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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

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

- John 18:37

Monday November 23

Daniel 1.1-6, 8-20; Luke 21.1-4 – No Mass

Tuesday November 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Daniel 2.3, 9a, 10a, 27a, 31-45++ Luke 21.5-11

7 PM – Pasqualina Mercuri

Wednesday November 25

Daniel 5.1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21.12-19

9 AM – In Thanksgiving

7PM – Confirmation Mass

Thursday November 26

Daniel 6.11-28; Luke 21.20-28

9 AM – Odette Hebert

Friday November 27

Daniel 7.1-14++; Luke 21.29-33

9 AM – Joseph Yonan

Saturday November 28

Daniel 7.15-27; Luke 21.34-36

5 PM – Nancy Podrebarac

Sunday November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33,14-16; I Thessalonians 3.12-4.2; Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

9 AM – Dan Savelli

11 AM – Pro Populo



Our Parish

Monday November 23

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday November 24

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday November 25

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday November 26

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday November 27

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

The **C.W.L. Advent Retreat** is being held on Wednesday, December 9 with Father Allen as the facilitator. The day will begin with Mass at 9 a.m. followed by a presentation by Fr. Allen, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity for Reconciliation, closing with Benediction at noon. Registration sheets are at the doors of the church. The suggested registration fee is \$10. All women are welcome – you do not have to be a C.W.L. member.

*If any person or family in the parish is in need of assistance at Christmas, phone the **St. Vincent de Paul** at 905-979-6460. Be assured that any information you provide is kept confidential.*

Confirmation Mass

On Wednesday evening, November 25, we welcome the Most Reverend Daniel Miehme, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton to administer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at the Mass at 7 p.m. Let us keep the young people about to be Confirmed in our prayers.



Sunday Missals Available

You may now purchase a **Sunday Missal** – they are provided at the Brant Street entrance of the church. The cost will be \$3. Please leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes that are provided or place your payment into the coin boxes on the walls. Please do not leave your money in the boxes containing the Missals. Thank you.

2016 Mission Calendars

Catholic Missions calendars are available for sale for \$3 each at the church entrance near Brant Street for as long as the supply lasts. Please leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes.



Baptisms

Welcomed into our parish community through Baptism on Sunday, November 15, 2015:

Liam Calayloy and Bernenice Orakuwe

Congratulations to their parents, Godparents and family.

November 22, 2015

TURKEY ROLL ALERT

The **Knights of Columbus Turkey Roll** will happen on Friday, November 27, 2015 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2400 Industrial Street (off Mountainside and Guelph Line). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Roll begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission: FREE!



Religious Christmas Cards and Fruit Cakes

will be for sale at the Blairholm entrance of the Church following the Masses on November 28/29. To purchase at other times call Christl at 905-639-5949 or at Marilyn at 905-681-3276. By using these cards and cakes you are furthering efforts towards restoring the sanctity of all human life.

Sing Noel is taking place on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for our annual celebration in the church with hymns followed by cookies and caroling in the parish hall. All are welcome.

The Children's Choir needs more singers. Would you like to join us for Advent and Christmas Eve? We would love to have you - no experience necessary. Practices resume on November 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the Warren Room (downstairs in the hall). Please visit Leslie in the choir loft after Mass or check for notices on the choir loft door.

IN THE DIOCESE

Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child

Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. This feeling of loss is often felt more profoundly during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with the loss of a child is planned at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for Sunday, November 29 at 4 p.m. Anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including still birth is invited to this Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel Miehm. God is close to those who mourn. Come and experience His healing presence. Registration is preferred but not necessary. Please phone Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com

Attend a **Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, Friday, November 27, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch - tea and coffee are provided. An offering of \$20 is suggested. To register, call 905-388-3966 or at ssspertshire@sympatico.ca.

Coping with the Holidays

When You Have Lost a Loved One

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by a Grief Counselor. This event will be held at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton, on Sunday, November 29 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free of charge, but please phone to reserve a seat at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249.

IN OTHER PARISHES

St. Gabriel's Church is hosting a **Pro Life Rosary/Adoration/Mass** that will take place on Saturday, November 28 at 3:45 p.m. Come to pray for the sanctity of life. We will pray the rosary for Pro Life intentions, call upon our Lady's intercession to help protect life at all stages. There will be silent adoration followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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Join the Rally in support of a movement to lower our Carbon Footprint. This is a message Pope Francis strongly supports in his encyclical letter "Laudato Si". Faith groups to meet at Unitarian Church, 170 Dundurn S., Hamilton, on Sunday November 29 at 2:00 p.m. to walk to the Rally at City Hall. You can also meet directly at City Hall for the event starting at 3:00 p.m. Six (five minute) speakers will look at the global warming issue, in preparation for the COP21 Paris Conference. If possible, wear the colour purple (a scarf, a hat etc.) representing "faith".

Vocation View - *To testify to the truth; this is the mission of the priest and religious. Has your life testified to the truth that Christ is King For information on the priesthood or religious life, talk to the pastor or contact Rev. Wojciech Kuzma, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988, ext. 2246 or at wkuzma@hamiltondiocese.com.*

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