

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 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



Mass Intentions

“You are witnesses of these things.”

- Acts 1:8

Monday May 9

Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 – No Mass

Tuesday May 10

Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a

7 PM – David Carroll

Wednesday May 11

Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

9 AM – Victor Pires

Thursday May 12

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

9 AM – William Charles

Friday May 13

Acts 24:27, 25:13b-21+++; John 21:15-19

9 AM – Steve Nagy

Saturday May 14 – St. Matthias

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

5 PM – Jim & Mary Hourigan

Sunday May 15 – Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

9 AM – Joan Galea

11 AM – Pro Populo

NOTICE:
Due to a Clergy Retreat next week, there will be no Mass from Tuesday, May 17 through Friday, May 20 at St. John's Church.

C.W.L. Message

We wish many blessings for mothers and all those who care for children. All parishioners are invited to join our CWL meeting on Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. The **May Crowning** will be followed by our guest speaker, **Deacon Rob Thomas**.

March for Life 2016 in Ottawa on May 12. Attend Mass at 10 a.m. in Notre Dame Cathedral, 12 p.m. rally on Parliament Hill, 1:30 march through down Ottawa. Also hear testimonies and at 4 p.m. an Easter Catholic prayer service. To reserve a seat on the bus phone Sandra at 905-528-3065. The bus will leave from the car-pool parking lot at Guelph Line and North Service Rd. at 3:45 a.m. and will return at 11 p.m. For more information, contact Christl Towler at 905-639-5949.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is once again offering to sponsor a limited number of **Summer Camp and Recreational Day Program** opportunities to students in grades one to eight. For more information about registering, please phone 905-979-6460 or email us at stvatsj@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is May 13, 2016.

Doctor-assisted suicide: What you need to know

Get an authoritative Catholic perspective on this controversial new legislation from Dr. Moira McQueen, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. Dr. McQueen is a noted expert on this issue and was appointed in 2014 by Pope Francis to the International Theological Commission. Come out for this free public presentation on Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. This event is sponsored by the St. John's Men's Group.

On Wednesday, May 11, Timothy Jacobcak and Sarah Pedder received the Bishop's Award for Service from Bishop Miehm during the annual Altar Server Awards Ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. We thank them for their service and congratulate them for this well-deserved recognition.



Our Parish

Monday May 9

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

CWL Meeting – 7 PM – Hall

Tuesday May 10

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday May 11

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday May 12

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday May 13

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday May 15

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church



Happy
Mother's
Day.

MAY 8, 2016

Red Roses Campaign

The Knights of Columbus will distribute tiny "red roses" after each Mass this weekend. All donations are thankfully received and will be given to pro-life organizations to assist them in their work.

Religious Articles to Donate?

If you have religious articles and/or small prayer books, etc. to donate to someone... you may leave them in the designated box in the closet by the Blairholm Avenue entrance area. Kindly do not leave articles anywhere else in the church entrances. We cannot accept books – very sorry.

A Reminder

...that we pray the rosary approximately one half hour before the start of each weekday Mass (Tues. - Fri.) here at St. John's. Everyone is most welcome.

IN THE DIOCESE

Grief Relief

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you wondering if these feelings are normal? Grief Relief is a six-week educational series dealing with grief. You are welcome on Wednesdays from May 4 to June 8 from 1:30 - 3 p.m. at the Diocese of Hamilton Chancery Office. There is no cost. To register, phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249.

The Canadian Government has introduced **Bill C-14**, an Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts (medical assistance in dying). This proposed legislation, which responds to the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in early 2015, will make euthanasia and assisted suicide legal and more accessible. To express your concerns about the legislation, visit www.hamiltondiocese.com or www.canadianforconscience.ca/.

Project Rachel

Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that may follow an abortion. We offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please phone (905) 526-1999.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES FOR CHILDREN

It is necessary for your child to receive preparation for the Sacraments of **Reconciliation, First Communion** and **Confirmation**. Children enrolled in the Catholic School Board receive these instructions as part of the curriculum. Therefore, the Hamilton Diocese provides correspondence programs for Catholic children from Kindergarten through high school, not receiving religious instruction (i.e. enrolled in a public or private school). For information and registration forms, phone Monica at the Catechesis Office in the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

IN OTHER PARISHES

St. Ann's Parish Spring Carnival is taking place on Thursday, May 12 to Sunday, May 15 at T.B. McQueston Park in Hamilton (Upper Wentworth just south of Limeridge Mall). Amusements, rides, games and food for all ages.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Father Allen Varlaki invites you to join a relaxing **"Journey of St. Paul to Greece & Turkey"** from October 29 to November 8. Enjoy a 7-night cruise of the Aegean Sea and 2 nights in Athens, then on to Corinth, Istanbul and more. For further information contact Joanne at 1-866-296-3345.

The Cross of Victory Pilgrimage takes place from Saturday, August 6 to Saturday August 13. For information, search Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2016. The **All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner** is on May 14 at 6 p.m. in St. John's parish hall. Tickets \$12 after Mass at church doors May 7/8 and at the doors on May 14.

<p>Vocation View - If you feel that God may be calling you to the priesthood or religious life, speak to the pastor or contact Rev. Wojciech Kuzma, Vocation Director, at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or by email at wkuzma@hamiltondiocese.com.</p>

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