
• Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario •



St. Eugene's PARISH

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Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday – 5:00pm
Sunday – 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday – 7:00pm
Wednesday to Friday – 8:30am
(please refer to the schedule inside the bulletin for any changes)

Praying the Rosary:

Wednesday to Friday – 8:00am

Perpetual Help Novena:

Wednesday following the 8:30am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday mornings following our 8:30am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays: 6:30pm – 6:50pm
Fridays: during the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Saturdays: 3:45 – 4:45pm or upon request

Sacrament of Baptism:

One month notice is required

Pastoral Staff:

Father Peter Jurzyk, *Pastor*
Ms. Kim MacLellan, *Parish Secretary*
Mr. Arturo Maldonado, *Music Co-ordinator*

Office Hours:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays:
9:00am – 1:00pm
Thursdays from 9:00am – 12:30pm
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Sacrament of Marriage:

Contact the Parish Office one year in advance.

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sundays during the 11am Mass

Legacies and Bequests

Remember St. Eugene's Parish in your will and when suggesting expressions of sympathy and/or monetary donations.

Communion to the Homebound:

Please notify the parish office of any elderly or infirm in our parish who are unable to attend Mass.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy	Time	Mass Intention	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday April 8 th Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Devine Mercy	9:00am	For the People	
	11:00am 4:00pm	✠ Sister Loyola Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy	
Monday, April 9 th Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord	10:00am	For the Unborn Children	Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.
Tuesday, April 10 th	7:00pm	✠ Teresa Pala	Rev. George Stortz
Wednesday, April 11 th St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr	8:30am	✠ Josie Ciapanna	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)
	7:00pm	Confirmation Mass	
Thursday, April 12 th	8:30am	✠ Jeffrey Thomson	Rev. Rafal Tomon
	7:00pm	Confirmation Mass	
Friday, April 13 th	8:30am	✠ Syl Agostini	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
Saturday, April 14 th	5:00pm	✠✠ Manuel Costa Anne Ferrie Manuel Cardoso Barbara Quaranto Joe Raposo Beatrice Robinson Giang Nghiep & Thai Sao Ngoc Flo Famely Lidia Folino	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.

From the Pastor's Desk:

“God of everlasting mercy, (...) increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed” – those words we can find in the text of the Collect prescribed to this Sunday. The name “collect” comes from Latin and means a short prayer said by a presiding priest during Mass before the readings. The Collect summarizes the mystery that the liturgy presents to us on the day. Today’s Collect gives us a clue how we should understand God’s mercy. Firstly, we need to be aware of the grace that God has bestowed upon us sending His Son as our redeemer and saviour. The *font*, *Spirit* and *Blood* direct us to our Baptism as a beginning of the salvation prepared by the Son of God and as a source of the dignity we have being the children of God. We can fully experience God’s mercy in the forgiveness of sins that was granted to us in Baptism and is offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In today’s passage of the Gospel the Risen Lord gives the Apostles the authority of forgiveness of sins: *“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain sins of any, they are retained”*. The devotion to Divine Mercy was anew initiated by St. Sister Faustina and widely spread by her spiritual followers. Sister Faustina was a simple and uneducated nun to whom Jesus revealed His message about Divine Mercy. According to the precepts of her confessor Sister Faustina described her spiritual encounters with Jesus in a diary. She passed away in 1938 and the

devotion to Divine Mercy in the form presented by her had to wait for many years until it was officially approved by the Church authorities. The promoter of this case was Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, later Pope John Paul II, who during his pontificate in 2000 canonized Sister Faustina and instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter for the universal Church. Pope John Paul II died on April 2nd, 2005 on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday, was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2011 on Divine Mercy Sunday and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2014 also on Divine Mercy Sunday. We are very happy that in our church we have a certified copy of the Divine Mercy picture painted under the guidance of St. S. Faustina. This Sunday we mark the Feast of Divine Mercy with a special devotion and Mass beginning at 3 pm. Everyone is welcome! This Sunday also concludes the Easter Octave that is 8 solemn day when we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

Tomorrow on Monday, April 9th, we observe the transferred Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. This feast is held on March 25th, exactly 9 months before Christmas, but this year it was Palm Sunday, so the feast had to be moved to the Monday after the Easter Octave. During the Mass we will be praying for the unborn children through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, will be blessed. The picture is a certified copy of the original one that is in the Shrine in Mexico City. It was graciously funded by one of our parishioners.

