Please note: The church is open to full capacity You must continue to wear a mask.

MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday March 9- 9:00 am -

Theresa Benduha **Friday March 11 – 9:00 am** – Bernie Dugas **Saturday March 12 – 5:00pm** – Ron Kocel, Tony Pajeska, John Chiarot, Leona McCarthy, Rae Adams

Wednesday March 16, 9:00 am – Pauline Ciavarelli

Friday March 18, 9:00 am – Deceased members of th Tassi & Rocchi families Saturday March 19 – 5:00pm – Nina Chioda, Rick Frances, Elda Scime, Grace Curto

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

March 7-12, 2022

MON – Rev. Patrick Ohl TUE – Rev. Jerzy Tomon WED – Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny THU – Rev. Francisco Sordo FRI – Rev. David Perrin SAT – Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

March 14-19, 2022

MON – Rev. Francis Hubilla TUE - Rev. Gregory Merkley WED – Parish Ministers THU - Rev. Joseph Okoko FRI – Rev. Robert Bulbrook SAT – Rev. Christopher Tracey

Collections: Feb 19/20, 2022 – \$2535.00 Feb 26/27,2022 - \$2060.00 Total collected for Seminary \$575.00

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY AT THIS TIME

At Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday during Lent at <u>11:00 a.m</u>.

At Sacred Heart Stations of the Cross are Fridays at Noon.

A message from Bishop Douglas Crosby

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After significant work at both the national and local levels, I am pleased to provide un update on the participation of the diocese of Hamilton in the national **Indigenous Reconciliation fund.**

In late January 2022, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) announced the establishment of the <u>Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.</u> A charity whose mandate is to receive, manage and disperse #30 million in collective contributions promised by Canada's Catholic dioceses.

The Diocese of Hamilton, as an enthusiastic supporter of this initiative, will commit \$4 million to the fund over the next 5 years. While our Indigenous partners in this program will be determined in the weeks ahead, the funds will be allocated to programs that work toward accomplishing *Call to Action #61* of <u>Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission</u>: healing and reconciliation projects; education and relationship-building projects; and dialogues for Indigenous spiritual leaders and youth.

Of these funds, \$2.1 million will be allocated through partnerships within the Diocese of Hamilton, while \$1.9 million will support initiatives in other diocese/communities of need across the country. The Diocese is committed to fulfilling its \$4 million commitment. Parishioners across the diocese will be invited to support this initiative through various means in the coming years.

While the Diocese of Hamilton ran no residential schools, we take seriously our part in supporting the CCCB effort to promote healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers. With Jesus Christ as our model, the Church stands with those who suffer, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. May God, the Creator of all, bless this initiative and the journey toward healing and reconciliation.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Pray for Us! Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,



The Catholic Women's League of Canada has started a National Food Drive program aimed at increasing food donations to local food banks. The CWL of Most Blessed

Sacrament Church is participating in this food drive and we need your help! This month our focus is on CANNED GOODS! Canned stew, canned beans, canned meat and tuna fish are just a few examples. Please drop off your donations in the narthex and help those who are in need during the cold winter months.

March 6, 2022

Attention Youth and Young Adults! We want to hear from you! The Catholic Church is seeking input from around the world for the 2023 Synod to allow for the opportunity to share their voices about the mission, communion and participation of the Church. Here at Most Blessed Sacrament, we will be hosting two virtual sessions for young people to share their thoughts and feelings. To register and receive the link, please email Rachel or scan a QR code at one of the entrances.

Youth (High School)- Tuesday, March 8th @7:00 p.m. Young Adults (18-39)-Tuesday, March 15th @7:00 p.m.

IF you are not able to join us virtually, you may complete the following survey https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/Hamilton_Diocese_ Synod

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<u>Sacred Heart Parish 100th Anniversary</u> – This June 15th, Sacred Heart Parish in Hamilton, will be



celebrating 100 years. We ask former and present parishioners to please send photos of memories at Sacred Heart either by email: <u>sacred.heart@cogeco.ca</u> or to bring them to the parish rectory. Bishop

Douglas Crosby will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, June 5th 2022 at 10:00 a.m., and this will be followed by brunch at Michelangelo's. Further details to follow.

<u>Biblical Walk Through The Mass</u> – all are welcome to a 6 week Lenten program each Tuesday in Lent beginning March 8th at St. Charles Garnier Parish. Two sessions to choose from each day, 10:00 am or 6:00 pm. Cost \$30.00. Call 905-528-0074 to register. We look forward to seeing you there!

Feast of St. Joseph on Saturday March 19th will be celebrated with holy Mass at 11am at Our Lady of All Souls Church, 21 Barton St. W. Hamilton. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Gatto. Pasta and zeppole are available from 12 noon to 4pm as well from Fratelanza Racalmutese Club that day. To place orders, please call Joe Curto at 289 700-4641 or All Souls Parish office at 905 528-1513.

March 13, 2022

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger – Join Auxiliary Bishop, Wayne Lobsinger, for *Evenings with His Excellency*, an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about our Catholic Faith. You may attend online or in person at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Hamilton, on the 2nd Friday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit:

https://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com/upcoming/2021/9/10/evenings-with-his-excellency.

Parenting Tip of the Month: Lent is a time of reflection for all Catholics and a perfect season to help children understand why we engage in prayer, works of charity, care for all and practicing self-control, since all of these can bring us closer to God. Spend time on your Lenten journey as a family by attending Mass and discussing, in simple language, the readings you hear. Decide as a family on prayers and reflections to engage in each day of Lent and together look at how your family might use their resources to give to others. Your children can bring hope to the hearts of others during Lent and their spiritual journey will be enhanced by your presence and guidance. Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Marriage Tip of the Month: The season of Lent is a perfect time to reflect on how we are living our lives according to God's call to discipleship and vocation. The vocation of marriage is an essential call since the Sacrament of Marriage is meant to be the visible sign or God's invisible love to the world. Lent then, is a perfect time to examine what you are bringing to your vocation, to see if forgiveness is readily available when needed and to contemplate whether you might make changes to better fulfill your call to marriage. As well, consider praying with your spouse, reflecting on a short Bible passage daily and working on holding anger during Lent, since all of these will strengthen your bond of love and bring you feelings of joy as the Easter season draws near. Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering an online grief program beginning in April. Find out more on the Diocesan website at https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Keep the date open for a Bottle Drive on Saturday April 9, 2022 in the parking lot. Managed by the Knights of Columbus. **Marriage Support** - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

World Meeting Of Families Diocese Event – being held May 28, 2022 at Mount Mary in Ancaster. Pope Francis is urging diocesan administrators to begin preparations for the 2022 World Meeting of Families, and this is exactly what the Diocese of Hamilton has begun to do! The Pope has asked that, "wherever it is possible, I would like to invite diocesan communities to plan initiatives based on the theme of the meeting, and to use the symbols being prepared by the Diocese of Rome." More information will follow, for now, we encourage you to keep Saturday, May 28th open. As Pope Francis reminds us, this is "a great opportunity for Catholics to renew their commitment to family ministry."

From The Diocese - The 2021 – 2023 Synod of

Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission.

Visit: https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about