



Monday, March 12 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Elvira & Guy Tedesco, Dorothy O’Handley,
Intentions of Mary & Billy Farquhar

Tuesday, March 13 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. ó Severino Peloso, John & Catherine Healy
12:10p.m. – Eileen Hollands, Christina Ariss, Intentions
of Doreen Mammoliti

Wednesday, March 14 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Frances & Maurice Zadro, John Skipper,
Intentions of the Healy Family

Thursday, March 15 – Ferial: Weekday

12:10p.m. – Ricardo Scapin, Father Angelico Valeriotte,
Deceased Members of the Vasko & McKenna
Families

Friday, March 16 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Patrick Wyman, Joyce Thompson, Nancy
Guchardi
7:00p.m. – Deceased Members of the Krupa & Wojcicki
Families, Lucia Zanarini

Saturday, March 17 - Ferial

5:15p.m. – Clayton Scherer, Jerry Matthews, Fran Christie,
Shirley Mooney

Sunday, March 18 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

*Thank you for your gift of \$14,490.00 in support of your
parish community in gratitude for God’s blessings.*

*+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of
Margaret Boyle and to the Congregation of the Resurrection
on the death of Father Jim Wahl and to the Spiritan Fathers
on the death of Father Michael Scott. May they rest in eternal
peace.*

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women’s League is pleased to invite all parishioners
and CWL members for a presentation touching on one area of our
2018 theme on Homelessness on Tuesday, March 13th at 7p.m.
Pastor Tony will be the first of a series of four speakers who will
address a specific area of Homelessness at the Basilica from March
to June. Please watch for more information.

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

*At the Last Supper Jesus told His disciples that they
would abandon Him in His hour of need. Then He turned to
Peter and said, “I have prayed that your own faith may not
fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your
brothers” (Lk. 22:32). He knew Peter would need God’s help
after he denied knowing Jesus. In the Letter to the Hebrews
(7:25) we read that he “lives forever to make intercession” for
each of us. We Catholics were taught at an early age to ask
Mary to “pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our
death.” We believe that the Virgin Mary has a special
intercessory role in heaven. She sees the challenges, wounds
and needs of her children and continually prays for them, like
any good mother she comforts us when we pray for our loved
ones, reassuring us that she is with us. Jesus promised that if
we ask, we will receive. He promised that if we are persistent
in our prayer, we will see God act. He promises that He will
join with us along with His mother in praying for all the needs
and concerns that we bring to Him for we are never alone in
our prayers.*

*People often ask why do some of my prayers go
unanswered? This is one of the mysteries of our faith. We
know that Jesus loves us and never wants to see any of us
suffer but we don’t always see our prayers answered. Perhaps
the best answer we can offer is that God does answer our
prayers but we don’t always know how and when. Given our
inability to understand fully the mind of God, the only way we
can keep moving forward in our faith is by being persistent.
The only way forward is to believe that God will answer our
prayers according to His wisdom and in His time. Think of the
people you know who are hurting, whether physically or
spiritually; think of one or two situations in the world that need
your attention – perhaps the unrest in the Middle East, the
scourge of abortion; the famine in Central Africa; the poverty
in Latin America – and add them to your everyday Lenten
prayer list. Maybe on Easter Sunday God will give us a special
answer to one of our most deeply held prayers for someone on
our list.*

*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 at 7p.m. – Station of the Cross followed by Mass

MOTHER'S GROUP

Our parish Mothers' Group will be meeting Thursday, March 15th at 7:30p.m. All mothers in the parish are welcome. For more information contact Claire at ourladysmoms@gmail.com.

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:

St. Paul reminds us that we are created in Christ Jesus for good works. If you think God's plan for you is 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.

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.

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.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

We will know that positive reinforcement works best with children, but did you know it has a very positive influence on your married relationship as well? Do you compliment your spouse every day? Do you remember the magical words please and thank you when interacting? Do you take a little time out of your busy day just to touch base and let your spouse know they are on your mind? Do you share at least one meal each day? Try each of these throughout the season of Lent and see their benefits come to light.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to St. Joseph March 11th to 19th. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena by sending your prayer intentions with your name and address to: Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, RR#1, St. Agatha, ON, N1B 2L0.

SHARE LENT 2018 "TOGETHER IN PEACE"

For the fourth week of Lent let us go to Peru and discover one of Development and Peace's partners, the Bartolome de Las Casas Institute. It runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school where students strengthen their capacity for dialogue, consensus, participation and consultation in order to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities. Don't forget to use the solidarity calendar with your family and prepare to make your donation on Solidarity Sunday, March 18th in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity and social justice.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- Sanctuary Outreach is looking for women volunteers to be part of a 24 hour hotline. This role involves taking our helpline cellphone for a period of 48 hours on a bi-weekly basis to answer calls or texts that might come through. Training will be provided. Sanctuary Outreach connects pregnant women and girls in need with existing pregnancy and parenting resources and to help churches and organizations expand their own support for pregnant women and girls. If interested call 519-836-6311 or info@sanctuaryoutreach.com

- Michael House is seeking a person to take on the role of Board Treasurer. a volunteer position with a one year renewable term. If interested call 519-766-7675

- CYO Camp Brebeuf is now accepting on-line registrations for this summer's program. A Leadership Camp will be held July 1st to July 6th, followed by six weeks of camping experiences. Call 519-856-4671. Brochures may be found on the Information Desk in the church.

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.