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1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Tues & Thurs 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Sunday

closed on Statutory Holidays

Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday

Mon, Wed-Fri 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Saturday 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, once a month on. Saturday at 11:00 AM
- · For school aged children, after being catechized.
- For adults interested in becoming Roman Cathoic call the office for more information.

WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM 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

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School 905.634.1835
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women seeking a good spouse. See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 23

9:00 a.m. Joe Lawlor +

Wednesday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Cairns +

Thursday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Allan & Irene Brooksbank +

Christine Michaud + Vincent McCarthy + Paula Thorpe + Fr. John Geary +

Friday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Santo & Domenica Spagnolo +

Saturday, March 28

5:00 p.m. For Our Parishioners

Tanya Evenson Cunha +

Joseph Tokar + A.J. Charest Jr. + Mary Miller +

Sunday, March 29

9:00 a.m. Ronald Riuli +

11:00 a.m. Rita Waters and Family, Spec. Int.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday evening during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon., Mar. 23 Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
Tues., Mar. 24 Rev. Tomislav Pek, O.F.M.
Wed., Mar. 25 Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Thurs., Mar. 26 Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, D.D.

Fri., Mar. 27 Rev. Ilija Petrovic Sat., Mar. 28 Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic

Please pray for the following:

Maureen Fisher Isabelle Wild

Helen Plouffe Maureen Childerhose

Richard Rottich Martin Dawson Doug Ciceri Mary Berry

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 Wednesday morning. The Monday Evening Charismatic Prayer Group also prays for those listed above.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 15th \$ 6,186.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 29th

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Masses: Regular week-end schedule

Monday, March 30th 7:00 p.m *Mass of Chrism* at the Cathedral Basilica

Tuesday, March 31st 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Reconciliation Service

Holy Thursday, April 2nd 7:30 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3rd 3:00 p.m. *Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

Holy Saturday, April 4th

Blessing of Easter Foods 11:00 a.m. Solemn Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5th 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY: TODAY IS SOLIDARITY SUNDAY! Please support the **Share Lent collection for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**.

Pope Francis ends his Joy of the Gospel with this prayer to Mary: Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the Earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world. Today we join the Holy Father in praying that we may all be radiant witnesses and that through our support of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, the joy of the Gospel may indeed illuminate even the darkest corners of our world! Thank you for your generosity in helping to meet the needs of the world.



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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE LENTEN PROJECT - we ask that parishioners drop off their gently used shoes (adult & children) or

new socks or lined three-holed paper for binders. These items will be given to **Canadian Food for Children**. Drop off your donations in the designated area opposite the St. Anthony Room. These items will be collected until **Sunday, March 29th (Palm Sunday)**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



"Power, Purpose, Passion and Family: Living the Healthiest, Happiest and Most Abundant Spiritual Life!" Save the date for our Annual Parish Day on

Saturday, **April 18th** in the Parish Centre. Keynote speaker is Mr. Anthony Cheam. Cost is \$10. Registration begins after all Masses on March 21/22.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Just a reminder to our loyal families that the Liturgy program will <u>not</u> run during the two Sundays of March Break and Easter Sunday, however, we will have Children's Liturgy at both 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. masses on Palm Sunday.

CATHOLICISM: THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: The New Evangelization explored the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture. Hosted by Father Robert Barron, the documentary focused on the cultural obstacles the Church faces today, such as the emergence of "the new atheism", secularism and relativistic attitudes toward questions of faith and mortality. It is time to put words into action! We have planned a Workshop for Wednesday March 25th starting at 7:15 p.m., for the exchange of ideas and proposed actions that we might implement personally and within our Parish and the community at large. It is our modern day mission to spread the "GOOD NEWS".

EASTER BULLETIN: Please note that all submissions for the Easter bulletin (April 4/5) must be received by Monday, March 30th at 1 p.m. Thank you.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING will be held on **Monday, March 23**rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. The meeting will start with the saying of the

Stations of the Cross. All parishioners are welcomed to join us. If you need more information, please contact Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group

Every Monday, 9:40 a.m., St. Anthony Rm.

Faith Sharing Group

Every Monday, 9:30 a.m., St. Francis Rm.

Bridge and Euchre Session

Every Monday, 1:00 p.m., Parish Centre

Catholic Women's League

Monday, March 23, 7:30 p.m., Parish Centre

R.C.I.A. Meeting

Every Monday, 7:00 p.m., Hearth Rm.

S.E.N.T. Group

Every Tuesday, 2:45 p.m., St. Francis Rm.

Men's Group

Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Hearth Rm.

9AM Sunday Mass Choir Rehearsal

Every Wednesday, 9:45 a.m., Church

11 o'clock Mass Choir Rehearsal

Every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Church

Catholicism: The New Evangelization Workshop

Wednesday, March 25, 7:15 p.m., Parish Centre

Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Group

Every Thursday, 9:30 a.m., St. Anthony Rm.

Spanish Prayer Group

Every Friday, 6:30 p.m., St. Francis Rm.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER: SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE, 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton (suggested offering \$25) **Friday, March 27**th from 9:30 am to 3:00pm. Bring a bag lunch. Tea & coffee provided. To register: 905-388-3966 or sssperthshire@sympatico.ca

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Join the worldwide prayer vigil for an end to abortion and for the healing of those affected by it. Save Lives! Join the Vigil outside Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital (327 Reynolds St) FEB. 18 - MARCH 29. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives Me." Matthew 18:5. Register at: www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville or email: 40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED ADOPTION?

Would you like to hear more about the process through CCASH? Upcoming Adoption Information Night:

Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St. East For more information and to register call Jocelyn at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3125. Visit our website at www.hamiltonccas.on.ca

ANNUAL MASS WITH NEW CATHOLICS: Each year, the bishop invites those who are baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church to a celebration of the Eucharist at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This year's celebration takes place on Sunday, April 12th during the 11:00 am mass. All are invited to participate in this special liturgy as a sign of welcome to the newest members of Christ's Body in our Diocese of Hamilton.

FRANCIS' VISION OF THE CHURCH: A Senior Adult Workshop Series - 3 Wednesday afternoons, April 22, 29 & May 6th, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. Through this presentation of Francis' Vision of the Church, you will better understand the work of our Holy Father. What has shaped and formed Francis' vision for the Church. What is the effect of Francis' unique and radical leadership having on the Church today. Contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988, x 2238 to register.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Assumption Catholic Secondary School will be hosting its 11th ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT on Saturday April 11th from 7-10pm. All funds go to local charities. Register your team of 6 – 8 players. Cost is \$15 per player. There is no pressure on any individual to answer questions since you submit answers as a team. Please contact: Tina Di Clemente (Assumption teacher): diclementec@hcdsb.org or 905 634 1835 Ext. 2022.

ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

DINNER: The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all to the Club's 12th Annual Celebration of Priesthood and Religious Life Dinner being held at Liuna Station on **Tuesday, April 28, 2015**. Contact Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682 or check out www.celebrationprl.wix.com/dinner

A note from The Catholic Cemeteries: Families are kindly reminded to remove all 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 contact the cemetery office at 905-522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985.

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