

Mass for the Intentions Week

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

7:00 p.m. Jim & Marjorie Hubbard
req Gus & Aldona Hubbard
Alicia Milanes
req Marcia Villamoya
Phyllis Taylor
req Dorothy Bergmann & family
Cathy Doody
req family
Mary Jack
req Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Cruz & family
Liz Stewart
req Dorothy Radjenovich

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

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

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Children's' School Mass

9:15 a.m. Barry Snow
req Phyllis Melko

Friday, December 13, 2019

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

Saturday, December 14, 2019

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

Sunday, December 15, 2019

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

Ministries

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Lectors Suzanne Melanson & David Hartwell

Eucharistic Ministers Deacon R. Smyth & Josie Cruz

Parish Legacies & Bequests

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

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Total Revenue \$1,820.00

One Heart, One Soul Parish Update

Parish Goal: \$130,000.00

Funds Pledged so far: \$152,457.00

Thank You!

Sunday Missals

New Sunday Missals are on sale at the doors of the church for \$5.00 each.



LAUDATO SI – ON THE CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

An Encyclical published by His Holiness Pope Francis in 2015

Water is a human right and should not be a commodity to be bottled and sold for profit!

“Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity. This debt can be paid partly by an increase in funding to provide clean water and sanitary services among the poor. But water continues to be wasted, not only in the developing world but also in developed countries which possess it in abundance. An acute water shortage may occur within a few decades unless urgent action is taken. The environmental repercussions could affect billions of people; it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century.”

“The deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet: Both experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest. The depletion of fishing reserves especially hurts small fishing communities without the means to replace those resources; water pollution particularly affects the poor who cannot buy bottled water; and rises in the sea level mainly affect impoverished coastal populations who have nowhere else to go.”

Comment: Canada, one of the smallest countries by population, possesses 10% of all fresh-water resources in the world. As a country, our federal, provincial and municipal governments have failed the people of Canada by allowing the pollution of our water ways. Our governments have allowed our industries, especially the oil and gas companies and chemical companies to totally disregard the importance and value of water to our people. Thus, it is important as individuals to become aware of what has happened over the decades so that we can become advocates for our water resources to belong to the people. In the 1960's our provincial government allowed a chemical company to discharge about 9,000 kg of mercury into

the Wabigoon-English water system. This mercury contaminated the fish, thus taking away the livelihood of many indigenous people as well as poisoning First Nations communities causing serious health issues and death. Our provincial and federal governments have yet to correct this injustice.

All Canadians by now know about the destruction of the environment in the Alberta tar sands. The process of extracting oil necessitates the use of billions of liters of water every year. The oil companies are not buying this water, they are using it without any regard to the needs of the people who live there. The tailing ponds that result, are full of toxins. There are many examples world-wide of how mining and drilling companies destroy the environment and water sources. This is a crime against humanity. The United Nations declared at least 884 million people in the world lack access to clean water and 1.5 million children under the age of 5 die each year from waterborne-related diseases. I call upon all of us to reflect on this topic.

Vocations

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Michael King**, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com

2019 WHITE MASS

Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church, Burlington

Consistent with the white coats and uniforms formerly worn by physicians and nurses, the WHITE MASS is celebrated annually for the spiritual support of healthcare professionals, clergy, chaplains and all caregivers. Join us as we welcome Fr. Terrance McKenna who will celebrate this year’s WHITE MASS on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and St. Juan Diego, Monday December 9th at 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church, 2261 Parkway Dr. Burlington.

Refreshments and video of Our Lady of Guadalupe to follow. A good will offering would be appreciated to help cover expenses. For more information please call 905-335-6902.

DON'T FORGET OUR PARISH CENTRE

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



Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

Mon.	Dec. 9	Rev. Con O'Mahony
Tues.	Dec. 10	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wed.	Dec. 11	Sisters of St. John the Baptist
Thurs.	Dec. 12	Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa, S.A.C.
Fri.	Dec. 13	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Sat.	Dec. 14	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

Please give to help those less fortunate at Christmas!

Items needed:

Rice	Juice
Canned Salmon & Tuna	Cereal, Oatmeal
Canned Vegetables	Canned Fruit
Pasta & Sauce	Syrup & Jam
Peanut Butter	Baby Food
School Snacks (nut free)	Diapers

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Boxes of envelopes are at the back of the church. If you would like to have envelopes and do not find them at the back, please call the office at 905 383-3280 and we will make them available to you.

CCYMN Hope Comes Home Conference - The Canadian Youth Ministry Conference is being hosted Friday, February 21st to Sunday, February 23rd, 2020 in Hamilton. Through keynote addresses, workshops and prayerful collaboration with one another, we look forward to unpacking the fruits of the Synod, and finding ways of applying the Apostolic Exhortation-*Christus Vivit* to day-to-day ministerial and Parish life. We invite anyone working alongside young people to join us, including priests, religious, youth ministers, youth ministry volunteers, teachers, chaplaincy leaders and teams, and individuals working for catholic service agencies. There are bursaries available for those wishing to attend but may not be able to due to financial constraint. For more information about the conference, to register, or apply for a bursary please visit www.hopcomeshome.com. If you have any questions please contact Nicole McCowell, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, at nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext.2245.

