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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
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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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School
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- St. Raphael's Elementary
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- St. Paul's Elementary
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The angel of joy; patron of: travellers, bearers of good news and men and women seeking a good spouse.

See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

Please visit these websites: The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com
Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org Vocations www.HamiltonDiocese.org

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
We turn our hearts to Jesus whose mercy leads us to the victory of the Cross



Monday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Christian Taylor

Tuesday, March 22 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Joan Rocca

Wednesday, March 23 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Joe Lawlor

Thursday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper
No Morning Mass

Friday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m.
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 26
 11:00 a.m. *Blessing of Easter Foods*
 8:00 p.m. *Solemn Easter Vigil*

Sunday, March 27
 9:00 a.m. *Easter Mass*
 11:00 a.m. *Easter Mass*

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
Mary Berry	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Doug Pudsey	Catherine Gee	



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 13th \$ 4,637.00
 Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (March 15) \$ 4,500.00



Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SHARE LENT 2016!

Development and Peace wishes to thank all those who made a gift to the Share Lent campaign! Through your generosity **\$6 015.00** was collected in our parish. This will serve the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Thank you!

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: A reminder that the parish office will be closed on **Friday, March 25th and Monday, March 28th.**

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

HOLY WEEK 2016

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
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Shouts of joyous welcoming for a victorious leader! The waving of the branches... a sign of the victory! Within a few days there is shouting!

There are calls for crucifixion! Then, the Merciful Face of the Father is hoisted up on a cross... a sign of rejection and defeat! But the Golgotha scene of the crucified Jesus will unfold into the glorious victory of the Resurrection. And so, we begin Holy Week!



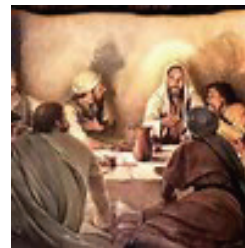
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 THE MERCY OF GOD ENDURES FOREVER....**

There will be a communal preparation with several priests to hear confessions and give absolution. **Tuesday, March 22, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY

We turn our hearts to Jesus who is the Servant of God for others.

During the Liturgy of **Thursday of the Lord's Supper** (March 24, 8:00 p.m.), the Church invites us to the Rite of **Foot Washing**. This symbolic gesture calls to mind the action of **Jesus the Servant**, Who



washed the feet of His disciples at the **Last Supper**. It is the first day of the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**, the three days of our highest holydays which celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. If you would like to have your feet washed, just bring a towel and sit near the end of a pew.

GOOD FRIDAY *We turn our hearts to Jesus who is the Suffering servant of mercy.* The Divine Liturgy of the Passion begins at three o'clock in the afternoon and a Dramatization of the Way of the Cross at eight p.m. Participate in both to deepen your love of Jesus whose death showed His profound merciful love for humanity.

HOLY SATURDAY *We turn our hearts to Jesus whose mercy bring us the glory of the Resurrection*

EASTER PASCHAL VIGIL: The most solemn liturgy of our Roman Catholic year of worship begins at sundown about 8:00 p.m. The whole celebration is filled with most wondrous symbols, music, Scripture readings and sharing in the mystery of the Resurrection of the Lord. Four persons will be baptized in our new baptismal pool and then with four others they will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!



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.

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.



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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2016

This year, the Papal Collection for the Holy Places will be held on **Good Friday, March 25, 2016.** Christians living in Holy Land today are descendants to those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges - many of which we hear about in the daily news. "*He, who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness.*" (Rm 12, 8) Many now find themselves victims of war and persecution. Many have been forced to leave their homes. Yet, it is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy land. The Catholic Church, and in particular the Franciscans, provides Christian formation and education, conducts parish ministry, offers housing and food for the poor and welcome pilgrims to the shrines in the Holy Land.

Since the time of St Paul, who urged his missionary Churches not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the people and the land where Jesus walked and lived. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land.

Gilles Bourdeau, OFM

Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

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



CWL MARCH GENERAL MEETING will be held on **Monday, March 21 @ 7:30 p.m.** in the parish centre.

REQUEST FROM BISHOP CROSBY ON PATIENT ASSISTED DYING (EUTHANASIA)

Assisted suicide will soon be legal in Canada. The twenty-one recommendations that the parliamentary committee has proposed to the Federal Government go far beyond what the Supreme Court mandated. They include a requirement that doctors who have a moral objection to assisted suicide must, against their wishes, refer their patients to a doctor who will engage in this process. No other country in the world requires this kind of violation of conscience!

As Bishop of the Hamilton Diocese, I encourage you to visit our website www.hamiltondiocese.com to get a fuller understanding of this issue. I also ask you to write directly to your Member of Parliament. Voice your concerns that the law be written in such a way that it protects those who are vulnerable, as well as the conscience rights of individuals and Catholic institutions involved in health care. The Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience, made up of numerous partners (including more than 5,000 Canadian doctors) has all the information you will need to write such a letter on their website at www.CanadiansforConscience.ca. History is being made at this moment – as Catholics we have both the right and obligation to participate in this important process.



TRIVIA NIGHT: Assumption Catholic Secondary School is hosting their 12th annual Trivia Night on **Saturday, April 9, 2016.** This is a popular, long standing fundraising event in our community. All of the proceeds generated during the evening are given back to the local area. This year donations will be made to the St. Raphael's Syrian Refugee Fund, the Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation and the Hamilton Naturalists' Club. Cost is \$15 per player (teams of 6 – 8). Please contact Tina DiClemente (Assumption teacher) at diclementec@hcdsb.org or 905 634 1835 #2022 to reserve a table to play.

A NOTE FROM THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES...Families are kindly reminded to remove all winter wreaths on stands and other winter decorations from their lots by **April 1st** to facilitate the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths and decorations remaining after April 1st will be removed and discarded. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the cemetery office at 1-800-661-5985.

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