

THE 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 12, 2017

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Mass Intentions this week

March 14 – March 19

Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

**Tuesday 6:30 pm †Boudien Spruyt (in Church)
Followed by Stations of the Cross**

**Thursday 12 : noon †David Hubbert, Billy Hopper,
In Thanksgiving and Intentions of Theresa Neary**

Friday 12: noon †Intentions of Theresa Neary

**Saturday 5:00 pm †Nancy Ann Morin, George &
Jean Dawson and family, Intentions of: Josie
MacKinnon and Cor Duindam**



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: George Cormier 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

Monday, March 13	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Tuesday, March 14	Rev. Patrick Giguere, L.C.
Wednesday, March 15	Soeurs du Sacre-Coeur de Jesus (S.S.)
Thursday, March 16	Rev. Todd Arseneault, L.C.
Friday, March 17	Rev. Thomas Murphy, L.C.
Saturday, March 18	Very Rev. John Van Hees

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, Envelopes	\$3,556.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 624.85
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>

Total Weekly Offering March 5, 2017 \$4,665.85

Budget expenses for the week \$4,265.00

ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA:

In 1836, 25 Catholics from the Brantford area held a meeting to discuss the building of a church. Until then Catholics had to travel to St. Augustine's in Dundas. The major question was whether to build it in Paris or Brantford. With a one vote advantage the location decided was Paris and so a small frame chapel was built in 1837.

MEDITATION

Lulled by the repetition of my days, I often miss what matters most. Moments pass me like newsfeeds as I blindly scroll... scroll... scroll from one duty to the next. No wonder I grow jaded. Or rather: No *wonder*, I grow jaded.

Without even realizing – or perhaps because of it – I have grown bored, weary and indifferent. A sure sign it's time to take a hike.

Come on, Jesus says, tapping our shoulders, drawing us away to be alone with him on a mountaintop. Answer that invitation to rise above it all; to be still and breathe deep; to see Jesus with new eyes. Because no matter how well we think we know him, and no doubt his three closest disciples thought they did, Jesus always has more to reveal about himself, about his father, and about the world and our place in it.

When those men returned from the mountain that day, fish needed catching, buckets needed filling and fires needed stoking. Their world, duties and lives had not changed and yet, surely everything had. Now they knew; they'd seen; and they were filled with wonder. Time with Jesus does that.

Today as we celebrate Jesus' presence in the Eucharist, spend time with Jesus on that mountain. Feel the wonder. Listen to him. For even just a glimpse of his glory changes everything.

Caroline Pignat, Kanata, ON
Novalis, Living with Christ

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

We continue to pray for you as you prepare to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on Thursday, May 25th.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The dates for First Holy Communion are: April 22, 23rd
OR April 29, 30th.

The Diocesan Choir is seeking new members – the ability to read music and previous choral experience is an asset. The choir rehearses weekly on Monday evenings in Hamilton in preparation for major liturgies at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. If you are interested in singing in this choir, contact Sharan Fazari at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.

Come and See Retreat

Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the Come and See Retreat at ***St. Peter's Seminary in London*** on the weekend of ***March 24 – 27***. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood, hear their stories, and pray for your vocation. More details at www.HamiltonVocations.com

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Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the *Come and See Retreat at St.*

Augustine's Seminary in Toronto on the weekend of **March 17 – 19**. In Prayer and Silence We Hear The Voice of God. Contact the Vocations Office to Register at www.HamiltonVocations.com

SAVE THE DATE

Our parish Mission will be held this coming **May 28th – 31st**, Each evening at 7 pm – a session.

Our Speaker is Father Eugene O'Reilly, C.Ss.R., affectionally known as "Red". Fr. O'Reilly was born in Monaghan, Ireland in 1944. He came to Canada with his family and later joined the Redemptorists. Upon graduating with a B.A. from the University of Windsor, he pursued his theological studies in France and Montreal and was ordained in 1972. Since 1983 he has preached Missions and retreats to Parishes, teachers, School Boards, Clergy and Religious throughout Canada and the O.S. He has also served in St. John's, Newfoundland as Pastor of a large Parish. He has been Vocation Director for the Redemptorists in the Eastern Province. He has a particular interest in music, and has composed a number of religious songs. Some of his music is in the Catholic Book of Worship and the Grade four and five Religion Programme in Canada. He has teamed up with other Redemptorists, and together they have produced four recordings.

Mission Preaching is Fr. Red's full time ministry and he brings to it a ready smile, a wonderful sense of humour and a compassionate understanding of people and the complex world in which we live.

ALSO, that week the beautiful St. John's Bible will be on display in our Church!

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Lenten DAY of PRAYER SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE

11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton

Friday, March 24th... 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Bring a bag lunch...Tea & coffee, muffins

To Register: please call or e-mail

905-388-3966

ssspertshire@sympatico.ca

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On **Sunday, June 25, 2017**, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at

1:30 pm. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years in the year 2016 (Space allows room for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). To register for the celebration, please refer to the poster on the bulletin board of the Church, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

YOUTH GROUP AFTERNOON - During this March break on **Wednesday, March 15th from 2-4 pm in the Parish hall**, there will be a youth group afternoon for children ranging from grades 3-8. During this event there will be opportunities for your children to grow and connect with the other youth, by playing games, reflecting on the bible, connecting in prayers, and engaging in activities. The idea of this afternoon is to help bring the St. Basil youth closer together and to make the connections within the Church.

Please email or call the Parish Office (saintbasil@rogers.com / (519) 752-0361), if you plan on having your child attend. Please also indicate if your child has any food allergies or health problems as there will be a snack provided during the event.

We hope to see you there.

Peace,

Kathryn Fraser (third year student in the Concurrent Education Program – assisting at our parish).

Second Sunday of Lent – Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to follow God's will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 e-mail; mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

The Serra Club of Hamilton celebrates the 14th Annual Priesthood & Consecrated Life dinner on **Thursday, May 11, 2017**. For details refer to celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner, email celebrationprl@gmail.com or call Margaret 905-628-5682.

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages –

So many couples struggle alone and confused with their difficulties. Retrouvaille offers those in troubled and painful marriages the chance to rediscover themselves, their spouse and a loving relationship in their marriage. You are NOT alone. Please don't wait. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 24, 2017**, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.