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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](http://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**

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday November 9 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; John 2:13-22 – No Mass

Tuesday November 10 – St. Leo the Great  
Wisdom 2:23 – 3:9; Luke 17:7-10

7 PM – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gordon & Joanne Tessier

Wednesday November 11 – St. Martin of Tours  
Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19 (School Mass)

9 AM – Colleen Goodwin

Thursday November 12 – St. Josaphat  
Wisdom 7:22 – 8:1; Luke 17:20-25

9 AM – Oscar Rodrigues

Friday November 13  
Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

9 AM – Intentions of Rod Ulmer

Saturday November 14  
Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8

5 PM – Madeleine Arabo

Sunday November 15 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

9 AM – Theresa Palmer

11 AM – Pro Populo



### Our Parish

Monday November 9

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday November 10

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday November 11

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday November 12

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 – WR

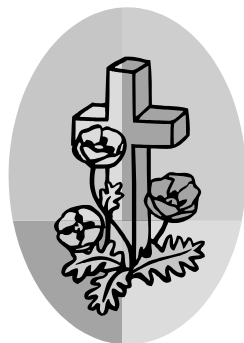
Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday November 13

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday November 15

Baptism – 12:30 PM – Church



### C.W.L. Message

*The C.W.L. Bazaar is finally here and we are excited about the fantastic items made or donated by our members and parishioners! Please visit us after each Mass on Sunday and see our terrific assortment of handmade crafts and fabulous items in the **Silent Auction**. It's a good time to spend with friends, enjoy refreshments and do some Christmas shopping.*

**The General Meeting** is being held on Monday, November 16 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

Our **Advent Retreat** is coming soon. If you have done this retreat in the past, you will be pleased that is not long to wait. If you have not done the retreat yet, it is well worth planning to attend this year. Please check back for details in next week's bulletin.

**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.

*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.*

### Message from Father Allen Varlaki

As most parishioners are already aware, Fr. Bob experienced some health difficulties leading to a hospital stay and the need for some proper rest and recuperation. In light of this, Bishop Crosby has appointed me administrator of St. John's Parish. I'm happy to serve the community in this way, and to provide some stability while Fr. Bob is recovering. Please do keep Fr. Bob in your prayers over the coming months. He is asking that for the time being we keep our support to prayers alone; well-wishes, visits and phone calls will have to wait until he's feeling a bit better. If there is any way in which I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to phone me or email me at [avarlaki@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:avarlaki@hamiltondiocese.com).

## 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.

### Confirmation

On Wednesday, November 25, Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Auxiliary Bishop, will visit St. John the Baptist Parish to administer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at 7 p.m. Please keep the young people receiving the Sacrament in your prayers.

## 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!

## IN THE DIOCESE

### The Biblical Roots of Mercy

All are welcome to attend this session intended to help you prepare for the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy. Join us for evening prayer with Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, and a presentation, "*The Biblical Roots of Mercy*," by biblical scholar, Sr. Eileen Schuller, OSU. The event is held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St. in Guelph on Sunday, November 15 at 7 p.m.

**Helping people through times of serious illness, loss and grief** is the focus of a special presentation by Dr. Bill Webster from Grief Journey and Andrea Warnick, RN, MA. All are welcome to attend at Michelangelo Events and Conference Centre, 1555 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, November 30. This event is sponsored by P.X. Dermody Funeral Home. For further info, email [christina.walton@dermodys.com](mailto:christina.walton@dermodys.com) or phone 905-549-9955.

## IN OTHER PARISHES

### Christmas Bazaars:

**St. Ann's** – Saturday, November 14, from 2 to 7 p.m., and November 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Ann's School gym, Barton St. E. & Sherman Ave. N.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**A Women's Fall Retreat Weekend** will take place at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga on November 20-22. The theme, "Become an Icon of Jesus," will be presented by the Centre team. For further information, or to register, please phone 905-278-5229.

### Canadian Blood Services Volunteers

Blood program volunteers are needed to recruit, educate and make an outstanding contribution in your community today. Volunteers participate in community events to raise awareness about Canadian Blood Services and schedule blood donation appointments. Daytime availability and ability to travel is an asset. Fill out our application form online at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) or phone Andrea Davies at 1-866-7700, ext. 5867 for more information.

### Foster a Child, Change a Life

Halton Children's Aid Society continues to seek new foster families for children coming into their care. Children are from 0-15 years of age and youth from 16-18 years of age. We welcome applicants from different races and cultural backgrounds. For more information about becoming a foster family, please phone 1-866-607-5437 or visit [www.haltoncas.ca](http://www.haltoncas.ca).

### Vocation View

*Jesus upholds the example of the widow who puts two coins into the Temple treasury as the greatest treasure given. We are to give not out of surplus, but from our very selves. For information on the priesthood or religious life, talk to the pastor or contact Rev. Wojciech Kuzma, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988, extension 2246 or by email at [wkuzma@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:wkuzma@hamiltondiocese.com).*

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