

Mass for the Intentions Week

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

7:00 p.m. Cathy Doody
req family
Maria & Evaristo Carreiro
req Oliver Carreiro
Souls in Purgatory
req Oliver Carreiro
Helen & David Grant
req Marie
John & Christina McLean
req Mary Livingstone

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

7:30 a.m. *Mass at Blessed Sacrament*

Thursday, April 4, 2019

9:00 a.m. Remedios Cruz
req Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Cruz & family

Friday, April 5, 2019

9:00 a.m. *Mass at Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday, April 6, 2019

5:00 p.m. *Mass at Blessed Sacrament*

Sunday, April 7, 2019

9:00 a.m. **For the Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Parish**

Parish Ministries

Sunday March 31, 2019

Lectors Joseph Whalen & Norma Walsh

Eucharistic Ministers Elvira Delapaz & Jovi Oтите

Vocations

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an 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.

Stations of the Cross

In preparation for Easter our parish will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. until Easter. The conduction of these services will be various ministries within Sacred Heart Parish. We ask that you come out and support these ministries.

Blessed Sacrament has their Stations of the Cross Friday at 10:30 a.m.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

This man welcomes sinners. (Luke 15:2)

Isn't it ironic that this story, which is one of the best loved in all of Scripture, has a somewhat misleading title? Rather than calling it the parable of the prodigal son, we should call it the parable of the forgiving father. This is not a story only about one son. It's a story about two sons and their father. And as a parable, this story tells us about our heavenly Father's infinite love for us.

The parable of the prodigal son has two distinct goals; it shows us that God wants everyone to know his love, and it shows us that God wants those who know his love to experience it more deeply.

In a sense, the prodigal son was "dead" because of the sins he had committed when he was away from home. But the moment he came back, it's as if he had come back to life. Jesus used this fellow to describe people who have not accepted the love that God has for them. They need to turn and come home to him. They need what we would call an "initial conversion."

These are the people God asks us to lift up in prayer in a special way--especially our loved ones who are far from the Lord. May they all experience an initial conversion!

The prodigal son's older brother, however, was already "alive". He was faithful and hardworking. But he also needed a conversion. He may have been obedient to his father, but a lot of sinful thoughts still occupied his mind. This fellow needed "ongoing conversion," a deeper turning away from his habits of resentment, anger, and self-righteousness.

Even if we believe in Jesus, pray every day, and go to Mass regularly, we still need ongoing conversion. We can be trying our best to live good lives and to care for our families. But we can fall into judgmental, self-righteous, self-centered ways of thinking. And so God asks us to keep turning to him for help and healing.

God welcomes home everyone who comes to him. No matter how big or small our sins, he is always waiting with open arms.

"Thank you, Father, for welcoming me home."



Extra! Extra! Read all about the Diocese of Hamilton!

The Catholic Register, Canada's largest Catholic newspaper, will soon include a two-page insert featuring happenings in the Diocese of Hamilton!

The insert will appear every other week in The Register, beginning with the March 31st issue. The insert will include news and updates about the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign*, as well as features and news about the other good works that take place in the Diocese.

Parish Legacies & Bequests

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember Sacred Heart Parish in your will and when recommending expression of sympathy.

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Total Revenue \$2,769.80

Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

Mon. April 1 Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
 Tues. April 2 Rev. David Walter, C.R.
 Wed. April 3 Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans)
 Thurs. April 4 Rev. George Stortz
 Fri. April 5 Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
 Sat. April 6 Rev. Robert Stainsby

Extra Confession Times

In preparation for Easter there will be extra Confession: Tuesday, April 9th & 16th 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday, April 11th 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Day of Prayer

St Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site) Hamilton will host a Lenten Day of Prayer on Friday, April 12th 9:00 to 3:00 (mass 9am). Tea, coffee and muffins on arrival. Bring a bag lunch & coffee mug. To Register: please call or e-mail 905-388-3966 ssspertshire@sympatico.ca

Don't Forget Our Parish Centre

Ideal for anniversaries, small weddings, baptisms, birthday parties and showers. Call 905-387-6650.



CWL Luncheon

You are invited to join us for our Sacred Heart Parish Catholic Women's League Luncheon on Sunday, April 28, 2019 following the 9:00 a.m. mass in Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Our guest speakers are Lucy Hunt and some of her students to talk about their work to improve the environment and how we can help.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet other women in the parish. Tickets \$20 will be sold at the doors of the church April 14th & 21st. Hope to see you there!

Legion of Mary

Canada Needs Our Lady

The Canadian Society for the Defense of Christian Civilization is bringing a FATIMA STATUE to Casa Maria for a "home visit" on Tuesday, April 2 at 2:00 pm. There will be a short presentation, followed by recitation of the Rosary and refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Event sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

Parenting Tip of the Month

April ushers in spring with its new growth and warmth and this year the celebration of Easter. Easter reminds each of us of God's infinite love, that after suffering comes the joy of the Resurrection and that God will never abandon His people. Help your children understand that Easter is so much more than the Easter Bunny; it is our moment of Salvation. God can be a constant stabilizing force in your children's lives if they learn to rely on him, so teach them how to pray, how to talk to God and how to embrace the gift of faith we celebrate this Easter.

Catholic Cemeteries

The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass on Saturday, April 13, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery, Stoney Creek. During this Mass Bishop Crosby will bless the recently completed expansion of Our Lady of the Angels Mausoleum. All are invited to attend. For more information, please call 905 643-0189 or visit www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

