

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, February 26

No Mass

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 p.m. Frank Cain Family and Amelia Kowalsky
Greg Pettit
Intention of Yerca Kreze
Intention of Loretta Okum
Intention of David Kreze and Family

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 a.m. Morris Schnarr

Thursday, March 1

8:00 a.m. René Simard
6:30 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of CWL

Friday, March 2

8:00 a.m. Joyce Shewchuk and Reverend Bob Walz

Saturday, March 3

5:00 p.m. Joe Levato
Coleen Kavanaugh
Burk and Wilma Boyle
Deceased Members of the Livingstone Family
Dr. Gerard Evans

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 25

10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy
12:30 p.m. Baptisms
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

Tuesday, February 27

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, February 28

1:30 p.m. Music Ministry Leaders Meeting
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. First Communion Parent Meeting
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir

Thursday, March 1

7:00 p.m. CWL Tea/Social Break followed by
Lenten Retreat
7:30 p.m. Sunday Choir

Saturday, March 3

8:00 a.m. Cursillo

Sunday, March 4

Coffee Sunday following 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 24, 25, 2018

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans: 8:31b-35, 37 Mark 9:2-10



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Enjoy the Silence

I've been receiving some positive feedback about the concerted effort we've been making to observe some pronounced periods of silence at Mass. The Roman Missal prescribes these periods to assist us in better appreciating the solemnity of the Eucharistic celebration, and calls especially for a communal moment of prayerful silence following the Rite of Communion, which we've been observing for about a month now. We'll still have ample opportunity to be led in meditation/reflection by our talented and devoted music ministers during the Offertory and Preparation of the Gifts, as our choir leaders see fit. Cardinal Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, wrote beautifully that silence "is an acoustic veil that protects the mystery" of God's presence at Mass, "a sort of sonic iconostasis." If you're looking for a great read and some thought-provoking questions about worship in the modern Church, I highly recommend his book *The Power of Silence*.

Communal Anointing of the Sick

On **Saturday, March 10 at 10 AM**, we will gather in the Church to celebrate communally the Sacrament of the Sick at a special Mass offered for the intentions of all the sick in our parish. Those wishing to receive sacramental anointing during this Mass are asked to sign up in advance on the sheet in the narthex. The celebration will be followed by a time of fellowship in our Parish Life Centre.

The celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick is encouraged for all those suffering from any condition/undergoing any procedure **that could potentially endanger life**. One does not need to wait until the *moment of death* to receive this Sacrament, and, in fact, it's prudent *not* to wait that long to be anointed. The Sacrament can be repeated if one has recovered and becomes sick again, or if the condition for which it was initially received becomes more serious. A reminder I often give in this context: Age and length of years are a blessing from God, not a sickness; the elderly not suffering from some specific condition may, however, approach this Sacrament if *frailty has become pronounced*.

Stations of the Cross & Musical Reflection

In addition to our customary practice of praying the Stations of the Cross together as a community on Tuesday evenings in Lent following Mass, we are blessed this year to host John Miller, an accomplished professional and liturgical musician, to lead us in a musical reflection and prayer. Join us on Friday, Mar. 16 at 7 PM for this hour long presentation. Tickets are not required, and a cash donation to the musicians of \$10 would be appreciated. Visit John's website www.johnbmiller.ca for more information.

Lenten Adult Faith Formation Series

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Nearly 100 people participated in Week 1 of our Lenten faith formation series, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*. Already the refrain so often heard among participants in this study is resounding: "I never realized *that...*" If you missed this week, feel free to join us for the remaining sessions:

Mar. 7 8:45 AM or 7 PM	The Liturgy of the Word
Mar. 14 8:45 AM or 7 PM	The Liturgy of the Eucharist: Preparation & Eucharistic Prayer
Mar. 21 8:45 AM or 7 PM	The Liturgy of the Eucharist: Communion & Concluding Rites

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

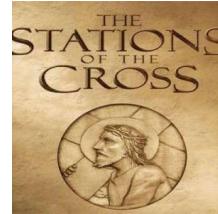
Monday Reverend Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Tuesday Reverend Thomas Murphy, L.C.
Wednesday Soeurs du Sacre-Coeur de Jesus (S.S.C.J.)
Thursday Reverend Todd Arsenaault, L.C.
Friday Reverend Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.
Saturday Very Reverend Wojciech Kuzma.

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.



If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Holy Season please note that each Tuesday evening in Lent, we will celebrate Mass at **7:00 p.m.** followed by the Stations of the Cross. May your Lenten season be blessed!

AN APRIL AFTERNOON BRIDGE & CARD PARTY

Tickets are now available for our annual card party on Wednesday, April 25th in the Parish Life Centre.

Cost is \$15 per person which includes lunch, refreshments and prizes as well as a fun afternoon of cards. Hosted by our CWL. For tickets contact Linda at 519-893-2534 or the Parish Office at 519-893-6960.



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

The collection continues of dried rice, beans and lentils for Canadian Food for Children until February 28th. Boxes are located outside the doors to the church. Dr. Simone has asked that we help feed the needy he cares for. Please be generous.

LENTEN RETREAT

Attention All Ladies of the Parish and especially CWL Members. For our March 1st gathering we will be having a Lenten Retreat starting with Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a tea/social break and then reconvene in the church for the retreat led by Father Allan Varlaki, our Spiritual Advisor.



to the volunteers and youth group who gave of their time and talent in the preparation and serving of the **Pancake Supper** to our parishioners. Approximately 120 guests attended and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER –

March 2, 2018

“All of God’s Creation is Very Good.”

On Friday, March 2, 2018, we are invited to join Christians around the world in a prayer service prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname. This year’s theme invites us to consider, in joy and gratitude, that *“All of God’s Creation is Very Good”*. Our neighbors at St. James-Rosemount United Church, 171 Sherwood Avenue, Kitchener (near the Krug Street Plaza) will host. Our parish family will be represented in the service which begins at 2:00 p.m., followed by refreshments. *Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence on the world. Live your commitment to social justice.* Please join us in prayer and solidarity with the people of Suriname on Friday, March 2nd.

ANNUAL PARISH GARAGE SALE

The annual Parish Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 9th from 8:00 a.m. to noon (set up at 7:00 a.m.). Treasures can be sold by reserving your table(s) now - only \$10.00 per table and you keep the profit OR donate your treasures to the parish tables. Call Joan to reserve at 519-893-7429.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE NEWS

We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world — from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign, Together for Peace, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.” Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope! For more information, to donate on line or access educational resources, please visit: <https://www.devop.org/en/sharelent2018/materials>. Click on “videos” or “youth” tabs on the top banner. The solidarity calendar is under the youth tab – ideas for your Lenten journey. To join our parish committee, contact Rebecca at gorebgo@hotmail.com



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.

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.



ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE WITH TAIZÉ SONGS



As a non-traditional form of spirituality, Taizé ecumenical worship is particularly popular with busy people. Music is its foundation. At the heart of this prayer service are Scripture readings surrounded by silence and beautiful music that can help one engage in meditative prayer. Prayer then leads us to renew our trust in God. When we live with hearts that trust, life becomes meaningful for those around us.

Please join us on Sunday, February 25th at 7:30 p.m. Hosted by St. Andrew’s Memorial Anglican Church, 275 Mill Street, Kitchener, phone 519-743-0911.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING



Parents/Caregivers are reminded of our First Communion meeting this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Centre

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts will be mailed out this weekend. Thank you to all parishioners for their patience. If you believe there to be a discrepancy in your receipt, please contact the parish office during office hours.

