Ezarrene Belgira, Charlotte Busch
& Sophie Sychterz*

Congratulations to their parents, Godparents
and families.

St. John's Yard Sale!!

It's time for the Yard Sale – Saturday, May 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (rain date June 1). If you are cleaning out your closets, bring saleable items to the parish hall Tuesday to Thursday mornings (please deliver at these times only and not to the parish office). If you have lots of stuff and want to have your own sale, we'll advertise and bring in the crowds – you just need to set up your own spot (cost \$25/space and table). The Knights of Columbus will host a BBQ so make a day of it browsing, eating and chatting with friends and neighbours. As always, volunteers are needed! For details (volunteer, reserve space, questions) contact Peggy at 289-260-8336 (phone or text) or email her at blackpeg133@hotmail.com.

IN THE DIOCESE

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.

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.

Lenten Day of Prayer

Come to St. Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi site), Hamilton on Friday, April 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning with Mass. Tea, coffee and muffins are available on arrival. Please bring a bag lunch and your own coffee mug. To register, phone 905-388-3966 or email sssp Perthshire@sympatico.ca.

IN OTHER PARISHES

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.

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