

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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March 1, 2015

Mass Intentions this week

Please note: ALL LENTEN MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

March 3rd. to March 8th.

Tuesday 6:30 pm †Jetze Keuning
Wednesday 12: noon †Eudilce Obili
Thursday 12: noon †Helen Prince
Friday 12: noon †Wallace Dignard
Saturday 5:00 pm †Cesar Medeiros, Brian
Main, Patricia Smith, Elio Petrella



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Gerard Spelier 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.

| DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR | |
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| Monday, March 2 | Rev. Thomas Vermiglio, M.C.C.J. |
| Tuesday, March 3 | Rev. Ruffino Ezama, M.C.C.J. |
| Wednesday, March 4 | Jesuit Fathers, (S.J.) |
| Thursday, March 5 | Rev. Don Sanvido |
| Friday, March 6 | Rev. George Nowak, C.R. |
| Saturday, March 7 | Rev. Sang Seon Lee |

OFFERTORY. Last week was \$3246.00 plus \$1175.00 through pre-authorized debit and our budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on *Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.*

Classes will be after the 9:30 am Mass on March 8, 2015, in the Rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST will be celebrated during Sunday Masses on *April 18, 19 and April 25, 26, 2015.*

First Reconciliation Liturgy is **March 12** at 7 pm. Parent Meeting **March 26** at 7 pm in the Hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Various parish groups will lead us in the Stations of the Cross following the 6:30 pm Mass on the following Tuesdays: March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th, and

March 24th. Mass and Stations – a good way to pray in Lent.

MEDITATION

I asked my sons to show me their Rocky Mountains so I could understand why they live so far away. In one weekend they proudly shared their world and took me far beyond my wildest dreams. The most unexpected experience was seeing that my boys have been transformed into wise young men who treasure the creative energy of those amazing peaks and valleys, an energy that enriches every part of their lives.

The book of Genesis shows us Abraham's transformation. With a heavy but obedient heart, he climbs the mountain to fulfill the ancient obligation of offering the sacrifice of his precious firstborn child. At the last minute, he receives a new life-giving understanding of sacrifice and gift. He and his son joyfully walk away.

In the Gospel, Jesus invites his closest companions to join him on a mountaintop. Suddenly he is clothed in an extraordinary light. Moses and Elijah appear and God speaks. Peter, James and John are terrified by this transformation. They cannot understand what they have experienced, but still they continue on the journey with their inspiring leader.

Today, Christ invites us to the Eucharistic banquet, where earth and heaven are joined. Here Christ is transformed to be our food and drink, so we in turn will be transformed and share this precious nourishment with our hungry world.

THANK YOU:

Father Roger Formosi appreciated your prayers. If you wish to send him a note, his address is:

Mary Mother of God Parish,
2745 North Ridge Trail,
Oakville, ON L6H 7A3

C.W.L. NEWS

WORLD Day of Prayer – Friday, March 6, 1:30 pm please join us at Balfour United Church, West Brant, for the prayer service focusing on The Bahamas. Additional parking is available at the No Frills parking lot.

The C.W.L. is sponsoring a presentation **Thursday, March 26th** by Dr. Patricia Corcoran on microbeads and plastic pollution in the Great Lakes. The presentation is being held at the SC Johnson Building on Market St. at **7:00 pm**. This event is open to the public. Pre-registration is required by March 10. Contact K. Golan 519-442-7528.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Council #13442

Meeting Tuesday March 3, 2015 in the Rectory at 7:30 pm after Mass at 6:30 pm in the Church, and Stations of the Cross.

Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum

Below is a statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto and President of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario regarding the new Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum:

“As Catholics, we understand that parents are the primary educators of their children, and that especially in the teaching of family life issues, the parental role is vital.

For more than 30 years, Ontario’s publicly funded Catholic schools have provided a family life curriculum consistent with our faith. The goal is to present a Catholic view of human life, sexuality, marriage and family, complementing the efforts of parents to teach their children at home.

While Catholic schools have a responsibility to follow the curriculum set out by the Ministry of Education, they have always sought to do so in a way that conveys, respects, and models Catholic Christian principles to our students. They will continue this tradition.

A group of Catholic educators will produce resources that support Catholic teachers so that the new curriculum is implemented in a way that is consistent with our Catholic teachings and appropriate within the context of a Catholic classroom.”

Since 1989, the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) has coordinated the implementation of the family life curriculum in publicly funded Catholic schools. ICE will serve as the point of contact for further media inquiries.

For additional information, see “Frequently Asked Questions: Revisions to Provincial Health & Physical Education Curriculum (2015)” on the website of the Archdiocese of Toronto at https://www.archtoronto.org/media-centre/news-archive/faq_health_physical

Saturday, March 14 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

You are all invited to join us at Canadian Martyrs Parish (Main Street West at 38 Emerson in Hamilton, across from McMaster Hospital) for Father Alberto Franco’s presentation about one of our partner organizations in D & P: Inter-Ecclesial commission for Justice and Peace. He will present (in English), sharing his experiences as a prominent human Rights defender in Colombia. For over 20 years, Father Franco has defended human rights and supported Afro-Colombian, indigenous and peasant farmers in resisting the occupation of their land by paramilitaries and powerful mining corporations.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 7, 2015, 9 am – 5:30 pm - Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St., W., Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck, Guest Speaker: Al Kresta. High Mass (with Sunday readings) Celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Separate Youth Event (13-18 yrs.) Music, Skits, Power-packed Talks.

For Tickets (Adult \$20/Youth \$10) call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510/. Email: LJHR@rogers.com, visit: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org.

PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED -

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) is a ten week support program starting **Tuesday, March 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, please contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs starting the same week.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND - St Peter Seminary in London is hosting a Come and See Weekend offering a special opportunity for men considering a vocation to diocesan priesthood to reflect on the call of God in their lives, immerse themselves in Seminary life, and interact with seminarians who can share and witness from personal experience. The weekend is **March 6th to 8th** at St. Peter Seminary beginning with registration on the Friday evening between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and concluding with lunch on Sunday afternoon. The weekend is open to men who are in grade 12 and older. Please feel free to contact Father Kuzma at the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Hamilton at www.HamiltonVocations.com for further information or to register as a participant.

DISCERNMENT RETREATS IN MARCH

Have you thought about the priesthood or religious life? If you would like to learn how to listen to God’s call in your own life, and how to follow that call in your own vocational discernment, then this retreat is for you. Open to people 18 years old and older: March 13-15 (for men) and March 20-22 (for women). To register or to find out more visit www.HamiltonVocations.com and click on the “Discernment Retreat” tab.



Remember next **Sunday, March 8, 2015** Daylight Savings Time starts – put your clock ahead one hour before you retire on Saturday night!