

Mass for the Intentions Week

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

7:00 p.m. Cathy Doody
req family
David Connell
req Gus & Aldona Hubbard
Teresa Gondek
req Dorothy Radjenovich
Carl, Owen & John Miller
req sister Marie
Manuel Quinsay
req Labuguen family

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

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

Thursday, March 28, 2019

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Maureen Wilcox and
members of Sacred Heart Legion of Mary
req Phyllis Melko

Friday, March 29, 2019

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

Saturday, March 30, 2019

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

Sunday, March 31, 2019

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

Parish Ministries

Sunday March 24, 2019

Lectors David Hartwell & Suzanne Melanson

Eucharistic Ministers Alex Mensah & Nida Casabuena

Vocations

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. 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.



Third Sunday of Lent

I have witnessed the affliction of my people. (Exodus 3:7)

On Ash Wednesday, we began Lent with the age-old call to repentance: “Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping and mourning” (Joel 2:12). That theme continues in today’s second reading and Gospel. But the first reading is something different. It’s not about our need to repent; it’s about God’s free overflowing mercy. For the children of Abraham, God’s mercy came in the form of release from slavery in Egypt. For us that mercy comes in the form of release from slavery to sin. God showed mercy and grace to the Israelites, not because they were perfect, but because they were his people and he cared for them. Likewise, He shows mercy to us because we are his children, and He doesn’t want to see us bound in sin. Exodus was just the beginning too. From age to age, God has shown himself to be merciful toward his people. He told Moses that this is how he should always be remembered: “The Lord, the Lord, a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity” (Exodus 34:6). Other prophets then continued the teaching, always referring to God as “gracious and merciful”. Even the psalms praise God’s mercy repeatedly. When Jesus came, he focused his ministry on the mercy and graciousness of His heavenly Father as well. But even more important, He showed Himself to be the very mercy of God. He refused to condemn a woman caught in adultery. He welcomed tax collectors and sinners as disciples. And best of all,

He promised the thief on the cross, “Today you will be with me in Paradise”

It’s no wonder that one of the most common sentences Jesus heard while he was on earth was “Have mercy on me!” It’s a prayer He cannot help but answer!

“Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy.”



It's KICKOFF time!

The preparation phase of the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton is moving into the active phase! A campaign kickoff Mass will be held at noon on Monday, March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI. The Pilot Wave Parishes will be holding kickoffs for their own efforts in April. Three additional waves over the next two years will allow every Parish in the Diocese to participate. Most of the funds from the three-year campaign will go to Parish projects, with a special emphasis on the Parishes most in need. A number of diocesan ministries will benefit as well. A series of Frequently Asked Questions about the campaign can be found on the campaign website – www.oneheartonesoul.ca

Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

Mon. Mar. 25 Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.
 Tues. Mar. 26 Rev. Frederick Scinto, C.R.
 Wed. Mar. 27 Chancery Staff
 Thurs. Mar. 28 Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.
 Fri. Mar. 29 Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.
 Sat. Mar. 30 Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.



MARK YOUR Calendars! The Pasta Dinner this year supporting Development and Peace will be held on Sunday, March 31, at Michaelangelo's Banquet Centre. Supper at 5:00 p.m. and tickets will be \$20.00 per person. Tickets can be ordered through Sacred Heart Parish office at 905 383-3280. Bring your friends and your family.



CWL Membership

Membership Fees are due. You can use your CWL fees envelope in your weekly donation envelopes box or, in a plain envelope with your name and address on it, enclose \$20.00 and put it in the collection basket.
Mark your Calendar – Sacred Heart C.W.L. Luncheon will take place on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

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 17, 2019

Total Revenue \$2,228.20

Notes from The Catholic Cemeteries

Families are kindly reminded to remove all wreaths on stands and other winter decorations from their lots by **April 1st** to facilitate the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths and decorations remaining after April 1st will be removed and discarded. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the cemetery office at 905-522-7727.

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.

Are you Getting Married? The Diocese of Hamilton offers three education options for those marrying: Marriage Preparation, Catholic Engaged Encounter, or Remarriage (where one or both people have been previously married). Find out more about these options on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The first step after engagement is to meet with your parish priest; then book one of the marriage preparation options. Book your course early to avoid issues finding a date that works for you.

