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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 take a baptism package from the tables in the church entrances.

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

MINISTRY TO SICK/SHUT-INS

Please notify the Rectory Office and arrange Communion.

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 census 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 p.m. to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday Bulletin.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS - 12 NOON



Masses of the Week

Monday March 6

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 – *No Mass*

Tuesday March 7

Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

7 PM – Deceased members of the Dobosz family

Wednesday March 8

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

9 AM – Fran Walsh

Thursday March 9

Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7:7-12

9 AM – Victor Pires

Friday March 10

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

9 AM – Deceased members of the Caruso family

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 11

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

5 PM – Ken & David Ramey

Sunday March 12 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

9 AM – Marvin Tingey

11 AM – Pro Populo

*A Heart
Turned
To God*



Our Parish

Monday March 6

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday March 7

CWL Lenten Day of Prayer – 9 AM – Church

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday March 8

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday March 9

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday March 10

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



Clocks go
ahead one
hour on
March 12th.

C.W.L. Message

Our **C.W.L. Lenten Day of Prayer** is on Tuesday, March 7 starting with Mass at 9 a.m. and concluding at 2:15 p.m. with Benediction. Father Isabelle's theme will be "*He spoke in parables.*" The fee of \$15 will include lunch and refreshments. Registration forms are at the church doors or at the parish office or phone Marie at 905-637-1677. Please make any cheques payable to the C.W.L. The next **General Meeting** will take place on Monday, March 13 starting at 7 p.m. in the hall.

Share Lent 2017

Women at the Heart of Change

Supporting women is a priority for D&P - Caritas Canada. Today, we invite you to listen to the women's voices who are working to build the world of tomorrow... you will find testimonials in last week's bulletin insert. On pages 6/7, read about two women from Paraguay, members of an Indigenous Women's Farming Association supported by D&P - Caritas Canada.

If you know someone who is no longer able to attend Mass regularly due to ill health or circumstances, please let them know that the **Daily TV Mass** is now available Monday-Saturday any time and any place online. The new website is www.dailytvmass.com where anyone can watch the Mass and find out more about how to stay connected with our faith. For more information, phone NCBC at 1-888-383-6277.

Thanks to all the hard-workers who provided us with a great event on Shrove Tuesday - the **Pancake Supper**. Members of the Knights of Columbus and parish volunteers put on a great fellowship event and gave people the opportunity to feast on pancakes and sausages for a free-will offering while sharing the grace of friendship and good will. Thank you for putting on a great event for the parish.

Reminder

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



IN THE DIOCESE

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Saint Joseph from March 11 to 19. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You may send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R. #1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0.

Do you feel alone? - Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 24, please phone 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario requires physicians to make an "effective referral" for assisted suicide and euthanasia. Many Catholic physicians and other caregivers are unable to do this in good conscience and are being forced to choose between their conscience and their careers. Given the introduction of Bill 84 on medical aid in dying at Queen's Park in December we have the opportunity to push for amendments to the Bill to include conscience protection for all health care workers. The Diocese is asking parishioners to contact their MPPs about this important issue. There is available material with step by step instructions that can be used to help you speak to your MPP about this topic. Here are the links to the materials and to a video which explains the situation, or you can visit <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>.

Project Rachel - Healing after an abortion is possible. 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.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN
Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through high school who are not currently receiving religious instruction (i.e. in a public or private school). These instructions prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation**. Visit www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

IN THE COMMUNITY

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 1 - April 9 (8am to 8pm)

Join this peaceful and effective international prayer movement. Choose a prayer time from 8 am to 8 pm by visiting 40daysforlife.com/Oakville or email 40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com.

Saturdays at 10 am & Sundays at 3 pm - Hour of Group Prayer (Oakville Hospital).

March 20 at 7pm - Mass for Life with Bishop Miehm at St. Dominic's (Oakville).

April 9 at 3 pm - Final Day Group Prayer outside the Oakville Hospital.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona

Join Deacon Rob Thomas on June 11 to June 20, 2017 on a faith-filled excursion, marking the 100th anniversary of Fatima. For info, contact Deacon Rob by phone at 905-315-9443 or visit the website at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/764541>.

ADOPTION INFORMATION NIGHT

Have you considered adoption? Would you like to hear more about the process through CCASH? Come to an Information Night on Wednesday, March 29 starting at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish, 1150 Monks Passage, Oakville. For information and to register, phone Jocelyn at 905-525-2012, ext. 3125. The website is www.hamiltonccas.on.ca.

THANK YOU!! Halton Alive thanks St. John the Baptist Parish for their generous donation of \$1135 in our last Respect Life Sunday campaign. Your support and generosity encourages us to continue in our mission to promote a culture of life. We encourage you to join us on May 20 for our annual **Walk for Life**. Register: haltonalive.com/w41.

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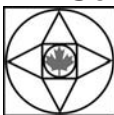
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