

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 29, 2017

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Mass Intentions this week



November 1 – 4, 2017

Wednesday 12:noon †George & Jean Dawson and
(All Saints) (in Church) Family

Thursday 12:noon †Adeline Haber, Joe Symon
(All Souls) **6:30 pm** †Paul Tran, Joseph Nguyen
(in Church)

Friday 12:noon All deceased Bishops, Priests
(in Chapel) and Deacons

Saturday 5:00 pm †Joanne Holt, Steve Harri,
Betty Scicluna, Fernando Dicresce, Giovanni Deciants &
Family



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Joanne Holt 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. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Rev. Archange Kebe

Tuesday Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba

Wednesday: Deceased Members of Our Parish
Community

Thursday Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.

Friday Rev. Joseph Okoko

Saturday Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Envelopes \$3,457.00

Loose Collections: \$ 349.40

Average Weekly Preauthorized \$ 485.00

Total Weekly Offering Oct. 22, 2017 \$4,291.40

Budget expenses for the week \$4,265.00

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with your entire mind." Live in that love in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, e-mail: mking@hamiltondiocese.com

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Mass at 6:30 PM in the Chapel - **Meeting** Tuesday
Nov 14, 2017 in the Rectory meeting room 7:00 pm

MEDITATION

Silenced. Through the stunning simplicity of his message, Jesus sometimes left his listeners absolutely speechless. The truth of his message could not be argued. It simply stood there as fact.

Light-heartedly, we might chuckle as we note that they chose a lawyer to question him. Their spokesperson was someone accustomed to winning arguments. They were represented by someone skilled in the art of asking questions that were often intended to intimidate. Jesus was not cowed, but responded with confidence.

With pinpoint accuracy, Jesus focuses on the heart of the matter: love. Love of God, love of self and love of neighbour. He cuts through the multitude of rules and regulations that direct and dictate our words and actions. Jesus simply silences all the confusing questions.

In the midst of our own confounding and confusing times, it might be helpful if we simply stop and quietly ask ourselves: What is the most loving thing to do – right now – for myself and for the other? Imagine how quickly anger, sarcasm, hatred and violence could be transformed into words and actions that are loving.

In the end, that is all that is asked of us. Quiet and prayerful, we might imagine the simplicity of a face-to-face conversation. As we listen, God gently inquires: Did you love?

Brenda Merk Hildebrant, Campbell River, BC
Novalis, Living with Charist

SACRAMENTS – Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and for Confirmation for 2018 are now available on the welcome desk in church.

Please inform family, friends and neighbours that they do not register through the schools. Sacraments are parish celebrations.

Our initial Parent meeting for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (grades 2 and higher) is - **Tuesday Nov. 7th at 7 pm** in our parish hall.

Our initial Parent and Candidate for Confirmation is **Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 7 pm** also in our parish hall.

The Children's Liturgy Program is underway again this year during the 9:30 am Mass. Children, ages 4-8, are invited to participate in this weekly program that focuses on the Sunday readings and teaches foundational catechism. This is a great opportunity for children to get together, ask questions and share their ideas on how we can all live the Gospel. This class also serves as a supplement for any sacrament preparation that children are receiving at home and school. Please encourage your children to try us out!

PARTICIPATION AT MASS

The Second Vatican Council invited us to a “full, active and conscious participation” at Mass.

Our parish is good, but could also use improvement. SO;

- “The one who sings prays twice” said St. Augustine. This includes the hymns but also the psalm refrain and the sung responses.
- Coming late and /or leaving early is disrespectful to the assembly. Do not walk to a pew during the proclamation of the Word of God. Everything takes longer than we think: allow extra time to arrive.
- Speak up for the responses – sometimes we can hear a little infant better than 150 adults! Mass is a dialogue – some priests’ parts, some assembly, and some both. Speak to someone you may not know – introduce yourself; we are family.
- Holy Communion:
- Who we receive is more important than who we receive from.
- The Bishops of Canada have asked us to make some sign of reverence (a bow of the head, or sign of the Cross before receiving. This can be done while you are “next in line.”
- In the Communion procession, the Bishops have asked us not to genuflect or kneel.
- Please respond audibly “Amen” when the Eucharistic Minister says “The Body of Christ.” This means “I believe.”
- People of other faiths are welcome to receive a blessing, but only Catholics receive Holy Communion.
- Do not walk away with the host! A host was found on a pew last week after a funeral Mass. After receiving the host in your hand – hold out both hands – one under the other – take a step to the side (allowing the person behind you to receive) Consume the host and then return to your pew.

Thank you for your respectful participation and cooperation!

Here is a list of our remaining event to celebrate our parish’s 175th Anniversary:
On November 5th!

It is a music recital by 17 year old, Cecelia Kowara from Chicago, Ill., accompanied by Roger Bayley. Price: Will be a free will offering to St. Basil Parish.

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Here at our parish; for one hour on the following Wednesday evenings at the Rectory:

Nov. 22nd – 6:30 7:30 pm – Scripture – Old Testament
Nov. 29th – 6:30 – 7:30 pm Scripture – New Testament

Dec. 6th – 6:30 – 7:30 pm - Praying with Scripture

Dec. 13th – 6:30 – 7:30 pm - Saints for Advent

Before these dates, a church tour will be offered after our three Masses on the weekend of November 18/19th. All are welcome.

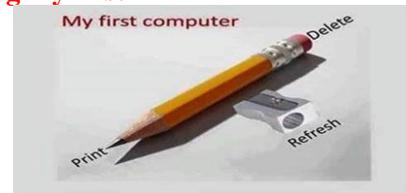
Retrouaille: **A Lifeline for Marriages** – So many couples struggle alone and confused with their difficulties. Retrouaille has helped countless marriages and the chance to rediscover themselves, their spouse and restore a loving relationship in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **November 3, 2017**, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamiltonretrouaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouaille.org.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

You are invited to join Bishop Crosby in common prayer with Lutheran Bishop Pryse and local Lutheran congregations. This common prayer is observed on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Together we seek the unity, peace and healing that God desires for the Christian Church. Although that time in the history of the Church is remembered for division, discord and bitterness, the Spirit of God is calling us in our time to a renewed sense of common mission, prayer and service. All are welcome to join **Bishop Crosby and Bishop Pryse on Friday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.**

David Wells is coming to Guelph! ***Reluctance, Resilience, and Rejoicing: Focus on the Family and Faith.*** David Wells is an internationally known speaker and author and a gifted story teller. **Basilica of Our Lady** – 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph - **November 22nd, 2017 at 7pm.** Reception to follow in the church hall. There is no need to register and no cost to attend. **Parents, grandparents, teachers and pastors – all are welcome!** David Wells book – *The Reluctant Disciple* will be for sale following the talk along with a number of faith resources from Novalis Publishing.

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