

March 5, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Wed March 8 – 9:00 am- Robert & Georgina
Fogarty

Friday March 10 – 9:00am – Gary Young
Saturday March 11 – 5:00pm – Greta Innis

Wed March 15 – 9:00am- special intention
Fri March 17 – 9:00 am – Bernie Dugas
Saturday March 18 - 5:00 pm – Nina Chioda

February 18/19 -- \$2,330.00 including loose
St. Vincent de Paul collection \$1,318.00
February 25/26 - \$2315.00 including loose
Seminary collection total \$653.00

We thank you for your continued support.



**Stations of the Cross will be every
Friday at 11:00 March 3, March 10,
March 17**

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

March 6-11, 2023

MON – Rev. Michael Downey
TUE - Rev. Pawel Jamroz
WED – *Disabled Persons*
THU – Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
FRI – Rev. Pablito Labado
SAT – Rev. Duy Van Nguyen

March 13-18, 2023

MON – Rev. Mark Sullivan
TUE - Rev. David Wilhelm
WED – Lay Parish Ministers
THUR – Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
FRI – Rev. Stephen Gilbert
SAT – Rev. George Stortz

For the First Saturday of each month we are asking families to say a decade of the Rosary at 4:15pm, before 5pm Mass. If you as a family are interested in participating in this parish ongoing event please call the parish office or let Ed Daley know and give your name.

Confirmation Retreat Leaders

We are looking for high school aged students and adults to help lead our Confirmation Retreat. If you are interested in assisting for our one day retreat, please email Rachel at blessedsacramentyouth@hotmail.com. The retreat will be held on Saturday, March 25th.

**GIFT CARD ORDER
JUST IN TIME FOR
EASTER.**



**An order for fundscrip cards must be in the parish office with a cheque or cash by Monday March 20.
Your order will be here in time before Easter.**

The next meeting for the **CWL** will be held on Sunday March 5 after the 11am Mass, in the parish hall. This will be our Share Lent Lunch with soup provided. Please bring some bread and fruit to share.



The Adult Choir is now accepting new members.

They are presently preparing for Lent, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. If you are interested in joining (especially male voices) please call the parish office for details. Of just come up to the choir loft on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm for our weekly one hour practice!



World Youth Day 2023-Lisbon, Portugal

We have three young adults who will be attending World Youth Day 2023. We are excited for Matthew S., Michelle C., and Kevin L., and their fellow pilgrims. We are very fortunate that some of their fees will be covered through the One Heart, One Soul Campaign. However, if you would like to make a personal donation, and receive a tax receipt, please visit <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/> and click Donate. You may direct it to one or split it between the three. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for our young people.

Youth Group Grades 7-12!

All young people are invited to join us for an evening of games, food and friendship. Our meetings for the time being will be held in the parish hall from 7:00-8:30 p.m.. Permission forms can be found on our parish website or in the Narthex. Our next meeting will be held Friday, March 24th.



“Do you want to help people in need? Do you want to put your Faith into Action?”

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul needs your support! You can help by volunteering, providing financial assistance or by starting a conference in your Parish. Please see our newsletter here: <https://www.ssvphamiltonpc.org/SSVP-HAM-Newsletter1.pdf>. God bless you!”

Catholic Tech Corner

"Reimagining the Examen" is an interactive App that leads you through a series of Examens, encouraging you to sit in prayer with God each day. You can select an examen (relationships, habits, fears, etc.) and select your own background music. This would be the perfect app for someone needing guidance during evening prayer or reflection during Adoration.

The 2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary - Time is running out! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Register now at hamiltondiocese.com, or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Parenting Tip for March - Family is the most powerful influencer in any person's life. What we learn from our family has lifetime implications, influencing how we act, see ourselves and feel about others. As parents, it is important that we do not treat our children as mini-adults, but instead view them as a child of a certain age. There are normal patterns to children's brain development and when we understand those stages, we can more fully understand how to love, teach, discipline and support our children throughout their lives. Family and faith provide a solid foundation for each child when parents take the time to learn about their child's developmental age and ability. From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Marriage Tip for March - A fundamental principle of our Catholic faith is that mercy must be part of our lived experience. Practicing forgiveness in all areas of our lives is important, but it is especially necessary in marriage. The intimate relationship of marriage means there will be hurt, anger and resentment between us at times and in these moments we must both seek and provide forgiveness. When we live with a merciful heart, instead of becoming hardened to the goodness in our spouse, we see the good, the joyful and the love that they carry for us. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

St. Joseph Feast: Will be celebrated at Our Lady of All Souls Church, 21 Barton St. W. on Sat. March 18 with Mass at 11am followed by the traditional "Table of St. Joseph" in the parish Hall. All are welcome! Novena begins on March 10th. For info, please call the parish office at 905 528-1513

March 5 – Second Sunday of Lent

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. 2 Timothy 1:8b

We must help each other in this life. This journey is not an aimless one, or at least it should not be because we are called to walk with the Lord Jesus as he guides us to our ultimate goal, eternal life. As we reflect on the cross that each of us bears, we must ask ourselves how we are called to help others bear theirs.

Who around us is struggling? Who, perhaps, is struggling with patterns of repeated sins and the need for repentance? Perhaps is holding on to bitterness of refusing to forgive? Perhaps is feeling unworthy of God's love?

Suffering is a part of life. But remember that Someone helps us to bear our hardships, and he calls his disciples to do the same for others. After all, he carried his own Cross first.

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to bear our crosses for the sake of your Good News, that we may also draw others heavenward. Mr. Justin McClain, O.P.

March 12 – Third Sunday of Lent

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" Exodus 17:3.

Ah, yes, I can identify with the grumbling pilgrims in Exodus. I, too, want freedom from what enslaves me. But when the going gets tough, if I must make difficult choices to leave old habits and unloving behaviours behind, I can get little huffy: Spiritual growth ought to be easier. I'm tired of this. How come this is taking so long? What difference do Lenten practices make anyhow?

We are probably each tempted from time to time during Lent to turn around and head back to our own Egypt's, to sink into old familiar patterns that do not demand much from us. Today's grumblers in Exodus give us a little poke in the spiritual ribs to encourage us. "Keep at it. You'll make it through the desert just like we did." Sr. Joyce Rupp, OS.M.

A young girl went to confession one day and was annoyed because she had to wait so long. "That church could be more efficient," she told her mother. "They should have a special line for people with 6 sins or less."