

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

(FOUNDED IN 1849)

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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**



# Mass Intentions

*"Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth."*

- Psalm 121:2

Monday October 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch

Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21 – **No Mass**

Tuesday October 18 – St. Luke

2 Timothy 4:9-17a; Luke 10:1-9

7 PM – Addie Donaldson

Wednesday October 19

Ephesians 3:1-12++; Luke 12:39-48

9 AM – Intentions of Martha Devlin

Thursday October 20

Ephesians 3:13-21++; Luke 12:49-53

9 AM – Franz Ziegerhofer Sr.

Friday October 21

Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

9 AM – Intentions of the Davies family

Saturday October 22

Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

5 PM – Deceased members of the Velasco family

Sunday October 23 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:15-17, 20-22; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Vincent Enright

## C.W.L. Message

God has gifted each of us with talents which we can use to share with others. These gifts are God's plan for us. We continue to collect items for the **Bazaar** on November 5/6 – new and next to new, jewelry and soft cover books. Please bring any donations to the hall on Tuesday mornings between 10 and 11:30 a.m. Thank you very much.

**Office hour change:** beginning the week of October 31st, the parish office will be open Mondays to Thursdays only. The hours will remain the same. The office will be **closed** all day on **Fridays** starting November 4.

**Commitment Sunday** is on October 29 and 30. Please pray for our grade 7 students preparing for Confirmation.

The **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** is in need of volunteers to become involved with our Home Visit program. Our St. John Conference has been actively helping people in our parish area and beyond for over five decades. However, we have reached a point where our Membership has declined substantially and we find ourselves with fewer people to respond to the calls for help that we receive. For more information please visit the parish website at [www.stjohnthebaptist.ca](http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca). or, email [stvatsj@gmail.com](mailto:stvatsj@gmail.com). or, phone 905-979-6460.



## Our Parish

Monday October 17

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – 2 PM – WR

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday October 18

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday October 19

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Confirmation Meeting – 7 PM – School Library

Thursday October 20

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Choir Loft

Friday October 21

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



## IN OTHER PARISHES

Coming Tuesday, October 18, St. Paul's is hosting an event about indigenous Issues at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Entitled "*Residential Schools: the Way Forward*" and presented by two indigenous leaders, this event deals with the facts and challenges of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

### Author Night Fundraiser – Holy Rosary Church

All are invited to a presentation by author, Armando Lucas Correa and review his book, the German Girl, a story about a 12-year old girl fleeing Nazi-occupied Germany. Tickets are \$20 and are available at a Different Drummer Books at 905-639-0925 or phone the church at 905-634-7441. The event takes place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 23. All proceeds go to the Holy Rosary Refugee Resettlement Fund.

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St. Joseph Parish in Fergus will be hosting a **Photographic Exhibition** of The Appeals of Our Lady Apparitions and Marian Shrines in the World, from October 20 – 23, at St. Joseph Church, 760 St. David Street North, Fergus. For more information visit the website at [www.therealpresence.org](http://www.therealpresence.org).

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### Fall Hike and Oktoberfest Lunch

**Catholic Meet-Up for Hamilton-Area Young Adults**  
On Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m., come out and enjoy the season, hike the Dundas Valley, take in the beautiful Fall colours and two impressive waterfalls. Afterwards, enjoy a great German meal at the famous Black Forest Inn, 255 King St. E., Hamilton. We will meet in the parking lot by the intersection of Tews Ln., and Harvest Rd., in Dundas. Look for the signs pointing to “Tews Falls.” When in the parking lot, look for the car with the ‘Meetup Monk’ sign on the roof. For more information contact [jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com).

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### Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona

Join Deacon Rob Thomas on June 11 to June 20, 2017 on a faith-filled excursion, marking the 100th anniversary of Fatima. Please visit the link, <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/764541> or phone Deacon Rob at 905-315-9443. Early booking savings deadline is fast approaching.

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### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual HCCEF Evening

Join us for an opportunity to meet Bishop Douglas Crosby and to hear him speak. It's a fun evening with exceptional food, fellowship and a great cause – proceeds support the HCCEF Student Guardian Program. All are welcome. It's on Wednesday, November 2 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Le Dome Banquet Hall, 1173 North Service Rd. E., Oakville. Tickets are \$75. Register at [www.hccef.org](http://www.hccef.org). Bring your family bowling at Burlington Bowl on Sunday, October 16 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. to raise funds for the Sian Bradwell Fund for Children with Cancer. The cost is \$25 per person which includes 2 games, shoe rental, pizza and pop. Minimum 5 players per lane and maximum 6. For details visit the website at [www.sianbradwell.com/burlington/strikeout](http://www.sianbradwell.com/burlington/strikeout).

### 40 Days for Life

September 28 – November 6

We stand outside and peacefully pray across from the Oakville Trafalgar Hospital from 7 am to 7 pm daily. Coming to pray for the first time? Join us Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m. For info and to choose a time slot, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/oakville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/oakville). Join us on October 18 at 7 p.m. for the **Mid-point rally** with Mass for Life and reception with Bishop Crosby at St. Gabriel's, 2261 Parkway Dr., Burlington.

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The **SERRA Club of Halton** needs you! We are seeking people to come together monthly at St. Dominic Parish in Oakville to promote and support vocations to religious life. We share Mass, a meal, have interesting speakers, and plan ways, as a group, to encourage young men and women to listen to God's call. While this helps others, it is also a wonderful opportunity to deepen our own walk with the Lord and strengthen our faith community. For more information contact [garthbrown@sympatico.ca](mailto:garthbrown@sympatico.ca) or [sidoniap12@gmail.com](mailto:sidoniap12@gmail.com) or call Sidonia Plivka at 905-637-3061.

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### Retreats at Loyola House in Guelph

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Or, are you looking to upgrade your skills in giving Spiritual Direction? For information on the following upcoming retreats and programs, and to register online, visit [www.loyolahouse.com](http://www.loyolahouse.com) or contact [registration@ignatiusquelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusquelph.ca) or phone 519-824-1250 ext 266.

**Individual Director or Undirected Retreats:**  
October 11 – November 6

**Advent Prayer Weekend:** November 25 – 27

**Directed Prayer Weekend:** November 25 – 27

**Let Heaven & Nature Sing, Advent Retreat with the Earth:** November 25 – 27

**Advent Taize Weekend:** December 2 – 4

### Vocation View


God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests and religious. Speak to the pastor or contact Fr. King, the Vocation Director, at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or visit [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca).

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