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See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

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OFFICE HOURS	Mon-Fri	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
	Tues & Thurs	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
	Saturday	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
	Sunday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
		<i>closed on Statutory Holidays</i>

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Mon - Fri 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

PRAYER BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM in the Adoration Chapel
8:30 AM Rosary in the church

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We encourage you to spend some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, anytime, day or night.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS & BECOMING ROMAN CATHOLIC

- For newborns, every first and third Sunday at 1:00 PM
- For school aged children, after being catechized.
- For adults interested in becoming Roman Catholic call the office for more information.

WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

MINISTRY TO AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please advise us if you have someone ill at home, in the hospital, or in a local nursing home so that we can minister to them.

FUNERALS

Please contact us and your choice of funeral home. For information on Catholic burial, please contact the cemetery office at 905.522.7727 or 1.800.661.5985, or visit www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca

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905.637.3810
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Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org Vocations www.HamiltonDiocese.org

FIRST DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT
We turn our hearts to Jesus who teaches us how to face our trials



Monday, February 15 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Flo MacDougall

Tuesday, February 16 at 9:00 a.m.
 Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 17 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Aileen Maguire

Thursday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Peter Delorme; + Helen Tanko Grand;
 + Vincent Hamill;
 Ints. Griffin & Zoe Peters; Ints. Lee Olds

Friday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m.
 Ints. Sylvia Gzik

Saturday, February 20 at 5:00 p.m.
 + Bernard Bryson; + Liza Tavares;
 + Stella Maria Dufty; + Charles Royal

Sunday, February 21
 9:00 a.m. + Ronald LaFontaine
 11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners



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On this first Day of the Lord in the Lenten season, St. Luke's gospel presents Jesus being tempted three times in the desert. In the stylized temptations during the 40 days in the desert, **Jesus struggled** with faith,

authenticity, even his calling. He responded to these classic trials (and others during His life) by referring to the **Hebrew Scriptures**. The struggles and trials we face in life often are accompanied by the temptation to renege on the choices we've made. This Lenten season is the time for us to reflect on our own baptismal calling, as well as the trials tempting us to abandon or ignore it. One essential way **we face our trials** is by doing what Jesus the Teacher did: read, understand, be encouraged by and do what the **Word of God in the Bible** inspires us to do.

Fr. Frank



**THE HOUR OF JESUS:
 THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN**

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH
 FR. FRANK WAGNER CSC
 Mondays from 7:00- 8:30 P.M.
 (Feb. 15, 22, 29, March 7, 14)
 Tuesdays from 1:30-3:00 P.M.
 (Feb. 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15)
 St. Raphael Parish Centre

MUSIC MINISTRY CHOIR DIRECTOR It is with a sincere prayer of gratitude that **we thank Susan Obermeyer** for the years of dedication, energy and prayerful commitment to the ministry of directing our 11 o'clock choir. She has led us in the music of our worship to God and gathered us in the unity of sacred song. May the Lord continue to bless her and her talent. We also **welcome Jenny Vaz** who has accepted to use her musical talent to continue the ministry of directing the choir. Please pray for her and the choir as they lead the liturgical music which helps us to celebrate in full, active and conscious participation in the Holy Eucharist.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SOCIAL JUSTICE
 LENTEN PROJECT** - we are asking parishioners to donate

school supplies to the Canadian Food For Children from **Saturday, February 20 to Sunday, March 13**. Please fill back packs; cloth or vinyl bags (good sturdy reusable bags) with three-holed lined paper, pencils, erasers, markers, rulers, etc. These supplies will allow children from third world countries to go to school and get an education which, as we know, is best tool for a better future. Kindly put your donations in the designated box in the Welcoming Area opposite to the St. Anthony Room.



FAMILY DAY OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 15th. Have a great day!

BOOMERANG CARDS: Card games are cancelled for this Monday, February 15th due to the Family Day Holiday.

Please pray for the following:

Maureen Fisher	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Isabelle Wild	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Martin Dawson	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
John Scharer	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Darryll Malley	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Mary Berry	Catherine Gee	Doug Pudsey
Tim Baillargeon		



If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish and included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office by Tuesday afternoon.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, February 7th \$ 4,980.75
 Seminary \$ 1,533.25

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

LENTEN BOOKLETS: You are encouraged to pick up "Taking Lent to Heart" by Fr. Thomas J Connery, located in the parish entrance. A \$2.00 donation is suggested to cover the costs of the booklets.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Church following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

WE NEED HELP TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY by bringing communion. What a beautiful, helpful and rewarding ministry! We need help in bringing communion to people who are homebound or in long term care or in the hospital. If you have about an hour every 4 weeks to give to this, please call for information. We will help in every way we can... questions, training, etc. Please inquire. Call Wilma 905 870 0641



WINTER EVENING HIKE AND BONFIRE:
Sunday, February 21, 2016, 6–8 p.m.
 Discover the magic of winter by participating in this guided hike through the woods, under the light of the moon at the Royal Botanical Gardens. Capping it all off by a bonfire with a hot cup of cocoa. To register contact our Youth Minister, Cristian Lecanda: cala1271@gmail.com