God bless,
Fr. Peter

Collections for April 1st , 2018

Regular Collection: \$2695.00

Easter Collection: \$4479.00

Good Friday Collection for The Holy Land: \$1899.00

Flower Donations: \$25.00

News From around the Diocese

From the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: www.hamiltonvocations.com

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. Call Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton, at 905-528-7988 Ext: 2246 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Amoris Laetitia: “The Joy of Love”

Pope Francis believes that in a world where humanity is often wounded, mistreated, and dominated by a lack of love, the family is the “yes” of God as Love. He believes that the family is still good news for today’s world. The Pope provides beautiful insights into family and marriage – great news for young and old alike to hear. An overview of the document from Pope Francis will be presented by the Family Ministry Office, in our area on Monday, April 9th at the Chancery Office, on Tuesday, April 24th in Brantford at St. Pius X Parish, and on Thursday May 10th at St. Matthew’s Parish, Oakville. All sessions are from 7pm until 9pm

Grief Relief -- Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person’s presence in your life? Are you wondering if these feelings are normal? You are not alone! “**Grief Relief**” is a six week educational and support series dealing with grief. When: Tuesdays April 10th- May 15th Time: 1:30 -3:00pm Where: Diocese of Hamilton Chancery Office – 700 King St. W. Facilitated by Karen Hulley, RP. There is no cost to participate. You are welcome to attend all sessions or any one that you can. To register please call the Family Ministry office 905-528-7988 ext 2249

The Grown-Up’s Guide to Teenage Humans

Join in a practical parenting workshop designed to guide parents, teachers, caregivers and those who work with teens to understand them better. Speaker and bestselling author and global youth advocate Josh Shipp will be our presenter. During *The Grown-Up’s Guide to Teenage Humans* presentation, Shipp will show us how to be a caring adult in a teenager’s life. Stressing the need for compassion, trust, and encouragement,

he breaks down the phases of a teenage human from sixth to twelfth grade, examining the changes, goals, and mentality of teenagers at each stage. He offers revelatory stories that take us inside the teen brain, and shares wisdom from top professionals and the most expert grown-ups. He also includes practice scripts that address tough issues, including forgiveness, communication, trust, bullying and difficult and awkward conversations.

This workshop takes place on **Thursday, April 12th** from **7:00pm until 9:00pm** at Michelangelo’s Banquet Centre, 1555 Upper Ottawa St., and **there is no charge to attend**. For more info call Teresa Hartnett @ 905-528-7988 ext 2250

Support for Persons Separated or Divorced

Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you are going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register, just come and join in at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. W. from 7pm - 9pm. For more info please call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext 2249. There is no cost.

The *Psalms* volume of ‘The Saint John’s Bible’ has arrived at the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Come and learn about the Bible and engage with this beautiful work of sacred art. The Library will be open from 10am -2pm on Sunday April 15th and April 17, 18, & 19 from 10am to 4pm. For more info visit : <http://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/>

News From our Parish

PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING

All parishioners are invited to a Parish Town Hall Meeting on Monday, April 9th at 7pm, in the church.

Msgr. Murry Kroetsch from the Diocese will be present to speak to us about the recent Diocesan study of our parish and its vitality and viability. Parishioners will have an opportunity to share their concerns as well.

This week, Wednesday and Thursday, April 11th and 12th, Grade 7 students from our schools, St. Eugene and St. David, respectfully, will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at a Mass celebrated with Bishop Douglas Crosby. All are welcome to attend. Both Masses will be at 7pm

The next **CWL** meeting is **Sunday, April 15th** after the 11am Mass in the Bishop Tonnos Room. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

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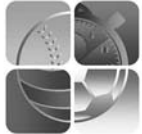
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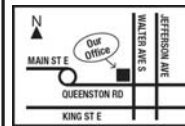
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