

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, April 20th

8:00am + Giau Van Pham
+ Bui Kha
+ Helen Morkin
In Thanksgiving
7:00pm + Maria Manera

WEDNESDAY, April 21st

8:00am + Alegene Tela
7:00pm + Bill Synnott
+ Martha Prazel
+ Edmund Sharratt

THURSDAY, April 22nd

8:00am Intentions of Remedios Gonzales
7:00pm All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, April 23rd

8:00am + Marlena and Julius Casar Tamarra
7:00pm + Maria Manera

SATURDAY, April 24th

9:00am + Leonard Terrey
5:00pm Intentions of Thomas Tran

SUNDAY, April 25th

7:00am Intentions of Parishioners
8:30am + Antonio Finoro
10:15am Intentions of Parishioners
12:00noon + Alegene Tela
1:30pm Intentions of Parishioners



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, and 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 April 18th, 2021

Candle #1 - VANESSA PONTALBA

Candle #2 - ARSENIO PONTALBA

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 Offerings: April 10/11 \$4,232.30
Easter Offerings \$760.00
Share Lent - Development & Peace \$5,968.00
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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

We are still waiting for further instructions from the Diocese of Hamilton on the recent announcement from the Ontario Government. This weekend Masses will still take place as per the shut-down regulations. The same guidelines handed down by the Government and the Diocese of Hamilton will be in affect: mandatory mask wearing and using the sanitizer at the entrance.

This weekend Mass Schedule is:

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:15am, 12noon and 1:30pm

Confessions will be by appointment only. Please call the office to make an appointment to see Fr Bergsma or Fr Gregory.

SUNDAY REFLECTION



Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45)

If you read through the resurrection account in Luke's Gospel, you might be surprised at how often the risen Jesus explains the Scriptures to his disciples. All the disciples - from two on the road to Emmaus to the ones gathered in the upper room - seemed to be "slow of heart to believe" (Luke 24:25). But the disciples' lack of understanding was not a problem for Jesus. He was happy to help them understand the Scriptures. And when he did, it was as if a light had turned on for them. Recent confusing events began to make sense. They had joy and hope; they knew they could trust God.

Jesus wants to do that for you too. He knows the question you have and the ways your hope and joy need a lift. And he is ready to do something about it. So the best thing you can do is spend time reading the Bible. Hearing the readings at Mass or reading the magazine is a great start. The more time you spend with the Scriptures, the more Jesus can bring them to life for you.

For instance, when you read "The Lord is my shepherd, there is

nothing I lack” (Psalm 23:1), Jesus might help you see that, as your Good Shepherd, he will take care of the worrisome details of your life. Or when you read :I go and prepare a place for you” (John 14:3), Jesus might lift some of your sadness and give you hope for a departed loved one. You might even start to find joy as you look forward to heaven!

Every time you open your Bible, Jesus is ready to help you know him better. As he opened the minds of his disciples after his resurrection, he can speak to you through his word. Let him “turn the light on” for you. Let him lift your hope and give you joy. *“Lord, I want to know you better. Help me understand the Scriptures more.” Excerpt from the Word Among Us.*

CWL MEMBERSHIP

Dear CWL Ladies we really miss you! Unfortunately, due to COVID19, we are unable to have our regular monthly meetings and sadly we missed having our Christmas Bazaar and Spring Market and Annual Dinner. Please continue to pray that going forward with everyone getting a vaccine and continuing with masks and social distancing, hopefully we can get back to our regular CWL activities as soon as permitted. Also, please be assured that all our Sister members are still praying strongly for each other. If you have not paid your \$25.00 Membership for 2021 you may drop it off or mail it to the parish office in an envelope marked CWL MEMBERSHIP including your name and address. Contact Pat Grosicki at 519-821-4104 or Sharon Huska 519-821-4505 if you have any questions or wish to make arrangements to pay another way. Thank you so much.

DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

Trusting in the unconditional love of God: that is the way to which Jesus calls us. The more firmly you grasp this, the more readily will you be able to perceive why there is so much suspicion, jealousy, bitterness, vindictiveness, hatred, violence, and discord in our world. Jesus himself interprets this by comparing God’s love to the light. He says:



Though the light has come into the world people have preferred darkness to light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, to prevent his actions from being shown up; but whoever does the truth comes out into the light, so that what he is doing may plainly appear as done in God.

Jesus sees the evil in this world as a lack of trust in God’s love. He makes us see that we persistently fall back on ourselves, rely more on ourselves than on God, and are inclined more to love of self than love of God. So we remain in darkness. If we walk in the light, then we are enabled to acknowledge that everything good, beautiful, and true comes from God and is offered to us in love.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The amount of time spent together as a family during COVID might be considered by some to be too much, but it may also be filling a real need. Past research has shown that children consistently identify a desire to spend more time with their parents and family. Time for them means direct, active engagement. The long-term benefits to family relationships are proven: children grow up healthier in mind, body and spirit. Enjoying quality time with their family’s means children are more likely to turn to their

family for love and support, keeping them healthy. So play with your kids, watch a movie together and discuss its message(s), pray together, be active together, cook together and/or clean together; the possibilities are endless. So remember, time with family is powerful when it is interactive, shared by all and fun!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

At the heart of every relationship there needs to be a foundation of love and respect. When couples respect each other, including their differences, they continually build each other up and enjoy time together. When we respect the other in relationship, we can accept their desire to influence us with their understanding of what is true, good and beautiful. When we are open to our spouse’s view of things, we not only grow, but we grow together. When we grow together, we cannot help but grow in love.

ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021 Registration

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com, simply click on the Anniversary Mass icon on the home page. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. If you have questions contact familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

The following Prayer was prayed by Pope Francis on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph

Prayer to St Joseph

Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation.

Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know — like you do — how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility.



Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters.

Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

Bless, O St Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

Accompany, O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor.

With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic.