

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD MARCH 25, 2018

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HOLY WEEK

Monday March 26, 2018

The Mass of Chrism, celebrated at 7 pm at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton. All welcome! Bishop Crosby presides at this blessing of the oils used in the Sacraments for the coming year. The priests of our Diocese Concelebrate with our Bishop.

Tuesday, March 27:

Celebration here at 7 pm: The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Communal preparation followed by individual confession, with seven priests available.

Wednesday March 28

Mass at noon (Intentions of Bill Sunstrun)
Reconciliation 7-8 pm: Father Earl only

Holy Thursday, March 29,

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm.

Good Friday March 30, 2018

9 am Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross
Celebration of the Passion briefer version at 11 am.
Solemn Celebration of the Passion at 3 pm.

Holy Saturday March 31, 2017

9 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Blessing of Easter Foods

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

EASTER SUNDAY April 1

Masses 9:30 and 11:30 am

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, Envelopes	\$3,113.25
Loose Collections:	\$ 438.75
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00
Total Weekly Offering March 11 th	\$4,037.00
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

MEDITATION

“Turn the other cheek.” Many people identify this as a central teaching from Jesus, but it only appears in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Nevertheless, Mark’s narrative of Jesus’ passion and death illustrates what this saying means.

Jesus does not resist when they arrest him, nor does he defend himself at trial. He simply acknowledges his true identity, then submits to mockery, crucifixion and death. But this confirms who he really was: when the centurion saw how Jesus died he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

The Old Testament tells us about individuals suffering for the sake of their faith. Second Isaiah presents God’s servant who submitted to physical attacks knowing that God was with him, and in Psalm 22 an individual describes his persecution and suffering but in the end is confident that God will deliver him. However, Paul tells us that Jesus sacrificed even more, emptying himself of his divinity to become one of us in order to die on the cross for us.

This is the paschal mystery we celebrate at every Eucharist. Jesus gave his body and blood over to death so that we can have life. As we share the bread and wine, we remember that sacrifice and celebrate its effect in our lives today.

John L. McLaughlin, Toronto, ON
Novalis, Living with Christ.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, March 26	Rev. David Reilander
Tuesday, March 27	Rev. Tom Moisan
Wednesday, March 28	Chaplains
Thursday, March 29	Holy Thursday
Friday, March 30	Good Friday
Saturday, March 31	Rev. Andrew Quarshie

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Retreat day is Saturday May 5th – 2 – 4:45 p.m.

We continue to pray for you as you prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on ***Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.***



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: James Ronald Sullivan and repose of his soul. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

RETREAT:

Your child's First Communion prayer and practice will be *Saturday, April 21 or Saturday April 28th*, from 9:30 am to 11:00 a.m., in the Church.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be:

- The weekend of: April 21, 22, 2018 OR
- The weekend of April 28, 29, 2018 at all weekend Masses.

Passion Sunday

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord!
Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord!
If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Contact Fr. Michael King, vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x 2246, e-mail vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

A NOTE FROM CATHOLIC CEMETERIES . . .

Families are reminded that all winter decorations are to be removed from graves by April 1st to assist with the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths on stands or other winter decorations left on graves after this date will be removed and discarded. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

CWL LUNCHEON, Sunday April 22: We are trying something new, one luncheon for all councils in the Brant region. St. Mary's council will be hosting this year. Mass at 11 am followed by the luncheon in their hall at 12:30 pm. Guest speaker Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Hamilton Diocese, will speak on the Recipe for Faith. All women are invited to attend. Tickets are \$20 and available by phoning 519-752-1331 and after all Masses on April 7 & 8th.

C.W.L. CONVENTION, Weekend of May 25-27 at the Delta Guelph Hotel. Registration forms are available by calling 519-752-1331. Deadline to return registration form to Donna Kane is April 15th.

RUMMAGE SALE: Please drop off your items at the parish hall on Friday, April 6 between 9 am & 6 pm. Sale is Saturday, April 7, 8 – 11 am.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? You are cordially invited to the Wedding Anniversary Mass on *Sunday, June 10, 2018* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. Please refer to the poster in the church for more info or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

CAMP BREBEUF ALUMNI! Visit Campbrebeuf.ca and share Camp Brebeuf story before midnight on April 15th, 2018 to be entered to win a Broil King Signet 70 BBQ. For more details call (519) 856-4671

RALLYUP 2018 “BE” Registration is LIVE

Don't miss out on the Annual Diocesan Youth Rally taking place at Camp Brebeuf, Rockwood on Saturday, *May 26th, 2018*. Registration is live at: hamiltondiocese.com/youth-rally. Register before April 30th to be included in an Early Bird Prize Pack draw! BE there!

AMORIS LAETITIA: “The Joy of Love”

An overview of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter be explored by the Diocesan Family Ministry Office in each Deanery. Register with Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or on line by clicking on Upcoming Events at www.hamiltondiocese.com. 700 King St. W. Hamilton; April 11 (Wednesday) – Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St., Guelph; April 12(Thursday) – St. Matthews Parish, 1150 Monks Passage, Oakville; April 17 (Tuesday) – Sacred Heart Parish, 221 Victoria St., Walkerton; April 19 (Thursday) – St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener; April 24 (Tuesday) – St. Pius X Parish, 9 Waverly St., Brantford.

ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY

Please join us on Friday, April 13 for the next Lecture in Catholic Experience hosted by St. Jerome's university, entitled, “Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues” Sister Helen Prejean, author of Dead Man Walking and The Death of Innocents, will talk about her longtime involvement with the Ministry Against the Death Penalty, a ministry that believes in the dignity of all people, expresses mercy and justice by standing side by side with death row inmates, and supports victims' families.

THANK YOU for your generous support of the 2018 Share Lent campaign!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity. This will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

JOB OPENING

Cal Bombay Ministries, a Canadian Christian charity located in Brantford, is soliciting Resumés for a Media Specialist and Assistant to the Executive Director.

For further information, please call 519-753-7380 or email rick@calbombayministries.org.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE – Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?