



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, August 21 – Feast: *St. Pius X*
7:30a.m. ó Tuan La, Marco Bocollo

Tuesday, August 22 – Feast: *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
7:30a.m. – David Bruhin, Fred Chamberlain

Wednesday, August 23 – Ferial: *Weekday*
7:30a.m. – Peter Tuan Hoang, Paul Bannon,
Intentions of Ann Forester

Thursday, August 24 – Feast: *St. Bartholomew*
7:00p.m. – Debra Fischer, Stella Cardow,
Juana Manrique

Friday, August 25 – Ferial: *Weekday*
7:30a.m. – Francesca, Camilla & Giuseppe Calenda,
Rommel Macasaet, Don Grierson

Saturday, August 26 – Ferial
5:15p.m. ó Dominico Tran Luan, Maria Vadala Fozzard,
Alfons Hofmann & Anna Hofmann,
Intentions of Massimo Marcone

Sunday, August 27 – *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$9,579.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

2/ Robert Gripper & Catherine Clarke

+We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families of Albert Budra, Michael Gatt & Lois Voisin who were called to eternal life. May they rest in eternal peace with God.

PARISH NEWS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Tuesday we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our Basilica from 1p.m. to 5p.m. Please take time to read the petitions parishioners have requested in the books at the front on the altar rail.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now, he wrote, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I am wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "letters to the editor" column until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of these meals. But I do know this...they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead by today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today! When you are down to nothing God is up to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible. Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

11th ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Come and join us on Sunday, September 10th for our 11th Annual Parish Picnic at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre. We will begin at 1:00p.m. with an outdoor Mass followed by games, activities and entertainment for people of all ages. There will be a Raffle Draw with prizes and a BBQ. Tickets go on sale this weekend at \$5.00 each and Children under 5 are free!

WELCOME

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Gracie Rebecca Ainsworth; Benjamin Michael Boulding; Sasha Ophelia Bucek; Maya Bella Carere; Emmelyn Skye Coulis; Avery Vanee Coulis; Taryn Linda Coulis; Julian Miro Dawes; Benjamin Andrew Emile; Zara Laurice Nader; Declan William Paul and James Eugene Prestidge. We congratulate their families.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on November 11th for grade seven students. Please obtain a copy of your son/daughter's baptismal certificate for their registration in September. Those attending non-Roman Catholic schools please register for our Correspondence Program from the Diocese at the parish office or at www.hamiltondiocese.com or call Monica at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

CELEBRATION OF THE FAITH OF GRANDPARENTS

Join us at the Basilica of Our Lady Guelph Saturday, September 9th from 9:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. The day will begin with Mass at 9:30a.m. followed by light refreshments and two reflections from David Dayler and Anne Jamieson on the importance of our faith lives for our own sake and for the good of generations to come! There is no charge for this event. Please RSVP but walk-ins will be welcome. Register by calling Monica at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a program offered in the parish for those seeking to learn about the Catholic faith or to increase their current knowledge. It is a weekly program (about 24 weeks) that starts in September and finishes in the Easter season. To remodel one's life after Christ is the spirit of the R.C.I.A. If you are interested or know someone who might be, invite them or yourself to register at the parish office.

OTHER NEWS**LOYOLA HOUSE**

The full Spiritual Exercises Experience will be offered October 2nd to November 11th. Consider this 40 day experience of prayer and daily guidance with a spiritual director as one journeys through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. For more information contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or phone 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

SUNDAY SMILE!

Sign on an Electrician's truck: Let us remove your shorts!

GRATITUDE:

What kind of thank-you note am I sending to God today? Stewardship is showing our gratitude.

DIOCESAN FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE

What supports do families need from the Church? What are the pressures they face in their day to day lives? What are the challenges, joys, highs and lows in families today? Where do they seek support when it is needed? Where do they see the role of the Church in their lives and in helping them cope with everyday life issues and events? The Diocese of Hamilton through the Family Ministry Office wants to hear from you on these topics. You can do this in two ways: 1) **Attend our Symposium** for Families on September 23rd beginning with Mass at 9:30a.m. with Bishop Crosby and ending at 4p.m. 2) Fill in the on-line survey posted on the website at <http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/symposium-on-family>. The more people who engage in both these events the greater the knowledge we will gather. Family matters help us to discover how the Diocese can help you in the most important role of family. For more information call 1-905-528-7988 and ask for Teresa at ext. 2250 or Wendy at ext. 2241.

16th ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS

On Sunday, September 17th at 1p.m. join in the Annual Vocations Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, 181 King Street, Burford, Ontario sponsored by the Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club.

VOCATION SEEDS

Woman, great is your faith! It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives and sometimes it may not be what we expect. Is God calling you to life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation of the Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 or email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

PATHS TO PRAYER

This six part program will give participants time to explore ten major Catholic traditions. It will be held at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W. Hamilton Sept. 19th, 26th, Oct. 3, 17, 24 and 31, facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. Cost including texts is \$35. Please register by September 5th at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or call 1-905-528-7988.