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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 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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 contact the parish office to register for parent meeting for Baptism.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

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

- Psalm 22(23)

Monday March 7

Isaiah 65:17-21- No Mass

Tuesday March 8

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

7 PM - Deceased members of the Lopes family

Wednesday March 9

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

9 AM - Betty Nodwell

Thursday March 10

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

9 AM - Josip Vlaho

Friday March 11

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

9 AM - Anna Mascarenhas

7 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 12

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

5 PM - Rafael Lopez

Sunday March 13 - 5th Sunday of Lent

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

9 AM - Ann Griffin

11 AM - Pro Populo



C.W.L. Message

Our first **General Meeting** for 2016 will be held on Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Please plan to attend and hear our guest speaker, David Foster, talk about the Cross of Victory Pilgrimage.

On Holy Saturday, March 26, you are welcome to come to the church for the Blessing of the Easter food at 1 p.m.

Reminder

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

St. John's Talent Show

The St. John's Men's Group will again be hosting the Annual St. John's Talent Show on April 9 after the 5 o'clock Mass. If you can sing, tell jokes, play an instrument, or have any other special talent, this is your opportunity to shine. All acts must be confirmed by April 3. Please contact Tim O'Brien at 905-632-2954 to get in on the program. A pizza supper will be provided free of charge.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 31, 2016.....	\$4,272.10
# of envelopes.....	254
February 7, 2016.....	\$6,358.80
# of envelopes.....	281
February 14, 2016.....	\$4,002.50
# of envelopes.....	240



Our Parish

Monday March 7

Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR

Tuesday March 8

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - Hall

RCIA - 7:30 PM - WR

Wednesday March 9

Legion of Mary - 9:30 AM - WR

Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall

First Reconciliation - 7 PM - Church

Thursday March 10

Cenacle Group - 9:30 AM - WR

Christian Meditation - 1 PM - WR

Choir Practice - 7:30 PM - Church

Friday March 11

AA Meeting - 9 PM - Hall

Saturday March 12

Men's Group Breakfast - 8 AM - Hall

Clocks go ahead one hour next weekend, March 13th.

Share Lent: Create a Climate of Change

This week, our virtual pilgrimage takes us to the Holy Land. Development and Peace is supporting Salesian nuns in Bethlehem. Their ability to provide schooling to over 450 children has been threatened by the construction of a separation wall which will cut them off from the people they serve. Your support helps to provide them with legal costs to fight the construction in the courts. Next Sunday is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection. Please be generous.

Children's Liturgy News

The Children's Liturgy program is taking a break for the March Break so there is no program on March 13 and March 20. The program resumes on Easter Sunday, March 27 and will continue until May 15.

Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive

Attention St. John's parishioners – Burlington has declared March 7-13 as “Special Olympics Flag Week.” The Knights of Columbus would appreciate your support through a Bottle Drive. Please bring your empty bottles and/or donations to the trailer located in the parking lot on March 11 between 2 - 6 p.m. Proceeds will support Burlington's Special Olympic Athletes participating in the Provincial School Championship Games in June.

IN THE DIOCESE

Retrouvaille – Help for your Marriage

Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about, or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on March 11 in Niagara Falls, phone 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are married 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years in 2016, you are cordially invited to a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 29 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest). Please refer to the poster near the Brant St. entrance for a tear-off sheet to mail in to register.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses

The Hamilton Diocese provides **correspondence programs for Catholic children** from Kindergarten through high school, not receiving religious instruction to prepare them for the sacraments. To register, phone Monica at the Catechesis Office of the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

Laudato Si: A Look at the New Encyclical

This workshop/study series exploring the major components of Pope Francis' Encyclical on the environment and the impact it has on our lives will be presented on four Tuesday evenings starting May 3 at 8:30 p.m. The facilitator will be Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon, SSND. The cost is \$75 which includes text and resources. Register by April 22. To register or for info, phone 905-528-7988, ext 2238 or email mverin@hamiltondiocese.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SERRA CLUB CELEBRATION

Plan on joining the Serra Club of Hamilton in celebrating 50 years of service by Fr. Ciavarrro, Fr. Curtin, Fr. Isabelle, Fr. Strohmeier, Fr. Clarke SJ, Fr. Kelly CCSp, Fr. Wagner CSC, Fr. Wahl CR and Sr. Kerrigan CSJ on Tuesday, April 26 at Liuna Station. Visit <http://celebrationprl.wix.com/dinner> or phone Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682.

40 Days for Life

Join the international 40 Days for Life effort from February 10 to March 20 for peaceful prayer outside New Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (Third Line and Dundas Street). The vigil takes place every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You may register and get information at 40daysforlife.com/oakville.

Booked a vacation week in August yet? Please consider joining the **Cross of Victory Pilgrimage** for a day or two or the whole week of August 6 to August 13 as we walk to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. For information, search Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2016 on the internet or contact David Foster at CofVPilgrimage@gmail.com or 416-892-8819.

The Knights of Columbus Hall is available for celebrations, meetings, social events and more. Phone 905-580-3472 for information or visit their website at www.kofc5073.ca.

Interested in the priesthood or religious life? Speak to the pastor or contact Rev. Kuzma at (905)528-7988, ext. 2246 or visit www.vocationinfo.ca.

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