



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, August 27 – Feast: St. Monica

7:30a.m. – Virgilio Cabling, Intentions of Tamara & Joe Grierson (25th Wedding Anniversary)

Tuesday, August 28 – Feast: St. Augustine

7:30a.m. 6 Maureen Pedlow, Intentions of John Handley & Family

Wednesday, August 29 – Feast: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:30a.m. – Special Intentions, Richard Russel & Living & Deceased Family Members, Robert Holliday

Thursday, August 30 – Ferial: Weekday

7:00p.m. – Peter Canh, Anna Hanh, Intentions of Joseph & Luke Peloso

Friday, August 31 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Frances & Maurice Zadro, Intentions of Peter, Robert & R.D. Pettinger

Saturday, September 1 – Ferial

5:15p.m. – Gentile Natarelli, Denise Brazolot, Jenna Gazzola, Debra Fischer

Sunday, September 2 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$8,918.20 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Robert Holliday and Lynda Montesanti who were called to the glory of eternal life. May they and all our loved ones be at peace with God.

PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday, October 27th for our grade seven students. If your child does not attend a Catholic School and wishes to be Confirmed this year then please contact the parish office as soon as possible so that the proper preparation may take place. All those confirmed must provide a Baptismal Certificate.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are those who are convinced of their basic dependency of God, whose lives are emptied of all that does not matter, those for whom the riches of this world aren't just that important. The kingdom of God is theirs. Blessed are those who know that all they are is a gift from God, and so they can be content with the greatness and their smallness, knowing themselves and being true to themselves.

For they shall the earth for their heritage.

Blessed are those who wear compassion like a garment, those who have learned how to find themselves by losing themselves in another's sorrow.

For they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, those who remember how much has been forgiven them, and are able to extend this forgiveness into the lives of others.

For they too shall receive God's mercy.

Blessed are those whose hearts are free and simple, those who have smashed all false images and are seeking honesty for truth. For they shall see God.

Blessed are the creators of peace, those who build roads that unite rather than walls that divide, those who bless the world with the healing power of their presence. For they shall be called sons and daughters of God.

PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendar for our Parish Picnic Sunday, September 9th at the Ignatius Centre. Tickets are on sale at the weekend Masses or at the parish office during the week at a price of \$5 per person and children under 5 are free. Come out for an enjoyable afternoon beginning with an outdoor Mass at 1p.m., followed by an afternoon of Entertainment, Face Painting, Bocci Tournament, Euchre, Music, a BBQ and much more.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Programs are available for children Kindergarten through High School for those not currently receiving religious instruction. Children in non-Roman Catholic Schools preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation must register and complete the programs at home that will be offered to you. Please contact Monica at the Catechesis Office at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on Catechesis Office.

FOOD FIESTA

While there is one Holy Spirit, each of us receives different gifts from the Spirit, and each of us is called to use them in different ways. The parish community at the Basilica of Our Lady is strong and vibrant because it is made up of people with different backgrounds and experiences. On Sunday, September 23rd we are planning a special parish event that will give you a chance to learn more about different gifts and different experiences of the people you see at Mass each week. It may also be an opportunity for you to share some of your own unique gifts. This event will be a Food Fiesta. It will take place in the Church Hall after the 9a.m. & 11a.m. Masses. Parishioners will prepare and share food that reflects their culture or family history. Would you like to get involved? We are looking for volunteers to prepare small amounts of a snack of finger food. We are also open to other ideas about how this event could help us learn more about one another's backgrounds. If you have any questions or would like to help contact Channa at adrianchanna19@yahoo.com or Gavin at gavin.morgan@rogers.com.

MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

If you (or someone you know) are grieving the death of a loved one, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Ministry of Compassion Team has prepared weekly grief support sessions to help you navigate this challenging road. This six-week closed group will meet at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Secondary School (Chapel) every Tuesday evening beginning on September 18th from 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. Please register before September 10th. For more information please visit the Basilica website (basilicaofourlady.com), contact the Office at 519-824-3951 or email us at ministryofcompassion7@gmail.com.

RCIA

September is the time when RCIA begins for those who are interested in and perhaps already deciding, that they wish to become a Catholic. Experience tells us that many people simply need an invitation to enter the program. If you know anyone who might be so inclined why not ask them. You can re-assure them that the experience will be a life-changing one. They will not be pressured in any way. They can exit the program any time they choose to do so. The process respects the reality that whether or not they choose to become Catholic, that decision is theirs and theirs alone. Please contact the parish office to fill out a registration form.

OTHER NEWS**VOCATION VIEW:**

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink, so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to Him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is calling you to be His priest, religious or permanent deacon contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS

The Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club of the Hamilton Diocese invite you to attend the Annual Vocations Mass on Sunday, September 16th at 2:00p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in Formosa, ON.

SUNDAY SMILE!

Somebody said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning Lord" and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

MASS AT MARYMOUNT CEMETERY

You are invited to attend the Mary Queen of Families Memorial Mass and Rosary Procession on Saturday, September 8th at 1p.m. with Bishop Ustrzycki.

KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

Keys is a ten week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking to develop the skills needed to have the most meaningful relationship you can with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better me in all your relationships. The program will run at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener on Tuesday evenings starting September 18th from 7-9p.m. and cost is \$45. To register call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or www.hamiltondiocese.com (Upcoming Events).

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE DAYS

You are invited to attend the Marian Pilgrimage Day Saturday, September 1st at St. Thomas The Apostle Parish, Centre Road, Waterdown. The day begins at 10a.m. with Mass followed by a Rosary Procession, Stations of the Cross and Benediction and ends at 2p.m. Confessions are available. Bring your own lunch.

ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?

LEARNING TO COPE . (Level 1) and ACCEPTING THE SITUATION (Level 2) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include: the process of divorce; self-image; stress; anger; guilt; loneliness; forgiveness; trust; singleness and children. Level 1 - \$35 and Level 2 - \$45. These courses run 11 weeks beginning Tuesday, September 18th and are held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Queen & Westmount Rd.) Kitchener. Call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or St. Francis Parish at 519-745-7301 to register.