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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.



Mass Intentions

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

- John 18:37

Monday November 26

Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4 - No Mass

Tuesday November 27

Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11

7 PM – Intentions of Pat McFarlane

Wednesday November 28

Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19

9 AM – Frank Rojek

Thursday November 29

Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28

9 AM - Dan Savelli

Friday November 30 - St. Andrew

Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

9 AM - Intentions of Carlo Zoratti

Saturday December 1

Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

5 PM – Maryanne Vizzani

Sunday December 2 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; I Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Joseph & Albert Yonan



Our Parish

Monday November 26

Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR

Tuesday November 27

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - Hall

Wednesday November 28

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday November 29

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

Friday November 30

AA Meeting - 9 PM - Hall

Sunday December 2

Baptism Preparation Meeting – 10 AM – WR



CWL Message

Please mark Wednesday, December 12 on your calendar as our C.W.L. is hosting an **Advent Morning of Reflection**, facilitated by Father Bob Sims from 9 a.m. to noon. All women of the parish and beyond are invited to attend and bring a friend. Registration forms are at all the church doors. The morning will begin with Mass at 9, followed by Fr. Bob's talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and closes at noon with Benediction. For information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

The Giving Tree will be up until December 9. Note that our **Christmas Potluck** will be on Monday, December 3 at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Please bring a dish to share, your own plate and cutlery and a \$5 wrapped gift to be used for Bingo prizes. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Calling all Singers

Singers (adults and teens) are needed for the **Christmas Eve Masses** at 5 & 7 p.m. Children, are you interested in singing in the **Children's Choir** at 5 p.m? Please come up to the loft and see Leslie after Mass for more information. Thanks!

FORMED Presents: the Lamb's Supper

Based on his bestselling book, Dr. Scott Hahn reveals the early Christians' key to understanding the Mass: the Book of Revelation. With its bizarre imagery, mystic visions of heaven, and end-times prophecies, it mirrors the sacrifice and celebration of the Holy Eucharist. See the Mass with new eyes, pray the Liturgy with a renewed heart, and enter into the Mass more fully and enthusiastically. Find this audio presentation on our St. John the Baptist page on FORMED.org in the "Community" tab. If you are not yet registered, go to saintjohnthebaptist.formed.org and follow the instructions.

Christmas cakes and Christmas cards will be available at the Brant Street entrance after all Masses on November 24/25 and December 1/2. If cards are needed sooner, phone Christl at 905-639-5949.

New Sunday Missals are available for sale at the church doors at a cost of \$3 each for anyone wishing to purchase one.



Baptisms

Welcomed into our parish community through Baptism on Sunday, November 18, 2018:

Dante Zuccherato

Congratulations to his parents, Godparents and family.

Poinsettias/Plants and Wreaths

Pre-purchase poinsettias/plants and live wreaths, at the church doors after each Mass on November 24/25 and on December 1/2. Pick up at your convenience from Holland Park on Fairview Street until November 30 (wreaths) and December 16 (poinsettias/plants). 15% of the proceeds will go to St. John's.

2019 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.

IN THE DIOCESE

Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced - they can help you! No need to register and no cost. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 if information is needed, but you may just drop in between 7 and 9 p.m.

A Healing Mass for those mourning the loss of a child is on Sunday, December 2 at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Celebrant is Bishop Douglas Crosby. Registration is preferred by phoning Lena at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 or online at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Coping with the Holidays... when you have lost a loved one

The session is held on Sunday, December 2 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton and is free of charge. Facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman, this is a way of reflecting and learning strategies for coping throughout Christmas. To reserve a seat, phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249.

Advent Hymn Festival – The Hamilton Diocesan Choir will present this event at St. Augustine, 58 Sydenham St., Dundas on Sunday, December 2 at 7 p.m. Join this joyous evening to celebrate the Advent Season, to hear and sing along with your favourite hymns and enjoy refreshments.

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.

IN OTHER PARISHES

Join a **Taize Musical Advent Service** on Thursday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Church, Burlington. This is a night of lights and reflection with refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

IN THE COMMUNITY

WRAP (White Ribbon Against Pornography). The connection between domestic violence, woman and child abuse, marriage break-ups, sex trafficking and abortion is shown in numerous surveys. Children as young as 8 to 10 years old accidentally or knowingly access pornography on all kinds of devices. Canada does not have an age verification requirement to access pornographic websites. Therefore, we are urging the federal government again to create laws requiring a mandatory age verification mechanism for accessing adult pornographic websites. Pick up a sample letter at all church entrances and send it to Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, your MPP, and Minister of Justice. No postage is required.

You are invited to join a **Lenten Pilgrimage** from March 26 to April 2, 2019 to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, the Unborn and the New Evangelization. Join Father Luke Kopaniak, SAC and Deacon Randy Matters on this pilgrimage. For more information, email randalmatters@gmail.com.



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