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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

*“Ephphatha,” that is,
“Be opened.”*

- Mark 7:34

Monday September 7

Colossians 1:24 - 2:3; Luke 6:6-11 – No Mass

Tuesday September 8 – *Nativity of the Virgin Mary*

Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

7 PM – Elaine Carbone

Wednesday September 9

Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26

9 AM – Clarence Marshall

Thursday September 10

Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38

9 AM – Rev. James Mihm

Friday September 11

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42

9 AM – Deceased members of the Bozzo family

Saturday September 12

1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49

5 PM – John Van Lierde

Sunday September 13 – *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Manuela McPhee



Our Parish

Monday September 7

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday September 8

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday September 9

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday September 10

Cenacle Group 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 – WR

Friday September 11

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



Reminder: The office will be closed all day on Labour Day, Monday, September 7, 2015.

C.W.L. Message

All parishioners – please mark your calendars for our **General Meeting** on Monday, September 14 at 7 p.m. to come and hear our interesting **guest speaker**, Grace Belliveau from “Seniors to Seniors.” She will present options seniors have when it comes to ageing independently and also what kind of help is available for those taking care of elderly loved ones.

The women in the **Craft Group** are in the hall every Tuesday morning from 10 - 12 noon. They welcome your donations of new and gently used items, decorative items, small electrical appliances and softcover books (no hardcover books please).

WEEKEND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

August 30, 2015.....\$4,465.50

of envelopes.....256

Thank you all for your support all summer long.

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Childrens' Liturgy News

The Children's Liturgy takes place throughout the school year on Sundays during the 11 o'clock Mass. This year, the Childrens' Liturgy will commence next weekend on Sunday, September 13 and welcomes children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4. Please find a sign-up sheet on tables at the church entrances.

We welcome the school teachers, staff and students back at this time and wish you all the best in this school year. The **opening school Mass** will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23.

RCIA

Have you been considering becoming a Catholic? Do you identify with this community of faith but have not been able to participate fully in the sacramental life of the church? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) begins in the fall. We welcome your inquiries and also people who might be interested in coming out as sponsors once a week. Please phone the church office at 905-634-2485.

IN THE DIOCESE

THE RED MASS

The annual **Red Mass** will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on Wednesday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. The St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild sponsors this annual Mass that originated in the 13th century. The faithful come together to invoke the wisdom of the Holy Spirit upon all those who work in the court system, law enforcement and protective services: we pray for Divine guidance and strength upon them and all that they do for society. The celebrant for this Mass is the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton. Fr. Ian Duffy, pastor of St. Ann's Parish is the homilist. All are welcome to this great annual tradition of worship and prayer.

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, September 22 (7 to 9:30 pm) at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, please phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs starting the same week.

KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS is a **ten week video-based program** meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. The program runs Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. starting September 24 at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The cost is \$45.00. For more information, phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES FOR CHILDREN

The Hamilton Diocese provides correspondence programs for Catholic children from Kindergarten through high school, not receiving religious instruction to prepare them for the sacraments. To register, phone Monica at the Catechesis Office of the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

IN OTHER PARISHES

Lenten Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr. Malcolm Katzenberger is once again leading a 14-day journey to the Holy Land from April 3 to 17, 2016. Cost is \$4,685 per person (double occupancy). Come to an information night at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish, 280 Limeridge Rd. W., Hamilton on October 14 at 7 p.m. Phone Claire at CW Travel at 1-416-312-9095 or Fr. Katzanberger at 905-388-2078 to request an itinerary or ask any questions.

The Legion of Mary, Hamilton will host a **Rosary and Procession** to honour Our Blessed Mother Mary at St. Mary's Church, 146 Park St. N. on Sunday, September 13 at 3:30 p.m. Refreshments to follow.

St. Gabriel's Church is hosting a **Pro Life Rosary/Adoration/Mass** that will take place monthly. Come to pray for the sanctity of life. The next date is Saturday, September 26 at 3:45 p.m. 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.

A **Pro-Life Mass and Rosary** for the unborn will take place every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 2265 Headon Rd., Burlington. The next Mass is on September 15. All are welcome.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ADOPTION INFORMATION NIGHT

Have you considered adoption? Come to an Information Night on Wednesday, September 16 starting at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Children's Aid Society, 735 King St. E., Hamilton. For information and to register, phone Jocelyn at 905-525-2012, ext. 3125. The website is www.hamiltonccas.on.ca.

Vocation View – The encounter with Jesus never leaves one unaffected, but our ears must be opened to receive his word. For information on the priesthood or religious life, talk to the pastor or visit the vocation area of the Diocesan website at www.vocationinfo.ca.

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