

# THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 19, 2017

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## Mass Intentions this week

*March 21 – March 26*

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

**Tuesday 6:30 pm** For help with Family problems  
(in Church) Followed by Stations of the Cross

**Wednesday 12: noon** Intentions of Fr. Sam, Johnston

**Thursday 1:30 pm (John Noble Home)**

**Friday 12: noon** †Tom Turner

**Saturday 5:00 pm** †David Hubbert, Bill Gibbs,  
Intentions of Fr. Mike Dwyer and Theresa Neary



### Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: deceased members of the Young family and repose of their souls. 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 20	Rev. Ilija Petkovic
Tuesday, March 21	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
Wednesday, March 22	Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)
Thursday, March 23	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony
Friday, March 24	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Saturday, March 25	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, D.D.

## OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, Envelopes	\$2,395.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 469.50
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>

Total Weekly Offering March 12, 2017    \$3,349.50

Budget expenses for the week                \$4,265.00

## ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA:

Brantford was a growing village and on August 22, 1840 a conveyance of land was made by Mr. and Mrs. William Kirby to the Bishop of Kingston, Right Reverend Gaulin, the only Roman Catholic Bishop in Ontario and 7 local trustees of the Roman Catholic Church and burial ground. The land conveyed was lot No. 2 on the west side of Crown Street.

## MEDITATION

Given that I try to drink eight glasses of water a day, I cannot truly relate to the thirst expressed in two of today's readings. Literally, I don't know the desert and I don't go to the well for water. Yet today's gospel is one of my favourites. I hear the back and forth of the conversation between the woman and Jesus. And I laugh as I picture them splashing water, living water gushing up to eternal life!

A line in the first reading that does resonate with my experience is the complaining of the Israelites in the desert. When I do not see God's hand concretely and explicitly visible in my life, I cry out as if it is God's fault. When my bucket is empty, I cry! Lent can be a tough season of prayer, fasting and giving alms.

The challenges only make sense as a path of Easter. My thirst must lead me to others and to Jesus. When I thirst, will others share from their bucket? When I meet others who thirst, will I share from mine? Only then will Paul's image in the Letter to the Romans make sense – "God's love has been poured into our hearts."

Sr. Susan Kidd, CND [Charlottetown, Pe  
Novalis](http://Charlottetown.PeNovalis), Living with Christ

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

**Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace** – This year we celebrate 50 years of working to overcome the root causes of poverty and injustice. In 1968 we supported projects in 32 countries. Today, thanks to your generous donations, we support 173 partners and 194 projects in 46 countries around the world. To help us celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we invite you to attend our **Anniversary Mass on March 25<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Miehm at St. Joseph's Parish in Hamilton (260 Herkimer St. at Locke St.). Join us after Mass for refreshment. On display is our Solidarity Quilt, made up of squares that reflect each Diocese in Canada. More info is available on the Anniversary from the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace at our website: [devp.org](http://devp.org).

## Development and Peace

This week, we meet with Cécile Kazadi, a woman from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who explains why community radio is an essential tool for women denouncing sexual violence. "Thanks to RCK radio, our lives have changed a lot. We are now aware of our rights."

This year, why not share year-round by joining Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's monthly donor program? [Devp.org/shareyearround](http://Devp.org/shareyearround).

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Our parish Mission will be held this coming *May 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>*, 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!

### **WANT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR ANNIVERSARY BULLETIN ?**

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### **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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**Third Sunday of Lent** – "But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose: 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](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

On *Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup>*. Members are asked to attend the 6:30 pm Mass and several members will lead the Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass. A business meeting will be held in the rectory meeting room after Mass.

Save the date – annual luncheon, *Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>* following the 11:30 am Mass.

**PARISH COFFEE** – next Sunday after the 9:30 Mass. Those attending 11:30 Mass are invited to come early to join in this time of fellowship. Donations of treats are always appreciated.

### **SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

The Executive and Members of the St. Basil's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the parishioners for their generous support during the 2016 year.

Church collections and private donations during the year totaled \$16,810.00. This enabled the conference members to provide food assistance in the form of Sobey's gift cards to 247 households, comprising 433 adults and 243 children. In addition to the food assistance many of these households were also provided with clothing and furniture through the Value Shoppe. We thank all parishioners for their ongoing support in 2017.

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

### **Retrouaille: A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages** –

So many couples struggle alone and confused with their difficulties. Retrouaille 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:

[hamiltonretrouaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouaille1@cogeco.ca) or visit the web site at [www.retrouaille.org](http://www.retrouaille.org).

**ST. JOSEPH'S C.W.L.** – Spring bake and deli sale, *Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>* – 10 am to 1:00 pm at St. Joseph Hall, 235 Brant Avenue. Home baking, etc.

### **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

Age is only a number. Weight is only a number. I've decided that numbers are really starting to bother me.