

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TUESDAY, February 25th

8:00am + Nadine Duhaney
7:00pm + Chris Humphrey

WEDNESDAY, February 26th – ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00am + Rayanne Dietrich
12:00noon + Hennie Bergsma
7:00pm + Jerzy Dudek
+ Mary Ellen Rankin

THURSDAY, February 27th

8:00am All Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm NO MASS – 1st Reconciliation

FRIDAY, February 28th

8:00am + Cody Bouchard
7:00pm + Julia Artuso

SATURDAY, February 29th

9:00am + BiBiana Lavina
5:00pm + Gary Lewington

SUNDAY, March 1st

8:30am + Grazietta Caravaggio
10:15am + Mario DiGravio
12:00noon Intentions of Parish Parishioners



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, especially, those being persecuted for their faith & race, and those killed in natural disasters & their families. Please remember our parishioners who are sick and homebound and those in our Prayer Network in your prayers.

DO YOU HAVE A VOCATION?

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of February 23, 2020

Candle #1 – REMEDIOS V GONZALES

Candle #2 – NHAN TRAN AND FAMILY

Please use the envelopes provided or one of your own to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle. The requested offering is \$10 each. You may place the envelope in the collection or drop it in the Parish Office.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offering: February 15/16, 2020 \$ 7,582.81
Thank you for your contribution and God Bless!

If you would like a receipt for your contribution, we need your name & full address. If you would like envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations, please call the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.

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**Easter Schedule**

**Ash Wednesday February 26**  
8:15am; 12noon; 7:00pm

**Extra Reconciliation Times:**  
April 7 - 10am to 12 pm; 12pm to 2pm;  
2pm to 4pm; 6:15pm to 6:50pm;  
7:30pm to 9:00pm

**Stations of the Cross - 7:30pm**  
February 26 - Fr Bergsma  
March 3 - BLD Group  
March 11 - Knights of Columbus  
March 18 - Fr Hope  
March 25 - CWL  
April 1- Sports Youth Group

**Sunday April 5, Palm Sunday**  
8:30am, 10:15am and 12noon

**Thursday April 9, Lord's Passover**  
7:00pm  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
7:45 – 11:00pm

**Good Friday April 10**  
11:00am and 3:00pm  
Stations of the Cross 7pm - Fr Bergsma

**Saturday April 11**  
11:00am **Blessing of Easter Foods** and 8:00pm **Easter Vigil**

**Easter Sunday April 12**  
8:30am, 10:15am and 12noon

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LENT

Lent is a season of repentance, prayer and fasting. The season lasts for 40 days, beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Easter. The season reflects the 40 days Jesus spent in prayer and fasting in the desert before starting his public ministry. As a reminder you should be fasting 1hr prior to receiving the Holy Eucharist (water and medicine accepted) Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. Abstinence is for ages 14th year and older and fasting is 13th year to your 60th year.

LENT – A SEASON OF REFLECTION

Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life. That always involves giving up sin in some form. The goal is not just to abstain from sin for the duration of Lent but to root sin out of our lives forever. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ. For catechumens, Lent is a period intended to bring their initial conversion to completion.

Lent is also the primary time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, because Lent is the season for baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal. Early Christian teachers called this sacrament "second Baptism," because it is intended to enable us to start again to live the baptismal life in its fullness. Those who experience the loving mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation should find themselves standing alongside the newly baptized at Easter filled with great joy at the new life God has given all of us. *Excerpt from Catholic Online*

ONE HEART ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN – Frequently asked questions

How is the campaign going so far?

Very well! Of the \$35 million diocesan goal, more than \$15 million has been raised and only about a third of the diocese's parishes and missions have taken part so far. In the Pilot Wave, 13 of the 15 parishes taking part reached their baseline goal. In the first full wave, which is just concluding, more than half of the 31 parishes and missions have reached their baseline goal and several others are very close.

How will the funds that are raised be split up?

This is a parish-focused campaign, and 75 percent of the funds raised by each parish will stay with that parish for the goals and projects of its choosing. An additional 10 percent will be directed toward assisting parishes most in need of support. The remaining 15 percent will be dedicated to shared diocesan ministries.

Where will donors send their gifts, and where will the money be kept?

Donors' gifts and pledges will be held in trust for the parish and initially kept in a dedicated diocesan account. The Diocese will disburse the parishes' funds to them after the payments have been received and the parish is ready to undertake their projects. The campaign's Clergy Committee has worked with the Diocese to outline when the funds will be distributed to the parishes.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce that on **March 4 at 7:30pm**, we have the great pleasure of having Dr. Josaphine Lombardi come to our Parish to give us a talk on the "Woman at the Well" to start our Lent. Dr. Lombardi is an Associate Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology, Professor of Field Education, and Director of Lay Formation for St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough, Ontario. She has been an advisor to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and Her books "On Earth as it is in Heaven" and "Experts in Humanity", have been featured on Salt and Light TV. Dr. Lombardi is a wonderfully dynamic speaker that I know you will enjoy. Please come and join us on March 4th.

DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

When we enter into the household of God, we come to realize that the fragmentation of humanity and its agony grow from the false supposition that all human beings have to fight for their right to be appreciated and loved. In the house of



God's love, we come to see with new eyes and hear with new ears and thus recognize all people, whatever their race, religion, sex, wealth, intelligence, or background, belong to that same house. God's house has no dividing walls or closed doors. "I am the door," Jesus says. "Anyone who enters through me will be safe" (John 10:9). The more fully we enter into the house of love, the more clearly, we see that we are there together with all humanity and that in and through Christ we are brothers and sisters, members of one family.

THE IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

We are inviting *all the Irish and those who wish to be*, to another fun night of Irish Dance, Music, Food and Frolicking. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 14, 2020 after the 5pm Mass in the Church Hall – tickets \$22 available at the parish office.** All families and friends are invited.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE- SPRING MARKET

Our annual Spring Market Place will take place on Saturday, April 18th, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., St Joseph, Guelph Church Hall. Tables (6ft) available for sale at a cost of \$30. If you are interested please email synnottw@yahoo.ca or phone at 519-222-2848.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – LOTTERY WINNERS

Winners for the month of February: A. Baumgartner, H. Synnott, M. Ireland, J. McManus, C. Klein. Congratulations!

GUELPH MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Guelph Men's Prayer Group is about to begin their Lent Sessions led by his excellency Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki. Location: St John the Baptist Church, Guelph - room between the Office and the Church. Six Saturday morning sessions during lent from **Saturday, Feb. 29 through to Saturday, April 4 from 7AM to 8AM.** Cost: free (donations are accepted to cover expenses). Email terry.grignon@gmail.com for more information.

28th ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto March 7, 2020 from 9:30am-5:00pm. Join the Catholic Renewal Ministry with keynote speaker is Fr James Malone. Closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Tickets are \$25 and bus tickets are \$16. **For tickets and bus transportation please call Ana Percic at 519-824-8456.**

40 DAYS of LIFE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Starting on February 26, volunteers around the world will be praying for an end to abortion! The annual 40 Days for Life campaign has had amazing results and will be happening again this year in Guelph. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate the daily prayer vigil and assist with communications with participants. Hours per week are flexible, and the volunteering can be done from home. For more information, please contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311 or info@guelphforlife.com

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 14, 2020** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King 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). Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held this year at **Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church, 175 Emma Street, Guelph.** The service this year will be prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. We look forward to hearing our guest speaker, Rev. Naomi Miller who is now the Rector at the Church of the Apostles. **Please join us Friday March 6, at 2:00.**