

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, February 12

No Mass

Tuesday, February 13

7:00 p.m. Maria Pacheco
Robert Lambertus
William McLay
Hospicio Aguilar
Intention of Tim Kreze

Wednesday, February 14

8:00 a.m. Ted Blanchett
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 15

8:00 a.m. Intention of Rick Schuster and Family

Friday, February 16

8:00 a.m. Morris Schnarr

Saturday, February 17

5:00 p.m. Ed Cerant
Josephine Graci
Vincenzo and Maria Romano
Colleen Kavanaugh
Deceased Members of the Balkovec Family

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 11

Cupcake/Muffin Sale after 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

Monday, February 12

7:30 p.m. Baptism Preparation Meeting
7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

5:00 p.m. Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 14

9:30 a.m. St. Daniel School Liturgy
7:00 p.m. RCIA

Thursday, February 15

11:00 a.m. Bereavement and Consolation Meeting
7:30 p.m. Sunday Choir

Saturday, February 17

8:00 a.m. Cursillo
1:00 p.m. Server Training
St. Vincent de Paul collection after 6:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 18

St. Vincent de Paul collection after 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Masses
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 10, 11, 2018

Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11.1 Mark 1:40-45



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday, February 14th) begins the holy season of Lent. Of this season, Pope Francis has written: "God, in his providence, offers us each year the season of Lent as a sacramental sign of our conversion. Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life." Each year, the Holy Father prepares a Lenten message for the faithful. Some printed copies of this message will remain available in the main narthex of the Church. As a parish, we are also distributing Lenten Calendars, which offer a brief reflection or task for each day of the season, aimed at providing a helpful (and manageable) programme of spiritual preparation for Easter. There are calendars for adults, teens and children. It's important to remember to pray for one another as we ready ourselves as a community for the celebration of Easter!

Adult Faith Formation Series: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Pope Francis, in one of his recent general audiences, took up the issue of those who get bored and 'tune-out' at Mass. "You say 'but Mass is boring.' Is the Lord boring?" He went on to say: "It's very important to go back to the roots, rediscover what is essential, through what we touch and see in the celebration of the Sacraments." This year, the parish's Lenten faith formation series will be Dr. Edward Sri's *A Biblical Walk through the Mass*. This powerful and easy-to-watch series explores the Biblical and historical foundations of the words and gestures that form the celebration of the Eucharist, the Church's highest form of prayer. **The series will show on Wednesdays in Lent beginning February 21st at 9:00 a.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.** No registration is required and all are welcome to attend. This is the perfect way of approaching Holy Week with a deepened understanding of how we celebrate our faith.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Reverend Monsignor Ivan Vuksic
Tuesday Reverend Felix Nwatu
Wednesday Ash Wednesday
Thursday Very Reverend Cornelius O'Mahony
Friday Reverend Peter Watters
Saturday Reverend Czeslaw Kolasa, S.A.C.

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today,

Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com

2018 VOCATION REFLECTION

The Vocation Office's new issue of the *Reflection* series is out! This issue features a message from our Vocation Director, Father Michael King, and a message from 24 of our 25 seminarians. Please visit the Vocation Website at www.HamiltonVocations.com, to view it.

RCIA - open to those who are not baptized or baptized within another faith tradition, those baptized Catholic but have not received other Sacraments and those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith. Can begin at any time. Meet each Wednesday 7 – 9 p.m. in the Marian room. Call or email office and a team member will contact you with information.



CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN - FEBRUARY COLLECTION OF DRIED RICE, BEANS & LENTILS



There will be boxes at the church entrance doors for the month of February. Be generous in supporting Dr. Simone's efforts to bring some comfort to the world's neediest children.

PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE DINNER

Join the Serra Club of Hamilton in honouring and celebrating milestone years of service of our Priests and Consecrated Brothers and Sisters. The event takes place on May 2, 2018 at Liuna Station, Hamilton beginning with cocktails at 6:30. Tickets: \$65.00. Contact: Margaret at 905-628-5682 or celebrationprl@gmail.com. website: celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner

JOIN THE "CALL FOR CONSCIENCE" IN THE HAMILTON DIOCESE



The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, write a letter (samples available at the back of the Church or on their website) to your Provincial Member of Parliament and consider adding your e-mail address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between February 6 and March 31st.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE NEWS



Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world - fighting injustice and promoting dignity for all! There are many ways to be part of Share Lent. Use the Solidarity Calendar with your family. You can find this online: <https://www.devp.org/en/sharelent2018/materials>. **You can make a donation on Solidarity Sunday, which will take place at all Masses the weekend of February 24th and 25th.** Or join our parish's Development and Peace committee. To find out more about Share Lent, please contact Rebecca at gorebgo@hotmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church after Masses *next* weekend, February 17th and 18th to accept your monetary donations. The monthly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday, February 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the PLC.

Vacation Bible School

Calling all VBS campers and leaders. This year's VBS will be held from July 9th

– 13th from 8:45 a.m. -12:00 noon daily. We look forward to reconnecting with past campers and meeting new friends all while learning about God's love for each of us.

PHOTO DIRECTORY PORTRAITS



For those who ordered a complimentary 8"x10" portrait for the parish directory, and were unable to pick it up after weekend Masses, please drop by the parish office during office hours. This is only for the photo and not the directory, which will arrive later this year.



DISPOSAL OF BLESSED PALMS

Many parishioners are unaware of the fact that we do not prepare our own ashes on-site by burning palms blessed the previous year on Palm Sunday. While this is a venerable and noble practice of old, the burning of palms for ashes is actually a complicated process, and tends to incur the ire of neighbours (and fire department officials). Ashes prepared perfectly for distribution are, instead, shipped to us by one of our usual liturgical suppliers. Though we should avoid disposing of blessed palms in the garbage, an ideal method would be to simply crumble and scatter them in the garden.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 10, 2018** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. (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 on the bulletin board in the church foyer for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.



REGISTRATION FOR JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN (FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2014)

AND KINDERGARTEN (FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2013)



Registration will be held at SAINT JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please bring with you your child's Birth Registration, and Baptismal Certificate. If your child's baptismal certificate cannot be provided, then the parent or guardian's baptismal certificate must be provided.



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- * Occasional Teachers
- * Uncertified Early Childhood Assistants
- * Lunch Hour Supervisors

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