

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD MARCH 20, 2016

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## HOLY WEEK

### Monday March 21, 2016

You are invited to the beautiful Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton at 7 pm.

### Tuesday, March 22:

6:30 PM Mass in Church

†Ann Chamberlain

*Reconciliation 7 to 8 PM, Two Priests in attendance*

### Wednesday, March 23

(in Church) 6:30 pm Mass †Sara McBride

Reconciliation 7–8 pm - Two priests in attendance

### Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016

7 pm Mass followed by Adoration until 10 pm

### Good Friday March 25, 2016

9 am Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross

11 am Passion of the Lord

(A briefer version for families with young children)

3 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### Holy Saturday March 26, 2016

9 am Morning Prayer

11 am Blessing of Easter Food

**8:00 PM Easter Vigil (This first Mass of Easter replaces the usual 5 pm Mass)**

Followed by social in Parish hall

### EASTER SUNDAY

Masses 9:30 and 11:30 am

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, March 21	Rev. Steven Murrin
Tuesday, March 22	Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.
Wednesday, March 23	Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Thursday, March 24	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
Friday, March 25	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, D.D.
Saturday, March 26	Rev. Antonio Cunha

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** - General meeting, **Tuesday, March 22** in the rectory meeting room immediately following 6:30 pm Mass in the Church. All women are invited to the presentation by Susan Gibson on the Little Free Library. The business meeting and fellowship will follow the presentation. **Easter Vigil** – There will be a social in the parish hall immediately following the celebration. Anyone willing to share some of his/her Easter baking is asked to drop it off at the hall before the Vigil Mass (8 p.m.)

## SACRAMENTS!

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on *Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m* Retreat: **Saturday, April 16 from 2-4:30 pm** in our parish hall.

## THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

*Next Parent Meeting is Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>: this Session* will focus on Eucharist. 7 p.m. in Parish hall. **Prayer and Practice – 9:30 am – 11 am** on the Saturday morning of your chosen weekend of First Communion. We begin in the Church and end in our parish hall.

**YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE** - We will visit the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. **Sunday, May 15**, leaving by tour bus at 1:00 pm, returning by 6:00 pm. Purchase carnations after 11:30 Mass to be placed at the Basilica. Fr Earl will Celebrate and preach at the 4:00 pm Mass. Cost: \$25 each. **Sign-up sheet at the back of Church.**

## A REMINDER:

Parishioners are asked to remember St. Basil parish in your will, or estate. Your assistance is invaluable. Also, at the time of death, please include St. Basil parish in the obituary for Memorial Donations. Thank you! Our parish supports us spiritually all our lives!



**Sanctuary Lamp** this week

Intentions of: Ana Maria and repose of her soul. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

**OFFERTORY** for last week was \$3223.30 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

## Patient Assisted Dying (Euthanasia)

Assisted suicide will soon be legal in Canada. The twenty-one recommendations that the parliamentary committee has proposed to the Federal Government go far beyond what the Supreme Court mandated. They include a requirement that doctors who have a moral objection to assisted suicide must, against their wishes, refer their patients to a doctor who will engage in this process. No other country in the world requires this kind of violation of conscience!

As Bishop of the Hamilton Diocese, I encourage you to visit our website [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com), to get a fuller understanding of this issue. I also ask you to write directly to your Member of Parliament. Voice your concerns that the law be written in such a way that it protects those who are vulnerable, as well as the conscience rights of individuals and Catholic institutions involved in health care. The Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience, made up of numerous partners (including more than 5,000 Canadian doctors) has all the information you will need to write such a letter on their website at [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca). History is being made at this moment – as Catholics we have both the right and obligation to participate in this important process.

## SHARE LENT 2016

This Lent, let's create a climate of change with our sisters and brothers in the Global South

“What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?”

Laudate Si, Pope Francis (160)

Our sisters and brothers in the Global South are facing prolonged droughts and extreme storms because of climate change. Our current lifestyle is contributing to the depletion of the Earth's precious resources, driving up temperatures to dangerous levels, and depriving millions of people of enough food, adequate housing and a decent income. Development and Peace is helping to change this reality. When you make a donation to Development and Peace, you are directly supporting local partner organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East in creating a climate of change for the most poor and vulnerable of the global south. They are the ones who are bearing the brunt of the negative impacts of climate change that are striking our “common home.”

Donations to Development and Peace are accepted until April 14<sup>th</sup>! Thank you!

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## DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY YOUTH RALLY

**When?** Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 am – 9 pm.

**Where?** Camp Brebeuf, Rockwood, On

**Cost?** \$15.00 which includes meals (but not transportation)

**For Whom?** Young people – grades seven to twelve.

**Information?** Go to [hamiltondiocese.com/youth-rally](http://hamiltondiocese.com/youth-rally) (See the poster on the bulletin board and the cards in various tables in the Church.)

## A NOTE FROM CATHOLIC CEMETERIES . . .

Families are kindly reminded to remove all winter wreaths on stands and other winter decorations from their lots by April 1<sup>st</sup> to facilitate the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths and decorations remaining after April 1<sup>st</sup> will be removed and discarded. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the cemetery office at 1-800-661-5985.

## A MESSAGE FROM: The Coalition for Healthcare AND Conscience

Canadians shouldn't have to compromise their conscience.

In Canada, everyone has the right to their faith and their conscience. The coming legalization of physician-assisted suicide will put healthcare practitioners and facilities in a compromised position.

Those who cannot support assisted suicide or euthanasia because of their conscience, faith and commitment to the Hippocratic Oath could be forced to compromise their convictions. They shouldn't have to. Our coalition stands opposed to assisted suicide. We need your help to ensure Canadian's faith and conscience rights are protected.

## OUR CONSCIENCE RIGHTS MATTER.

Sign your name to show your support for individual and institutional rights:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## I SUPPORT CONSCIENCE RIGHTS.

For more information and to take action visit:

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