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SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

Children's Liturgy runs during the 11:00 a.m. Mass for children in Kindergarten to Grade 2

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Thursday 8:00 a.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All are welcome.

PARISH ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Chapel is available seven days a week starting Sunday at 12 noon through Saturday at 5:00 p.m. For more information please call Sheila at 519-658-9414.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Fatima School	519-658-4041
St. Elizabeth School	519-651-0400
St Gabriel School	519-658-2008
St. Benedict Secondary School	519-621-4050

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Located in the lower level of the church) Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register through our parish website or by completing a form located at the parish entrances.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to begin the process of preparing your child and family for this Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office before setting a date of marriage in order to begin preparations.

PASTORAL CARE TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the office and Father Ed and Deacon Michael would be most willing to visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, February 27	7:00 p.m.	+ Maria Rosa and Joe Afonso + Lorraine Willemse + Maria do Carmo Medeiros	The Afonso Family The Natalizio Family The Pedro Family
Wednesday, February 28	8:00 a.m.	+ Bill Normore	Carol and Richard O'Brien
Thursday, February 29	8:00 a.m.	+ Michelle O'Neill	Chris O'Neill
Friday, March 1	8:00 a.m.	+ Rosemary Hanley	Anna Altomare
Saturday, March 2	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of Michael Hortobagyi + Allan and Margaret Berridge + Mary Miranda + Al Pedro	Gus and Suzanne Maurice The Berridge Family Knights Council #4916 Rob and Liz Pedro

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00 p.m. every Friday, followed by a ½ hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Benediction.

"THE CHOSEN" VIDEO SERIES: Join us Saturday mornings during Lent (concluding March 23) for Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by the video and discussion in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wondering what to do this Lent? Why not spend a Holy Hour in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel? As you plan your journey through this holy season of Lent, please consider dedicating a precious hour of your time to draw closer to Our Lord through Eucharistic Adoration. Come and sacrifice one hour a week to Our Lord in this season of repentance and renewal. Jesus is waiting for you in this Sacrament of Love. There are several time slots still available. Please call Frank or Sheila for more information (519) 658-9414

"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)



MISSION MATS: Join us on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish centre. Did you know it takes about 400 milk bags to make one mat? Come out and see the process. Drop in anytime...you don't need to stay for the whole two hours. A great way for high schoolers to earn volunteer hours. Milk bags are not needed at this time. All are welcome!



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 will be hosted at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 73 Queen Street East, Cambridge on Friday, March 1st at 1:30 pm.

All are welcome. Envelopes will be provided for donations. Social and fellowship time for everyone.

SEMINARY EDUCATION: This special collection supports the educational needs of seminarians within the Hamilton Diocese. To date our parish has collected \$1,601.00. Thank you for your support! Please note that March 3rd is the last day to contribute to this special collection.



MONTHLY COLLECTION: Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations after all Masses this weekend.

Envelopes are available for those who would like a tax receipt. ** With the rise of food prices and the struggles of so many families, we have had an increase in calls over the last few months. As a result, our pantry stock is low. We are reaching out to ask for your assistance by providing cereal, rice, tuna, dry pasta, peanut butter, tomato sauce, canned vegetables and hearty soups. Food items can be left in the SVDP blue bins by the church entrance doors. Your help is "always" appreciated!

PARISH OFFERINGS

February 18/19, 2024

Sunday Envelopes (112): \$2,582.05 Loose Offerings \$550.95 Seminary (4) \$90.00

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY - TAKE HEART: By His Wounds We Are Healed. Saturday, March 2, 2024, 9 AM - 5:30 PM at the Toronto Convention Centre (North Building). Adult Tickets \$ 30 / Youth Tickets \$ 15. The bus will be leaving from Guelph at 7 AM and returning at approximately 6:30 - 7 PM. Bus details concerning cost and departure location are incomplete at this time. For ticket and bus information call Tina 519-222-6283. For event details visit https://www.lihr.ca/

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT: Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent in support of you as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food, vocations testimony, music, and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, March 2nd at St. Ann Roman Catholic Parish (120 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ: Do you ever wonder how God is at work in your life? Sometimes we struggle to see it, to hear his voice – or to find the "right words" to confidently share the truths of our faith with love, especially in challenging situations. Attend the St. Agnes Education Café talk: **Speaking our Truth as Catholics: The Truth Will Set You Free**. Special guests Bishop Wayne Lobsinger & Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry. **Sunday, March 3rd, 1:30pm** at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.

PRAYER VIGIL: Thursday, March 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

STEP/BLENDED FAMILY: SMART STEPS

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held on **Saturday, March 9, 2024**.at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. \$50 per person (includes lunch). Register online at: hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

ReSTART - MOVING FORWARD: Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run on **Mondays from April 7th to June 17th** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail

<u>familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com</u> or register on line: <u>hamiltondiocese.com</u> under Upcoming Events.

UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS:

The Men's weekend takes place April 25-28, 2024, at Kkottongnae Retreat Centre, 6069 Second Line, Orton, ON. The application deadline for this weekend is April 14, 2024. The Women's weekend takes place May 30 - June1, 2024, at a retreat centre in Deemerton, near Mildmay, ON. Information regarding the deadline for the Women's weekend to be provided closer to event date. Contact Bonnie Frizzell at 519-212-3562 for details.

STRUGGLING MARRIAGE? FIND HOPE WITH **RETROUVAILLE** Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy? Does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – a program designed to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It has proven positive results for struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 8-10, 2024. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com

MASS OF CHRISM: Each year during Holy Week the priests of the Diocese gather to celebrate the Mass of Chrism. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the oils that will be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year and the priests will renew the promises they made at their ordination. This year the Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. All are welcome. If you are planning to attend and would like to collect the sacred oils at the end of the Mass on behalf of our parish, please contact Father Ed.

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