# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday Closed

#### **WEEKEND LITURGY**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

#### **WEEKDAY LITURGY**

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon, and by appointment

#### **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS**

Tuesday evening Mass

#### SACRED HEART DEVOTION

First Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Please contact the parish office. Baptisms are on the third Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

#### **MARRIAGES**

Please contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance.

#### PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information or assistance contact our parish priest(s) or see www.vocationinfo.ca

#### **VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY**

To volunteer in ministry or activities, go to our website and complete a volunteering form through the "Help" tile on the hompage.

#### **CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES**

When a death occurs in your family please advise the priest immediately and they will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial, contact the cemetery office at 905-522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985.

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

We invite you to take the time to complete a registration form, located at all doors of the church. Please drop it into the collection basket.

#### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All bulletin announcements MUST be received by the parish office no later than Monday at  $3:30~\rm p.m.$  to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday Bulletin.

# EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FRIDAYS FOR 15 MINUTES AFTER 9 AM MASS FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca** for articles & photos of all parish activities.



# Masses of the Week

Monday February 27

Sirach 1:1-10: Mark 9:14-29 - No Mass

Tuesday February 28

Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37

7 PM – Mahendra Ramnarain

Wednesday March 1

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

9 AM – Keith MacMillan

7 PM - Confirmation

Thursday March 2

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

9 AM – George Oldham

Friday March 3

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

9 AM - Intentions of Flo McDermott

7 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 4

Isaiah 58:9b-14: Luke 5:27-32

5 PM - Glen MacDowell

Sunday March 5 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Intentions of Marie Arponen



## Our Parish

Monday February 27

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 28

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - WR

Wednesday March 1

Women's AA Group - 6:15 PM - Hall

Friday March 3

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall

Saturday March 4

Choir Practice - 4 PM - Church



March 12th.

# Reminder

Stations of the Cross are on Friday evenings at 7 p.m.

## C.W.L. Message

We are happy to announce that **World Day of Prayer** will again take place in an in-person format. This year, the service has been written by the women of Taiwan. East Plains United Church (375 Plains Rd. E.) will host this event on March 3 at 1:30 p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity to get together with other Christian faiths in our community. Refreshments follow the service. See the posters on the bulletin boards at the church doors.

## Men of the Parish!

Please come out for casual fellowship with men of the parish with the **St. John the Baptist Men's Group**. Meeting at 8 a.m. monthly on the second Saturday of the month, we hope to socialize over a brief presentation and casual discussion by Men's Group members regarding Catholic men in the world today. A collection will be taken up at the meeting to cover the costs of the coffee and donuts/muffins. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 11 in the parish hall. If you would like to contact us, please phone David Foster at 416-892-8819.

# The Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

<sup>⊕</sup> We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

The **2023 parish envelopes** are now available in the office for pick up. Feel free to drop by during office hours or give us a call at 905-634-2485. If you are new to the parish and would like to get started with envelopes, we can help you too.



# **Baptisms**

The following child was welcomed into our faith community through Baptism on February 19, 2023:

# Rahyl Madasu

Congratulations to Rahyl's parents, Godparents and family.



We are pleased to announce that the weekly **Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** will begin again starting **Tuesday, February 28** immediately before the Tuesday evening Mass. We will start at 7 p.m. and all are most welcome.

# IN THE DIOCESE

## **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating your 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2023? If so, you are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Mass on Sunday, April 16 at the Cathedral Basalica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance.) Registration is now available through the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

## **Evenings with His Excellency**

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency." This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Classes are on the second Friday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. They are also available by live stream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. There is no cost, no homework; just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

# **RESTART:** moving forward

This is a new and updated 10-week program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The program runs on Tuesdays from March 21 to May 23, 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery Office. You are also welcome to join our zoom classroom if preferred. The cost is \$25 for materials but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please phone Sarah at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 or email <a href="mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com">familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com</a>.

## **RESTART:** refresh, renew & revive

These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Held the second and third Fridays of each month, you can join in person at the Chancery Office or by Zoom. No registration necessary, but for the Zoom link, contact Sarah at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 or email her at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE. Are you frustrated or angry at each other or have you just stopped talking to each other? The **Retrouvaille Program** helps couples through difficult times to rediscover the relationship that drew you together. For confidential information about, or to register for the program on March 10, 11, 12, please phone 905-664-5212 or email 1013@helpourmarriage.org.

**Project Rachel** – Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. We offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Phone 905-526-1999.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

#### **Halton Alive**

A "Life Talks Conference" will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. George's Church, 4691 Palladium Way. Cost is \$40/adults and \$20/students which includes lunch and refreshments. Topics will include medical aid in dying, abortion and human trafficking. For details and registration, visit <a href="https://www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks">www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks</a> or phone 905-632-3232.

### **Christopher Leadership Course – Public Speaking**

Whether you are afraid of public speaking or would like to take on a leadership role, the Christopher Leadership Course in Effective Speaking can help. The next course begins Tuesday evening, March 21, at McMaster University in Hamilton. To register or for more information, please visit <a href="https://www.clchamilton.com">www.clchamilton.com</a> or phone Frank at 905-662-4076.



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