

March 14, and March 21, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

The church has opened again to 30% capacity for weekday and weekend Masses

Wednesday, March 17 - 9:00 am - Laura Colangelo

Friday March 19 - 9:00 am – Frank McCarvell

Friday March 19 – 11:00 a.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 20 - 5:00 p.m. - Fiorina & Ferdinando Mastroianni, George Arnone, Mary Ann McNamara

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR -March 15-20

MON - Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic

TUE - Rev. Jerek Scherber

WED - Lay Parish Ministers

THU - Rev. Louis DeVaugelas

FRI - Rev. Pierre Caouette

SAT - Rev. Issac Tharayil

Wed. March 24 - 9:00 a.m. - Special intentions for Kathleen LeBlanc

Friday March 26 - 9:00 a.m. - Karl Guralski

Friday March 26 – 11:00 a.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 27 – 5:00 p.m. – Frank Bulinski, Bernard Wynn-Williams, Robert & Georgina Fogarty

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR -March 22 - 27

MON - Rev. Nishil Varghese

TUE - Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony

WED - Franciscan Fathers

THU - Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki

FRI - Rev. Felix Nwatu

SAT - Rev. Piotr Machnacki

**THANK YOU!
FOR YOUR ONGOING GENEROSITY**

If you leave a message on the parish phone, someone will get back to you as the secretary will be in the office a few days a week and Fr. Charlie will be checking messages.

Like Us on facebook.com/mstblssdscremnt! Tweet Us @MSTBLSSDSCRMNT! Follow Us @branchesoffaith! We are on social media.



Stay up to date, with happenings in the parish, faithful posts, and much more! Spread the word that we have social media to your family and friends, so they are also up-to-date. See you online!

WEEK 4: MARCH 8 TO 14, 2021

Share Love, Share Lent: The passion of youth.



Did you know Development and Peace has an active youth movement from coast to coast?

The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign celebrates the passion and commitment of youth, who represent the present and the future of the Development and Peace movement. Join them in supporting our work for positive change in Canada and the Global

South. Start a solidarity letter chain in aid of Development and Peace.

Learn how at devp.org/chainletter.

WEEK 5: MARCH 15 TO 21, 2021

Share Love, Share Lent: Raise a toast to yourself!

Did you know that over 10,000 Canadian Catholics like you are members of Development and Peace?



The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign invites you to pray for them and to honour their solidarity towards our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Show your support by donating generously this coming Solidarity Sunday. You can also become a monthly donor and have your year-long contribution matched, thanks to

the support of religious communities across Canada. Not only will you double your impact, but you will also automatically become a member of Development and Peace! Learn more at devp.org/lent.

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14

St. Paul reminds us that we are “created in Christ Jesus for good works.”

Fifth Sunday of Lent -March 21

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will “lay down their lives for their friends.” If you think god’s plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, Call the Diocese of Hamilton 905.528.7988 ext. 2246

FROM THE DIOCESE

MASS OF CHRISM

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 29th, 2021 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, attendance at the Chrism Mass will be limited to Priests only. Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. The blessed and consecrated Oils are taken to the Parishes of the Diocese to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year. The Priests serving in the Diocese, together with the Bishop, renew the promises of their Ordination in which they committed themselves to serve this local Church in imitation of Christ the Priest, Prophet and Shepherd. Let us pray for all who minister to God's holy people in our Diocese – our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, lay leaders, and all God's holy people.

Pornography: The Threat, Impact and Catholic Remedy - Pornography is one of the most important issues to understand in our world today. With the ease of its availability on the internet, it affects people of all ages and backgrounds, whether male or female. Pornography today is violent and degrading and often involves young people who have been sex-trafficked. **Join us on Zoom (by internet or phone) March 25th from 7-8:30pm** and hear more about the threat and impact of pornography on children and adults, how we can educate ourselves and our children to counter its negative influence and how our Catholic faith provides hope to those impacted. Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph Di Loreto. Registration is required but the session is free of charge. Register at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help>.

Parenting Tip of the Month : The amount of time spent together as a family during COVID might be considered by some to be too much, but it may also be filling a real need. Past research has shown that children consistently identify a desire to spend more time with their parents and family. Time for them means direct, active engagement. The long-term benefits to family relationships are proven: children grow up healthier in mind, body and spirit. Enjoying quality time with their family's means children are more likely to turn to their family for love and support, keeping them healthy. So play with your kids, watch a movie together and discuss its message(s), pray together, be active together, cook together and/or clean together; the possibilities are endless. So remember, time with family is powerful when it is interactive, shared by all and fun!

Marriage Tip of the Month : At the heart of every relationship there needs to be a foundation of love and respect. When couples respect each other, including their differences, they continually build each other up and enjoy time together. When we respect the other in relationship, we can accept their desire to influence us with their understanding of what is true, good and beautiful. When we are open to our spouse's view of things, we not only grow, but we grow together. When we grow together, we cannot help but grow in love.

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

Lenten Prayer

Loving Father,

As I journey with you during this time of Lent, Bless me to come closer to you.

Open my heart to realize your abundant love for me, as I strive to be a better version of myself.

Help me to develop the generosity of heart and mind to spend more time with you in prayer, To courageously let go of the things that I am overly attached to, to be more charitable with my time and resources.

Grant me

Courage when I am afraid,

Strength when I am weak,

Trust in your steadfast love when I fail.

Bless that this Lent may be a time of inner transformation for me, that I may humbly become a living example of your compassionate love in our hurting world.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.



One day at work, while I was waiting on a customer, my colleague asked the customer's little boy how old he was.

"I can't tell you," the child replied.

"I have my mittens on."