**CULTIVATING AND CARING FOR CREATION:
 PAPAL TEACHING**

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore"- "Praise be to you, my Lord". The following statements are from a **greenspiritv.com** short video clip which you can find on youtube, **Program Seven: Moral Issue:** *The limitation imposed from the beginning by the creator himself and expressed symbolically by the prohibition not to 'eat of the fruit of the tree' shows clearly enough that, when it comes to the natural word, we are subject not only to biological laws but also moral ones which cannot be violated with impunity. Saint John Paul II, 1987* *Technology is highly attractive, because it draws us out of our physical limitations, and broadens our horizon. But human freedom is authentic only when it responds to the fascination of technology with decisions that are the fruit of moral responsibility. Hence the pressing need for formation in an ethically responsible use of technology. Pope Benedict XVI, 2009. I would like to make an appeal to those in possession of greater resources, to public authorities and to all people of good will who are working for social justice: never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity! No one can remain insensitive to the inequalities that persist in the world! Pope Francis, 2013*



POTLUCK DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT:
 Join us on **Saturday, February 20th** following the 5 p.m. Mass. Movie: *"The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"*. (Comedy, 2012). We suggest the following for the pot luck dinner: If your last name begins with: **A to I** - bring a side dish, **J to Q** - bring a main dish, **R to Z** - bring a dessert. Bring family members and friends! Coffee, tea and popcorn will be provided. (B.Y.O.B.) For further info please contact Renata at 905-637-2457 or galwayrenata@gmail.com



3 Full DAYS to get to know LOVE. God is Love. There will be transportation, accommodation, and meals for this 3- Day Cursillo weekend with talks, prayer, masses, discussions, etc. The Men's weekend is Thursday evening, May 26 to Sunday evening May 29. The Women's weekend is Thursday evening, June 9 to Sunday evening, June 12. Please call Wilma and/or Frank Malick for more information: 905 870 0641

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The Spring Prayer Vigil across from the new hospital in Oakville (3rd line at Dundas, NE corner) **starts on February 10th**. There is a one hour group prayer vigil on Saturdays at 10 AM and Sundays at 3 PM during Lent. For details contact Steve Germann. 905 333 6472 or smrg@cogeco.ca **Mass & Rosary for the Unborn** (St. Paul, Burlington) Tuesday, Feb. 16th at 7pm

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER EVENTS

Thank you to all for many great fundraising suggestions. We have listed below some of them with dates and contacts. ALL of these events will need **volunteers**. If you can spare an hour or two please contact the person noted beside the event. We still have several events under consideration and more info will be available at a later date. Thank you for your continued support toward our **Accessibility Project**.

- APRIL 3:** Pizza & Ice cream Party
(Marlene 905-634-0733)
- MAY 7:** English Tea Party
(Charlie 905-681-6221)
- MAY 28:** Plant Sale
(Sally 905-639-9516)
- JUNE 18:** Parking Lot Sale with BBQ & tea room
(Marlene 905-634-0733)
- NOVEMBER 5:** Gala / Silent Auction Night
(Marlene 905-634-0733)

Please remember to support our ongoing bottle drive by placing your clean, empty liquor and beer bottles in the designated bins. (Lesley 905-637-0373) Thanks!



CWL GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, February 16th (instead of Monday due to Family Day) at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. New members and returning members -

please renew your dues for 2016 - put \$25.00 in the blue offertory envelopes or a plain envelope with your name; complete address and email (if available). We must receive the dues by the end of February for you to be eligible for the draw of a \$30.00 restaurant gift card. The draw will be held at the March meeting.

SHARE LENT - A CLIMATE OF CHANGE PILGRIMAGE STARTS IN HAITI: This year for Share Lent, Development and Peace invites you to join a Climate of Change pilgrimage. Together we will journey through Lent with people whose lives are being changed with your support. **Please take a copy of the Mini-magazine from church today. This is your pilgrimage guide.** In Week 1 we meet Adonis Medjine from Haiti. A survivor of the 2010 earthquake, she is benefitting from a social enterprise project to raise chickens. *"I have a husband and two children. Thanks to this job and the wages I receive, I can take care of my family, send my children to school and complete a few projects."*

PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW: The Halton Catholic District School Board is asking members of the community who are planning to attend the **Community Consultation Meetings** for each community under review in March 2016 to register online prior to the event: <https://survey.hcdsb.org/2016MPAR.aspx> The information that you provide in this registration form will give organizers a sense of who will be in attendance at the Community Consultation Meeting as well as the number of attendees to expect. The meeting dates are: **Burlington Southeast QEW** (Ascension, St. Patrick and St. Raphael): **Wed., March 2** at Assumption S.S. at 7PM, **Burlington Southwest QEW** (St. John and St. Paul): **Tuesday, March 8** at Assumption S.S. at 7PM. *Please see the insert in today's bulletin for further info.*

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