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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

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

CONFESSIONS

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

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

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.

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See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

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FIFTH DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT
We turn our hearts to Jesus who calls us to solidarity

Mass Intentions 

Monday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Ronald LaFontaine

Tuesday, March 15 at 9:00 a.m.
 Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Nelson & Charles Abdilla

Thursday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Charles Coughlan; + Brigid Priestner;
 + Ann MacDonald; + Vincent Hamill
 + Michele Burns

Friday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m.
 In honour of San Giuseppe

Saturday, March 19 at 5:00 p.m.
 + Janina Rowny + Marion van de Vrande;
 + Clarice Wight; + John O'Dowd
 Ints. Denise DeVita

Sunday, March 20
 9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. + Anita Bannon



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Lent is full of wonderful stories of mercy. Today we ponder Jesus' mercy toward the woman accused of adultery. His actions are not an

invitation for her to continue in her sinful behavior, but a **reminder of God's loving faithfulness**. Those who judge her are confronted with their own need for forgiveness. And she who has been shown love, compassion and mercy is challenged to live out of the new thing God is doing on her behalf. **Where mercy abounds, all kinds of new things can happen**. Pope Francis invites us to extend that same spirit of mercy to all of those with whom the Gospel of Jesus calls us to be in solidarity. He reminds us that **land, labour and lodging are at the core of human dignity**. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the practice of pilgrimage holds a special place as it opens our hearts to compassion and love. As we embark on this pilgrimage of solidarity, let us fill our hearts with compassion and love for those who are seeking dignity: a roof over their heads, work to provide for their families and land to live on and grow their food from. During this Holy Year, Pope Francis encourages us

to "[open] our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes which modern society itself creates." Today, we strive to **Create a Climate of Change** within our hearts, to transform our lives so that our sisters and brothers can live in dignity. We pray that we will continue to be open to God's mercy and show mercy to others. *Fr. Frank*



Please pray for the following:

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| 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 |



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, March 5th \$ 6,502.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



SOUP SUPPER ON HOLY THURSDAY:

The liturgical celebration of the Last Supper on **March 24th** at 8:00 p.m. is a wonderful beginning to the Paschal Triduum since it highlights the **institution of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist,**

Holy Orders and our baptismal call to ministry. As a way to prepare for this liturgy we would like parishioners to come together for a special community gathering before the Mass at a **Soup Supper beginning at 6:30 p.m.** The format of the meal is very simple and is like the **early Christian community's AGAPE (love) meals: prepare a pot of your favourite soup** and bring it. Everyone will share and sample each other's soups. We will need to have some bread rolls as well. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. We hope to taste and enjoy your culinary specialty and your fellowship.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER: The Decoration Committee invites you to bring in flowers for the Easter season. We would appreciate a variety of flowers (theme for the year is yellow and white), and that would last well into the Easter season, which is six weeks long. If you

would like to remember a loved one, feel free to include a small card with their name on it. Please bring flowers to the back of the church **starting Wednesday, March 23rd** to Friday, March 25th, no later than 6:00 p.m. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Please note that we will not have a program on Easter Sunday, however; there will be a program at all Masses on Palm Sunday (March 19/20th). Thank you to all the families who participate in our Liturgy Program.



GOOD FRIDAY: We would like to invite all parishioners to attend a Drama presentation, in tableau, of the Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday Evening (March 25) at 8:00 PM** in the church. We hope that this annual tradition, presented by members of our

parish, will enhance your Easter experience and instill in you a sense of the Love and Sacrifice that Jesus displayed for us on his way to Calvary.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS FOR EASTER: Please submit bulletin announcements by 9 a.m. on Monday, March 21st for the Easter bulletin.

THANK YOU to all parishioners who donated backpacks and school supplies to the Catholic Women's League Lenten project for Canadian Food for Children. We received a variety of school supplies which will help children in third world countries with their education. This is the last weekend for donations which should be placed in the designated box outside of the St. Anthony room in our Welcoming area. Thanks again!

