# 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**

Monday 9 a.m. Tuesday 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. Thursday 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Friday 9 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.



# Mass Intentions

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- John 11:25

#### Monday March 27

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64++; John 8:1-11

9 AM – Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday March 28

Numbers 21:4-9; John 81-30

9 AM – Denise Lukingbeal

7 PM – Thanksgiving

Wednesday March 29

Daniel 3:13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95++; John 8:31-42

9 AM – Andrew Svoboda

#### Thursday March 30

Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

9 AM - Rory O'Dwyer

7 PM – Intentions of June Ippolito

#### Friday March 31

Jeremiah 20:7, 10-13++; John 10:31-42

9 AM – Intentions of Marie Arponen

7 PM - Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday April 1

Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-57

5 PM - Robert Farwell

Sunday April 2 - Palm (Passion) Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Rev. Francis Xavier Reitzel





## Our Parish

Monday March 27

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday March 28

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – WR

Wednesday March 29

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

Friday March 30

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall

Saturday April 1

Choir Practice – 4 PM – Church



### C.W.L. Message

In March, we celebrate women. For the past 100 plus years, C.W.L. members have embraced their God given gifts and talents to advocate and promote a more just and peaceful world where women are respected and treated equally.

#### **Easter Confession Schedule:**

Wednesday, April 5: 11 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday, April 6: 11 a.m. to 12 noon Friday, April 7: 11 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, April 8: 11 a.m. to 12 noon

#### **Easter Mass Schedule:**

#### **Palm Sunday Masses:**

Saturday, April 1: 5 p.m. Sunday, April 2: 9 & 11 a.m.

**Chrism Mass** (at Christ the King Cathedral Basilica):

Monday, April 3: 2 p.m. (arrive early)

**Penitential Celebration with Confessions and Mass** 

Tuesday, April 4: 7 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper:** 

Thursday, April 6: 7 p.m.

#### **Good Friday:**

April 7: Liturgy of the Passion at 3 p.m.,

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

#### **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass:**

Saturday, April 8: 8 p.m. **Easter Sunday Masses:** Sunday, April 9: 9 & 11 a.m.

### Blessing of the Easter Foods

Also on Holy Saturday, April 8, join us for the **Blessing** of the Easter Foods in the church at 10 a.m.

Our **Children's Liturgy** group invites all parents to take home a children's bulletin on the stand near the Brant Street doors. These bulletins have colouring and activities related to each Sunday gospel. Please email <a href="mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com">childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com</a> or phone Anne Marie at 905-317-3539 for information about our Children's Liturgy program.

Adoration & Benediction will take place with Deacon Rob Thomas Wednesday, March 29 from 6-8 p.m. Everyone is most welcome!

## Personal Prayer

We invite all parishioners and families to come to the church on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 11 a.m. for a time of personal prayer and/or Confessions.

Our wonderful custodian, Victor, needs help with recementing the ceiling of the accessible walkway that leads into the parish hall. If you happen to have expertise in this area and would be willing to donate your time to the project in early April, please contact Tim O'Brien at 905-632-2954. Thank you!

#### **Share Lent 2023**

The Share Lent collection is taking place this weekend and will remain open for a short time. Please be as generous as you are able. This collection goes a long way in aiding the helpless, the poor and the common good of our brothers and sisters.



Please consider attending our weekly **Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** immediately before the Tuesday evening Mass. We start at 7 p.m. and all are most welcome.

### **Papal Prayer Intentions for April**

<sup>⊕</sup> We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

# IN THE DIOCESE

### A Note about the Good Friday collection

The Good Friday collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. Those who are unable to attend the Good Friday service, or who prefer to contribute online through Canada Helps, please visit www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us.

#### **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.

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

### **Grief Relief**

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Join us on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. from April 13 to May 18 to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! The program will be offered online using Zoom. To register, visit <a href="www.hamiltondiocese.com">www.hamiltondiocese.com</a> and look for April 13th under upcoming events. To find out more, get in touch with Teresa at 905-528-7988, ext. 2250.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join this peaceful and effective international prayer movement. Through prayer, fasting and public outreach, we keep the vigil (starting February 22) for 40 days from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., one block east of the Oakville Hospital. Visit 40daysforlife.com/Oakville to learn more and get involved.

#### **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 28, 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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