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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 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

## 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 to register for parent meeting for Baptism.

## 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](http://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**



# Mass Intentions

*"Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"*

- John 2:16

## Monday March 9

2 Kings 5:1-15a; Luke 4:24-30 – No Mass

## Tuesday March 10

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

7 PM – Delores Lescault

## Wednesday March 11

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

9 AM – Joseph MacFarlane

## Thursday March 12

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luce 11:14-23

9 AM – Vince McCarthy

## Friday March 13

Hosea 14:1-9; Mark 12:28b-34

9 AM – Intentions of Marnie Kervin

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

## Saturday March 14

Hosea 5:15b - 6:6++; Luke 18:9-14

5 PM – Fernando Lopes

## Sunday March 15 – 4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-17a, 19-23++; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Maria & Berta Bordignon



## Our Parish

### Monday March 9

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

C.W.L. Meeting – 7 PM – Hall

### Tuesday March 10

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

### Wednesday March 11

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA 6:15 PM – Hall

### Thursday March 12

Cenacle Group 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

### Friday March 13

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

### Sunday March 15

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church



## C.W.L. MESSAGE

Please join us for our monthly **General Meeting** on Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. A vote was taken at the February meeting to forgo having a Spring Bazaar this year since we don't have volunteers to organize and convene. Therefore, your donations will not be required at this time. Thank you for your all your generosity in the past.

## A Lenten Reflection for Men

On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, join **Hamilton Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI**, for an evening of worship, fellowship, good food and reflection on the spirituality of Catholic men in today's Church and world. Registration begins at 5:00 and Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by a roast beef dinner and presentation. Location: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Ave., Dundas. Tickets are \$25.00 and must be purchased in advance as space is limited. For tickets, contact Tom Mancini; 905-632-4692/email [teagranny@me.com](mailto:teagranny@me.com); Rod Ulmer 905-637-0925/email [rodlor@lara.on.ca](mailto:rodlor@lara.on.ca) or John Towler 905-639-5949/email [jctowler@cogeco.ca](mailto:jctowler@cogeco.ca). *Sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Men's Group in Burlington.*

On behalf of Fr. Bob and the Parish Breakfast Committee, *many thanks* to the Knights of Columbus Council 5073 for preparing the delicious food at our **Parish Breakfast** on February 22. Also, thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work - without them we would not have a Parish Breakfast. And thanks to all who attended and made this fellowship event such an enjoyable success.

Visit our parish website for photos.

## St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Next weekend (March 14/15) will be the collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please give as generously as you can, using your green envelopes, or drop your loose donations into the alms boxes with the volunteers at the doors.

## Reminder

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

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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Is your marriage heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage or do you feel helpless? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought a couple together. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 13-15, 2015, in Niagara Falls please phone 905-664-5212 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

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### Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversary in 2015? If you are, you are invited on Sunday, June 7, 2015, for a **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster at the Brant Street doors for registration or visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

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## IN THE SCHOOLS

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### PASTA NIGHT 2015!

**St. John School** once again invites you to their annual Pasta Night Fundraiser.

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 16 (5 p.m. or 7 p.m.)

**WHERE:** The Polish Hall on Fairview St.

Tickets are on sale now @ \$12/adults, \$5/children 4-11 (children 3 and under eat FREE). Please phone Melanie at 905-220-1535 to order tickets or to donate a prize for our raffle tables. Business donors are promoted at this event.

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### 11th Annual Trivia Night at Assumption

The Assumption Catholic Secondary School Annual Trivia Night will take place on Saturday, April 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. Funds go to support local charities. Register your team of 6-8 players. Cost is \$15/player. Contact Tina Di Clemente at (905) 634-1835, ext. 2022 or [diclementet@hcdsb.org](mailto:diclementet@hcdsb.org).

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## IN OTHER PARISHES

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### Catholic Commentary on Assisted Suicide

Please join us on Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's, 196 Kenwood Ave. Burlington for a Catholic commentary on the Supreme Court's new ruling on assisted suicide. All are welcome to attend.

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Come celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** on Saturday, March 14 at St. Patrick's, 196 Kenwood Ave. Burlington. A traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served along with Irish sing-a-long and dancing to a live band. Cash bar. Get your tickets early by phoning the parish office at 905-632-6114.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### National Catholic Mission on VisionTV

The National Catholic Mission, "*Beware the Holy Spirit*," will be broadcast on Monday, March 30 (part 1) and Tuesday, March 31 (part 2) at 6 p.m. and repeated at 10 p.m., hosted by Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick.

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### D & P "Sow Much to Give"

Everyone is invited to join us at Canadian Martyrs Parish (Main Street West at 38 Emerson in Hamilton, across from McMaster Hospital) for Father Alberto Franco's presentation about one of our partner organizations in Development & Peace: Inter-Ecclesial Commission for Justice and Peace (CJIP). He will present (in English), sharing his experiences as a prominent human rights defender in Colombia. For over 20 years, Father Franco has defended human rights and supported Afro-Colombian, indigenous and peasant farmers in resisting the occupation of their land by paramilitaries and powerful mining corporations. Come out on Saturday, March 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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### 40 Days for Life

The worldwide Prayer Vigil to end abortion and heal those affected by it takes place from February 18 to March 29 for 40 days of peaceful prayer. Gather outside Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (327 Reynolds Street). To take part, please register at [40daysforlife.com/oakville](http://40daysforlife.com/oakville).



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