

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, April 13th

8:00am + Wayne Tessaro
+ Bui Kha
+ Martha Prezel
+ Virgilio Reyes
In Thanksgiving
7:00pm Deceased Members of CWL

WEDNESDAY, April 14th

8:00am + Maria Manera
7:00pm + Renato Finoro
+ Edmund Sharratt
+ Marlene Brumby

THURSDAY, April 15th

8:00am + Larry Valeriotte
7:00pm + Guido Gatto

FRIDAY, April 16th

8:00am Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm + Brian McCulloch

SATURDAY, April 17th

9:00am Intentions of Parishioners
5:00pm + Bui Kha

SUNDAY, April 18th

7:00am Intentions of Parishioners
8:30am + Emilia Finoro
10:15am Intentions of Parishioners
12:00noon + Don Daly
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

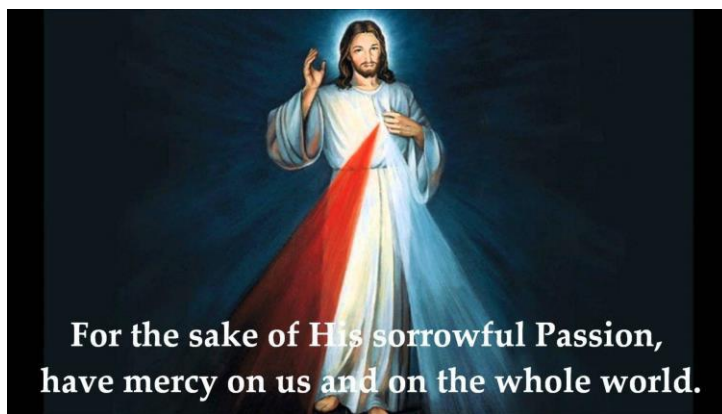
INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of April 11th, 2021

Candle #1 – EDMUND SHARRATT

Candle #2 – NHAN TRAN and FAMILY

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 3/4 \$5,476.20
Easter Offerings: April 3/4 \$5,820.00
Good Friday: April 2 \$2583.00
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:

In this stay-at-home order, we are still able to celebrate Mass at 15% capacity, which means 90 people. The 90 people includes Father, lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, cantor, and musician. 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.

Mass Schedule during this time:

Tuesday to Friday 8:00am and 7:00pm
Saturday Morning at 9:00am
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

My Lord and my God! (John 20:28)
From a homily by Pope Francis for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 2013:



“In today's Gospel, the apostle Thomas personally experiences the mercy of God, which has a concrete face, the face of Jesus, the risen Jesus. Thomas does not believe it when the other apostles tell him, “we have seen the Lord” (John 20:25). It isn't enough for him that Jesus had foretold it...He wants to see; he wants to put his hand in the place of the nails and in Jesus' side. “and how does Jesus react? With patience: Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief; he gives him a week's time, he does not close the door, he waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith.

“My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28). With this simple yet faith-filled invocation, he responds to Jesus' patience. He lets himself be enveloped by divine mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ's hands and feet and in his open side, and he discovers trust: he is a new man, no longer an unbeliever, but a believer... “Maybe someone among us here is thinking: my sin is so great; I am as far from God as the younger son in the parable, my unbelief is like that of Thomas; I don't have the courage to go back, to believe that God can welcome me and that he is waiting for me, of all people. But God is indeed waiting for you; he asks of you only the courage to go to him...”

“Let us find the courage to return to his home, to dwell in his loving wounds, allowing ourselves to be loved by him and to encounter his mercy

in the sacraments. We will feel his wonderful tenderness, we will feel his embrace, and we too will become more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love.”

THE BUTTERFLY:

Christian tradition views the butterfly as a symbol of resurrection. As we know, Christ died on the cross, was buried in a tomb for three days, and came to life again to offer hope of life after death. For Christians, butterflies are especially significant symbols during the Easter season. The butterfly can be seen as the insect who "dies" as a caterpillar, is buried in the cocoon for a length of time, and emerges in a new life.

DIVINE MERCY

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her:

Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (Diary, 47, 48). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (47).

At the request of her spiritual director, St. Faustina asked the Lord about the meaning of the rays in the image. She heard these words in reply:

The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (299). By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (742).

These words indicate that the Image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist. *Excerpt from divinemercy.org*

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.

THANK YOU – All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

We want to thank St. Joseph's parish community for their generosity on the food drive over the weekend of March 26-27. This food will help reduce the food insecurity that many in the community of both our churches reside. Between January to March 2021, we have provided food to just over 800 people in 90 families. Thank you for your continued support of our market. Julianna Stephens, Silvercreek Community Market.

DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

The spiritual life starts at the place where you can hear God's voice. Where somehow you can claim that long before your father, your mother, your brother, your sister, your school, your church touched you, loved you, and wounded you—long before that, you were held safe in an eternal embrace. You were seen with eyes of perfect love long before you entered into the dark valley of life.



The spiritual life starts at the moment that you can go beyond all of the wounds and claim that there was a love that was perfect and unlimited, long before that perfect love became reflected in the imperfect and limited, conditional love of people.

The spiritual life starts where you dare to claim the first love. "Love one another because I have loved you first" (see John 4:19).

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 familyminstry@hamiltondiocese.com.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

BLESSED Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. Thou protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as thy son, thou rescued Him from danger of death. Defend the Church, the Household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May thy prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.

