

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 14, 2018

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Mass Intentions this week

Jan 20, 21, 2018

Saturday 5:00 pm †Joseph Hynes, Muriel Bunkiewicz, Bonnie McInnes, Jeffrey Kings



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Mel McAllinden. 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, January 15	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
Tuesday, January 16	Rev. David Perrin
Wednesday, January 17	Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)
Thursday, January 18	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Friday, January 19	Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.
Saturday, January 20	Rev. Stephen Murrin

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, Envelopes	\$3,527.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 488.80
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00

Total Weekly Offering Jan. 7, 2018 \$4,500.80

Budget expenses for the week \$4,265.00

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A good vocation prayer to say every day – from the time we are young until we are in our golden years – is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think god is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 X 2246. E-mail: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com – www.HamiltonVocations.com

MEDITATION

John knew immediately that Jesus was the Lamb of God, the one who takes away our sins, the Promised One of God. In John's heart there was no hesitation or doubt, rather I imagine joy and delight! When the two disciples run up to Jesus, he asks them, "What are you looking for?" They reply, "Rabbi," which means "Teacher." I believe Jesus asks the same question of you and me. How do we answer him? Maybe we can't answer that question, unless we face a deeper question: "What is God asking of me?" Am I truly *letting* that question shape me? Are you and I ready, like Samuel, to say: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening"? Can we accept his invitation to 'discipleship,' to love and serve God with generosity and mercy?

World Day of Migrants and Refugees invites us to 'come and see' the faithful and courageous works of so many volunteers, organizations and parishes serving migrants and refugees. As strong advocates with a commitment to care for others, these 'disciples' put the gospel into action. They show us, and those they serve, the working hands, feet and heart of our merciful and loving Messiah. Will you and I, along with Samuel, John and the first disciples, 'come and see,' trusting in the Lord's love and saving power – given to us and through us for others?

*Julie Cachia, Toronto, ON
Novalis, Living with Christ*

C.W.L. MEETING, Tuesday Jan. 23rd, Mass at 6:30 pm in the chapel with meeting to follow at 7 pm in the rectory meeting room. We will be discussing the 2018 budget and programs for the year

PARISH COFFEE

Sunday Jan. 28th immediately following the 9:30 am Mass. Come and meet some of your parish family! Donation of treats are always appreciated.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding anniversary Mass on:

Date: Sunday, June 10, 2018

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King

The Mass is for couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50, or 60th year (or more) of marriage in the year 2018.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Welcome to our next session in our parish hall on **Sunday, February 4 and Sunday March 4th, 2018 at 10:30 am – 11:25 a.m.**

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.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our 2nd Parent Meeting is **Tuesday, January 30, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.** Parish Hall. (Topic: Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

First Reconciliation: either

- **Thursday, March 1st.** OR
- **Thursday, March 8th** at 7:00 pm in our Church.

Adults will also be offered the opportunity to receive Reconciliation – three priests will be present each evening : two for the children and one for adults.

RETREAT:

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

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be:

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

SACRAMENTS – Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and for Confirmation for 2018 are 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. You need to register by today!

COME RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE (Guelph)

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See our website at Loyolahouse.com for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs.

- 8-Day Directed Retreats – January 22-30, February 7-15 (1/2 price for new retreatants)
- Henry Nouwen Retreat: A Life in Letters & Journals – February 2-4
- Knowing the Heart of Jesus Weekend Retreat – February 23-25
- Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment – February 23-25.



- When you say to God, “Our Father”, he has his ear right next to your lips. – St. Andre Bessette --
- For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.

St. Teresa of Avila

MUSIC TRIVIA

Something to look forward to on **Saturday January 27th**, in our parish hall. Bar opens at 6:00 pm, Trivia Begins at 7:00 pm. To help cover costs tickets are \$5.00. No singing just a lot of laughs & friendly competition.

Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in

Dublin – The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place Aug. 21 – 26, 2018. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis’ *Amoris Laetitia*, or The Joy of Love. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, **but** registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartnett). Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.

Pornography Addiction among Children and Teens...It's Time to Talk

Pornography is impacting children and teens at rates never before seen. By the age of 18, 90% of young people have viewed pornography on the internet, far too many are watching these violent and degrading images regularly; many are becoming addicted. **Come and learn more about the issue, its impact on our children and how you can protect your children, grandchildren, students and all children.** The information will come to light through discussion and viewing of the documentary **Over 18** (view the trailer at www.over18doc.com/). **Over 18 will be shown at St. Pius X Parish (9 Waverly St.) on Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 7 P.M.** The mature content (be assured there are no graphic visuals) means that only those age 18 or over should attend. For more information contact: Teresa Hartnett (Director of Family Ministry) at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. The evening is being jointly sponsored by the Brant Region CWL's and Knight of Columbus.