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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Sunday of Lent	Time	Mass Intention	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday February 18 th First Sunday of Lent	9:00am	For the People	
	11:00am	✠ Scholastica	
Monday, February 19 th	No Mass		Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
Tuesday, February 20 th	7:00pm	✠ Thai Sao Ngoc	Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, C.R.S.P.
Wednesday, February 21 st	8:30am	✠✠ Mario Pilot David Ferrie	Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Thursday, February 22 nd Chair of St. Peter, Apostle	8:30am	✠✠ Pietro Rico & Carmela Priolo	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Friday, February 23 rd	8:30am 9:00am	✠✠ Giuseppe Pitoscia & Giovanina Romano Stations of the Cross	Rev. David Avila
Saturday, February 24 th	5:00pm	✠✠ Manuel Cardoso James Hodnett Ken Ceroni Flo Famely Niso & Miranda DellaMaestra Giang Nghiep & Thai Sao Ngoc	Rev. Tim Hingston

From the Pastor's Desk:

Today we observe the 1st Sunday of Lent. Annually, the Liturgy of the Word at the beginning of the first week of Lent tells us about Jesus' fasting in the desert. He spent 40 days there being tempted by the devil. St. Mark's account is the shortest among those of the Evangelists. The number 40 is a symbolic number in Scripture and due to its biblical meaning the Church has chosen to observe the Lenten season for 40 days. In the Bible the flood at the time of Noah lasted 40 days, Moses remained 40 days on the Mount of Sinai before he received the 10 commandments, and the Prophet Elijah made a trip to the Mount of Horeb through 40 days. All of those biblical episodes were of great importance and served the people as a preparation time for the mission given them by God. The chosen people by prayer, fasting, and sacrifice became capable of fulfilling the will of God. Yet, when we look carefully at the calendar we may say that Lent does not last precisely 40 days because from February 14th (Ash Wednesday) to Easter Sunday (April 1st) there are 46 days. That mathematics is correct but according to the ancient Christian tradition the Church does not fast on Sundays because each Sunday is a feast of the Resurrection of the Lord. During Lent we have 6 Sundays, so deducting 6 from 46 gives us exactly 40. This Sunday is also a day of celebrating the Rite of Election for catechumens (adult candidates for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation).

This week we celebrate: Saint Peter Damian, Priest and Doctor of the Church; The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle; and Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr.

On February 22nd we hold the Feast of The Chair of St. Peter. This feast has an interesting history and a valuable meaning. Early martyrologies indicate that in Rome two liturgical feasts were celebrated in honour the chairs associated with St. Peter. One of them was kept at the baptismal chapel of St. Peter's Basilica and the other one at the catacomb of Pricilla. The feasts were held in January and February to honour two places associated with St. Peter's stay: Antioch and Rome. Today no surviving chair has been identified with either of these chairs. Obviously, the Church did not honour a piece of wood. The chair of St. Peter signifies the episcopal office of the Pope as Bishop of Rome. In the present we observe one feast of The Chair. In 2012 Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as *a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his successors to tend Christ's flock keeping it united in faith and charity*. On that day let us pray for Pope Francis as successor of St. Peter!

God bless,

Father Peter

Collections: for February 11th, 2018

Regular Collection: \$1916.40

Repairs & Renovation Debt: \$502.00

Sunday Missals: \$8.00

Seminary Education Collection: \$18.00

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It is with sadness that we announce the passing of one of our former Pastors – **Rev. Anthony Ciavarro**. He passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. He was Pastor of our parish for 13 years, until his retirement in 2013. Next Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> the 9am Mass will be offered for Fr. Ciavarro, as one of our former Pastors. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

**News From around the Diocese**

**From the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton:**  
[www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton, at 905-528-7988 email: [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com)

**Lenten Day of Prayer** – with the Sisters of Social Service on Friday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11 Perthshire Court, Ham.  
From 9:30am to 3:00pm Tea / Coffee & Muffins provided, bring a bag lunch. To register please call 905-388-3966 or email: [ssspthshire@sympatico.ca](mailto:ssspthshire@sympatico.ca)

Summer is just around the corner... time to think about Summer Camp for your children. The CYO Camp programs online registration is now open for Summer Day Camp Programs at Camp Marydale. See the flyers at the doors of the church.

**Camp Marydale** is looking for enthusiastic, high energy students to serve as group counsellors, lifeguards and one-to-one counsellors at it's summer day camp. To be eligible, you must currently be in grade 10, or older. If interested, please visit our website: [www.cyo.on.ca/campmarydale](http://www.cyo.on.ca/campmarydale) and complete the application under their employment section. For more info contact Karen at 905-528-0011 ext 3602

Blessed Sacrament's & Sacred Heart's ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER supporting Development and Peace, takes place at Michelangelo's Centre on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 4:00pm. Dinner served at 5:00pm. Tickets are \$20.00 /Adults, \$10./children. It is a great social event with "The McMullins" (formally Billy and the Boys) for

entertainment. For more info please call Blessed Sacrament Parish office at 905-385-3570. Tickets are not sold at the door, they must be purchased in advance.

**C.Y.O. CHILDREN'S FUNDRIASER**

Please help celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the C.Y.O. at this year's fundraising gala dinner. Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
For information on Tickets (\$125.00ea.), Advertising & Sponsorship, please contact: 905-528-0011 ext 3608, [mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca](mailto:mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca) or visit [www.cyo.on.ca](http://www.cyo.on.ca)  
Tickets and Tables are still available. Please show your support by purchasing tickets, or making a donation.

Retrouaille

**Stress in Your Marriage?** - Retrouaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouaille can help. For confidential information about , or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 16, 2018, please call 905-664-5212 or email: [hamiltonretrouaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouaille1@cogeco.ca) or visit the web site at [www.retrouaille.org](http://www.retrouaille.org)

**Parenting Tip**

Lent is a time of preparation which allows us to fully celebrate the joy of the Resurrection and reflect on the gift of salvation. Help your children, no matter their ages, to understand that Lent is more than just "giving something up". Lent is a time for prayerful reflection which allows us to properly celebrate and understand the gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life, given to us through Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Pray as a family, talk about what these gifts mean and teach about the symbols of Lent, since all of these lead us to the joy of Easter. Instead of dreading Lent, you can help our children rejoice in its ability to bring us closer to God.

Persons Separated and Divorced Hamilton Programs

Learning to Cope (Level 1) is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:30pm, at the Chancery Office – 700 King St. W. The program is for persons experiencing difficulty as a result of a separation or divorce. For more info or to register contact 905-528-7988 ext 2249

Development and Peace – Share Lent 2018 campaign – it is with thanks that money donated annually by Catholics during the Share Lent campaign, that Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world !! We have envelopes for donations, as well as prayer cards, at the doors of the church.

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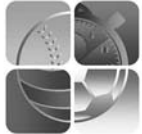
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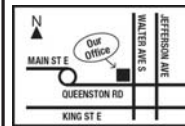
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