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 at 7:00 p.m.**

**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 Eleven: Think Globally, Work Locally.** *Natural resources should be used in such a way that immediate benefits do not have a negative impact on living creatures, human and not, present and future...Ambitious national policies are required, together with a necessary international commitment.* **Pope Benedict XVI, 2010.** *We must go to the source of the problem and face in its entirety that profound moral crisis of which the destruction of the environment is only one troubling aspect.* **Saint John Paul II, 1990.** *In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts.* **Pope Francis, 2013**



CWL MARCH GENERAL MEETING will be held on **Monday, March 21 @ 7:30 p.m.** More information to come next week.

SAVE THE DATE - CWL Annual Card Party will be held on **Thursday, May 5th @ 7:00 p.m.** in our parish centre. This year's fundraiser will be donating all proceeds towards our Syrian refugee fund and our elevator project. More info to come.

BUYING EASTER TREATS? CONSIDER FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE! Purchasing Fair Trade products helps support sustainable agricultural practices and a just wage in 3rd world countries. Some local sources include:
Shoppers Drug Mart- Cadbury Milk Chocolate Bars
10 000 Villages- 189 Lakeshore Rd. E Oakville
The Dutch Shop- Roseland Plaza, Guelph Line/New St

BAPTISMAL POOL-A WORK IN PROGRESS

We have installed the interior part of the baptismal pool as was announced in the bulletin insert last weekend. It is not complete yet. Denis Delorme is using his already proven craftsmanship to create **an octagonal oak framework** which will continue the design of the existing font. The shape of the octagon is a significant symbol in Roman Catholic art. **The eight sides of the baptismal pool symbolize the eighth day of creation** through the death and resurrection of Christ- **the new creation we become through the Sacrament of Baptism.** We will be having four persons baptised in the pool during the Easter Vigil this year. I also want to thank a **generous donor who has covered the cost** of this addition enabling our parish to implement the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church about the Sacrament of Baptism.

PIZZA & ICE CREAM SUNDAE FAMILY EVENT Our first ELEVATOR fundraising event will be held on **Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.** Pizza, salad, make your own ice cream sundaes, beverages, cash bar, raffles, 50/50 draw. Entertainment by *Michael Keys*. \$12 adult, \$7 children. **TICKETS ON SALE** after all Masses. Contact Marlene 905-634-0733

FUNDRAISING FOR THE ELEVATOR: In the next few months, our parish fundraisers (like the Pizza/Ice cream Sundae Family Event on April 3), personal financial contributions or pledges, and donations in kind or service will help to reduce the portion of the cost of the elevator, which we would have to cover by loans from the Diocese of Hamilton. Please help the parish in whatever way you are able. Thanks much, *Fr. Frank*

THANK YOU: We would like to thank **Fairview Chrysler-Dodge Limited** for their donation of \$500 towards our Accessibility Project.



SAVE THE DATE! PARISH DAY 2016 will be held on Saturday, April 16th in the Parish Centre. **"Nature as the Word of God"** will be facilitated by Reverend John McCarthy, S.J., Ecologist. Stay tuned for more details.

POTLUCK DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT: Join us on **Saturday, March 19th** following the 5 p.m. Mass. Movie: *"The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"*. (Comedy, 2015). We suggest the following for the pot luck dinner: If your last name begins with: **A to I** - bring a main dish, **J to Q** - bring a dessert, **R to Z** - bring a side dish. 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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Join the Spring Prayer Vigil across from the new hospital in Oakville (3rd line at Dundas, NE corner). There is a one hour group prayer vigil on Saturdays at 10 AM and Sundays at 3 PM during Lent. Contact Steve Germann 905 333 6472, smrg@cogeco.ca

PENANCE CELEBRATION: Wednesday, March 16 @ 7pm at Holy Rosary Parish, 287 Plains Rd. East – 4 priests available

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