

## Mass for the Intentions Week

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

7:00 p.m. Cathy Doody  
req family  
Alicia Milanes  
req Marcia Villamoya  
Maureen Walsh  
req Norma Walsh  
Charles Wheeler  
req Marie Wright  
Elizabeth Varga  
req Lesley & family

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

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

**Thursday, December 13, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Eddie Rizzo  
req wife Cindy  
Bridget Van Kooten  
req Lynn & Len Falkiner

**Friday, December 14, 2018**

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

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

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

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

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

### PARISH MINISTRIES FOR THIS WEEK

**Lectors** Norma Walsh and Sarah Lupton

**Eucharistic Ministers** Josie Cruz & Jovi Otime

### VOCATIONS

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord?” If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988.

### 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.

### PARISH LEGACIES & BEQUESTS

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

**Weekly Donations for Sunday, November 25, 2018**

Total Offering \$4,095.20



### LAUDATO SI-ON THE CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

*An Encyclical published by His Holiness Pope Francis in 2015*

Pope Francis writes about: The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis! “A misguided anthropocentrism leads to a misguided lifestyle. When human beings place themselves at the center, they give absolute priority to immediate convenience and all else becomes relative. Hence, we should not be surprised to find the rise of a relativism which sees everything as irrelevant unless it serves one’s own immediate interests. The culture of relativism is the same disorder which drives one person to take advantage of another, to treat others as mere objects imposing forced labour on them or enslaving them to pay their debts. The same kind of thinking leads to the sexual exploitation of children and abandonment of the elderly who no longer serve our interests.”

“In the absence of objective truths or sound principles other than the satisfaction of our own desires and immediate needs, what limits can be placed on human trafficking, organized crime, the drug trade, commerce in blood diamonds and the fur of endangered species. This same “use and throw away” logic generates so much waste, because of the disordered desire to consume more than is really necessary.”

The Jesuit Forum for Faith and Social Justice published a dialogue guide for Laudato Si in 2016. Here are some valuable insights from this document.

“The most aggressive and dangerous corporate behaviour at present is the takeover of government functions and removal of basic citizen protection through so-called free trade treaties. The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the U.S. and the E.U. would grant unprecedented powers to transnational corporations to bring legal charges against governments in private arbitration tribunals if its present or future profits are threatened by a government decision.” Here in Canada an oil company sued the Province of Quebec for putting a moratorium on gas fracking.

“The Pope is deeply concerned that large privileged corporations have too much unaccountable power. Because they have the technological knowledge and resources to wield that power through massive advertising and communications, as well as substantial control of markets, financial institutions, data banks, property and especially money, they are able to reshape

our laws and educational systems and culture in their own narrow interests and ways of thinking.”

Comment: The “Sustainable Development Goals” are a set of goals, targets and indicators that the United Nation member states will be expected to use as they frame economic and political policies over the next 15 years. 193 countries signed on in September 2015. They placed a deadline of 2030 to achieve these goals. There are 17 goals. For the first time, they explicitly include global warming and climate change. Others aim for ending poverty in all its forms and everywhere; improving food security and nutrition; ensuring access to quality medical treatment at affordable costs; broadening everyone’s access to education; empowering women and girls; and providing clean water and sanitation to every community.”

This agreement commits governments to work toward providing affordable and sustainable energy and work to commit to full and productive employment. A constant theme of these goals is for everyone – ordinary citizens, businesses, non-governmental organizations as well as governments to cooperate to make these goals become reality. This is the action that Pope Francis supports, not the selfish hoarding of money and power by multinational corporations.

### **FORMED.ORG**

As presented last week the parish has purchased a subscription for formed.org. Formed.org is an on line streaming system that allows you to stream videos, audio books, study series and other Catholic content. To register yourself and your family please go to the following link, [mbssh.formed.org](http://mbssh.formed.org). All you need is an email address sign up.

### **GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE**

Please give to help those less fortunate at Christmas!

#### **Items needed:**

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| 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 COUNTERS NEEDED!**

We are in need of more collection counters. If you can count one week a month following mass please call the office at 905 383-3280

### **DIOCESE OF HAMILTON CAMPAIGN**

**What kinds of things does the Diocese do for Parishes and others already?** The good work of the Diocese of Hamilton is widespread. Here are a few examples of the ways diocesan offices enhance the life of our Parishes and people: Advocating for the dignity of all life and supporting and promoting marriage and family life. Encouraging vocational discernment to priesthood and religious life. Programming and support for youth and young adult ministry. Adult faith formation, catechesis, religious education and sacramental preparation. Assistance in the relocation and resettlement of refugees. Advocacy on behalf of the poor and marginalized. Assistance for Parishes in all aspects of sacred worship, including formation for liturgical ministers. Support for Parishes in the areas of human resources, building maintenance, financial reporting, stewardship, charitable giving and Parish development.

#### **Does the Diocese help organizations outside of it?**

Yes, the Diocese is generous to many in need. For example, the Diocese has an ongoing financial commitment to help the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which is still suffering from the effects of the devastating earthquake there in 2010, and the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay, which includes northern Manitoba and the territory of Nunavut. The Diocese also supports many worthy causes within and outside of the Diocese, such as: organizations who support the poor and marginalized, like St. Vincent de Paul, the Good Shepherd and several others; health care initiatives, including hospice care and conscience protection for those in the medical field; community organizations such as the Catholic Youth Organization, Catholic Family Services and Catholic Children’s Aid; and several other organizations and causes in need who do the work of the gospel. Additionally, the Diocese is proud to have made a significant gift to St. Peter’s Seminary in London, helping to ensure the seminary can continue its mission to form priests for our Diocese and the Church in Canada.

#### **Why a significant gift to a seminary in another Diocese?**

There is a longstanding and fruitful connection between St. Peter’s Seminary in London and the Diocese of Hamilton. For more than a hundred years, St. Peter’s has trained a majority of our diocesan Priests – and those of so many Canadian dioceses. Of the current Hamilton seminarians, the majority are at St. Peter’s, which is one of only three English-speaking seminaries in Canada. Hamilton Priests have also served on the seminary’s staff. The seminary is in need – these funds were required for St. Peter’s to continue its mission of forming Priests, deacons and lay ministers – and its vitality is important to the long-term outlook for vocations in Hamilton.