



Monday, September 7 – Ferial: Weekday
9:00a.m. – Bruna Girardi, Hilda Mann, Anna Wilson

Tuesday, September 8 – Feast: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00a.m. – Robert Holliday, Anton Semlak, Santhosh George, Peter Lennie

Wednesday, September 9 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. – Bobby & Kay Sloan, Thomas & Catherine Healy, Intentions of Larry & Lisa Grierson

Thursday, September 10 – Ferial: Weekday
9:00a.m. – Michael Patrick Nicholson, Robert & Elizabeth Sloan, Charlie Johnson

Friday, September 11 – Ferial: Weekday
9:00a.m. – All Holy Souls, Frank Carere, Helen McAlpine

Saturday, September 12 – Ferial
9:00a.m. – Pastoral Intentions
5:15p.m. – Evelyn Krusky, Deceased Members of the Sloan Family, Deceased Members of the Healy Family, Deceased Members of the Butt Family, Deceased Members of the Boyle Family

Sunday, September 13 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$7,451.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

WELCOME BACK!

We welcome all of our school communities back after an extended time off. We hope all have a successful school year! Please know we journey alongside you in prayer during these most challenging and uncertain times.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Please refer to our parish website (www.basilicaofourlady.com) or the diocesan website (www.hamiltondiocese.com) for the current and updated directives regarding COVID-19 from Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton.

VOCATIONS:

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood. Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

GOLF TOURNAMENT CANCELLED

We have had to cancel the Parish Golf Tournament, which was scheduled on October 4th of this year. There is a silver lining however. The 2021 Parish Golf Tournament is now tentatively re-scheduled for Sunday, June 6th, 2021.

PARISH PICNIC 2020 CANCELLED

Unfortunately we are unable to proceed with even a modified Picnic in September due to the current pandemic, so we will be cancelling the picnic for 2020. We will return with our best-ever Parish Picnic in 2021 and we will have much to celebrate. This is such a wonderful event each year and we look forward to a time when we can gather once again as a blessed parish community!

PROJECT RACHEL

Struggling after an abortion? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

WEEKDAY MASS & DEVOTION SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: This Mass schedule is effective beginning Monday, September 7th, 2020.

MASSES FOR ORDINARY TIME

- Monday – 9:00a.m.**
- Tuesday – 9:00a.m.**
- Wednesday – 7:30a.m.**
- Thursday – 9:00a.m.**
- Friday – 9:00a.m.**
- Saturday – 9:00a.m. (Feasts and Solemnities ONLY)**
- First Saturdays – Confessions – 8:00a.m**
Mass – 9:00a.m.

CONFESSIONS – Saturdays from 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Fridays – 9:30a.m.-12:00noon

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS – Following the 7:30a.m. Mass on Wednesday mornings

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online. **You can also register directly through our Parish Office by calling 519-824-3951.**

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we live in very real ways. Children are not immune to the impact that the virus has had and have probably heard more than we realize between media news clips and overhearing adults talking. This is a time to talk to your children and help them understand more fully what is going on in the world. Tell them that they can help themselves and others to be healthy and safe by following the instructions given by their parents, by teachers at school and by other adults who care for them. Remind them that our Catholic faith adheres to the fact that every person has dignity and each of us has to do our part to keep all people as safe as possible. As a family pray daily for all people to remain vigilant in their actions so we can defeat this virus. Empowering our children with concrete information and actions to undertake can prevent the development of very real anxieties from developing.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Couple relationships often experience strain during times of stress and the last several months have provided some of the highest stress many couples have faced. It is important to step back and recognize why tensions might be running high and then engage in actions that can release the pent up stress. Try cooking together, walking, biking or hiking together, praying together, or any activity that will bring laughter to the day. It may even mean finding ways to have some time apart, whether that be one person being outside while the other is in, or one person being on one floor of the house, while the other is on another. Time together is wonderful, but too much can be distressing! Remember that you are in this together and together you can find ways to feel connected and beat any feelings of stress.

RETRouvaille

Experiencing stress in your marriage? Is your marriage not what you hoped it would be? Are you, or a relative or a friend heading for a possible divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. The Retrouvaille program is highly successful in saving marriages and in helping them to thrive. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Oct. 23, 2020. Please call 905-664-5212 or email: Teamrecine@gmail.com or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

HENRI NOUWEN DAILY MEDITATIONS

The older we become, the more we realize how limited we are in our ability to love, how impure our hearts are, and how complex our motivations are. And there is a real temptation to want to look inside of ourselves and clean it all out, and become people with a pure heart, unstained intentions, and unconditional love. Such an attempt is doomed to failure and leads us to ever greater despair. The more we look into ourselves and try to figure ourselves out, the more we become entangled in our own imperfections. Indeed, we cannot save ourselves. Only Jesus can save us. That is why it is so important to remove your inner eye away from the complexities of your own broken heart toward the pure but broken heart of Jesus. Looking at him and his immense mercy will give you the ability to accept your own imperfections and to really let yourself be cared for by the mercy and love of Jesus.

MEMORIAL FOR THE UNBORN

There will be a Memorial for the Unborn on Sunday, September 20th at 1p.m. All are welcome to gather at the Garden of Grace for a prayer service to remember children lost to abortion. The garden is located on the property of the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph. If you would like to attend, please RSVP so that appropriate social distancing can be planned. Contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at info@guelphforlife.com or 519-836-6311.

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be.

We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them.

We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments.

And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours.

May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the Our Father, be our prayer as we entrust ourselves and all of us who are affected to your infinite power and love.

Amen.