



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 5 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Giovanni Mattucci, Clayton Scherer,
Deceased Members of the Raffo Family

Tuesday, March 6 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. ó Tom Powers, Intentions of Morgan Racz
12:10p.m. – Giovanni & Augusta Tonin, Vince Tatai Jr.

Wednesday, March 7 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Matthew Hanson, Louise Cremasco,
Intentions of Patricia Grierson

Thursday, March 8 – Ferial: Weekday

12:10p.m. – Jayne Jones, Shirley Doyle Mooney,
Intentions of Josephine Kus

Friday, March 9 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Intentions of the Healy Family, Intentions
of the Butt Family

7:00p.m. – Peter Bergin, Giovanni Montelpare,
Intentions of Theresa Heeley

Saturday, March 10 - Ferial

5:15p.m. – Harold Wilcox, Mario Milani

Sunday, March 11 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: LENT 2018 – THE
VALUE OF PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Do you know how important prayers of intercession are to God? One look at the Lord's Prayer may be all you need. In that prayer, Jesus taught us to ask for many important things: for people to see God's glory and worship Him; for people to embrace God's plan; for God to give us our daily bread; to forgive our sins; and to protect us from the evil one. What's more Jesus followed this prayer with the promise that if we ask, we will receive (Lk. 11:9). Intercession is so valuable that even Jesus prayed that way. At the Last Supper, just hours before He died, He prayed for His apostles and for us; for our protection, for the grace to resist temptation; for our sanctification and for our unity (Jn.17:9-21). Persistence is at the heart of intercessory prayer as seen in the parable (Lk. 11:5-13) where it was midnight and a neighbour asks for help but the other man does not want to get out of bed and the man eventually gets up and helps his neighbour because of his persistence. Two other stories give us a similar message. In Luke 18: 1-8 the widow pestered a judge until he granted her demands and Jesus said the judge ruled in her favour because she was wearing him out and in Mt. 15: 21-28 a woman's daughter needed healing but because she was a pagan Jesus seemed unwilling to help. Finally He responded "O woman great is your faith, let it be done as you wish."

During Lent you are encouraged to build on your own personal faith journey through daily Mass; scripture reading and reflection: daily meditation and examination of conscience; praying the rosary; visits to the Blessed Sacrament (Tuesday Adoration from 1-5p.m.); Stations of the Cross; fasting and a sacrificial offering to Share Lent.

OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Mass at
7:30a.m.**

Tuesday and Thursday Mass at 12:10p.m.

**Friday, March 2nd 7p.m. – Lenten Musical
Reflection with John Miller & Friends**

For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace is encouraging us to come together for peace! In Nigeria forced convictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation or providing alternative housing. Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development & Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. Don't forget to use the solidarity calendar with your family and prepare to make your donation on Solidarity Sunday, March 18th.

GUELPH RIGHT TO LIFE

Guelph & Area Right To Life would like to thank the parishioners from the Basilica of Our Lady Parish for raising over \$2000 in the recent campaign for pro-life bus ads. Thank you for your generosity.

OTHER NEWS

JOIN THE "CALL FOR CONSCIENCE" IN THE HAMILTON DIOCESE

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016 legalizing euthanasia/ assisted suicide. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, write a letter (samples at the church entrances) to your Provincial Member of Parliament and consider adding your e-mail address to the Conscience Coalitions Network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place until March 31st.

VOCATION VIEW:

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or a permanent deacon call Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com. The Vocation Office's new issue of the Reflection series is out featuring a message from our Vocation Director and a message from 24 of our seminarians. Visit www.HamiltonVocations.com to view it.

LENTEN RETREAT FOR GRANDPARENTS

From Cana to Calvary and Beyond with Mary is the theme of this retreat presented by David Dayler, Director of Discipleship for the Diocese on Tuesday, March 13th from 1-3p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish. Free admission.

RETROUVAILLE

Stress in Your Marriage? RETROUVAILLE is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. RETROUVAILLE can help. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 26th please call 1-905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

SEEING THE WORD SESSION

On March 8th at the Chancery Office Hamilton, from 1:30p.m. to 3:30p.m. the Liturgy Office will be hosting a "Seeing the Word" session for those who may be interested in delving a little deeper into God's Word through the illuminations of the Saint John's Bible.

In preparation for the Easter Triduum or Visio Divina will focus on the image of the Suffering Servant from Isaiah. Contact Anthony De Feo at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2336.

RALLY UP INFORMATION NIGHT

There will be an Information Meeting Thursday, March 8th from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, 16 Cooper Street Cambridge for anyone interested in learning about our Diocesan Youth Rally and to meet with other Diocesan Youth Ministers, Parent Volunteers, Teachers and others. Our Diocesan Youth Rally will be held at Camp Brebeuf Rockwood Saturday, May 26th.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Lent is a time of preparation which allows us to fully celebrate the joy of the Resurrection and reflect on the gift of salvation. Help your children, no matter what their ages, to understand that Lent is more than just "giving something up." Lent is a time for prayerful reflection which allows us to properly celebrate and understand the gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life given to us through Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Pray as a family, talk about what these gifts mean and teach about the symbols of Lent, since all of these lead us to the joy of Easter. Instead of dreading Lent, you can help our children rejoice in its ability to bring us closer to God.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? You are invited to the Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King Hamilton at 1:30p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only. those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster at the front south entrance of the church for information on how to register.

PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) and (Level 2) ACCEPTING THE SITUATION are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Level 1 (\$35) and Level 2 (\$45) will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks starting March 20th from 7-9p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or St. Francis Parish at 519-745-7301 to register.

SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON DINNER

Join the Serra Club of Hamilton in honouring and celebrating milestone years of service of our Priests and Consecrated Brothers and Sisters on May 2nd at the Liuna Station Hamilton at 6:30p.m. Tickets \$65. Contact Margaret at 1-905-628-5682 or celebrationprl@gmail.com.