

PALM SUNDAY

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, March 30th

8:00am + Larry Valeriotte
+ Bui Kha
+ Rakhee Balchand
7:00pm Intentions of Maria Sharratt

WEDNESDAY, March 31st

8:00am + Maria Manera
7:00pm + Deno Tonin
+ Francis Raffo
+ Margaret Rogers
+ Martha Prezel
In Thanksgiving

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st

7:00pm LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd

10:00am Passion Liturgy
12:00noon Passion Liturgy
3:00pm Passion Liturgy
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL, April 3rd

8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4th

8:30am + Martin Garcia
10:15am + Maria Manera
12:00noon Intentions of Parish Parishioners

EASTER MONDAY, April 5th

8:00am + Rick Vadori



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 March 28th, 2021

Candle #1 – THANKSGIVING TO ST JOSEPH

Candle #2 – JOHN PROULX

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: March 20/21, 2021 \$5,159.90

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:

The Premier of Ontario recently announced that the Province of Ontario will be easing the restrictions as of Tuesday February 16th. This means the church will be open for regular scheduling of Masses at 30% capacity. 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.

As of Thursday February 18th, our regular schedule for Masses will commence: weekday's at 8am, 7pm and Saturday morning at 9am. Weekend Masses: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am (Live Streamed) and 12noon.



SUNDAY REFLECTION

God knows we can be stubborn people, tied to entrenched habits, behaviours and opinions. Palm Sunday launches a week that espouses a new way of doing things, untying us from old behaviours and beliefs. But the

Palm Sunday message of a beckoning new regime has always been met with stubborn resistance. The two apostles who were went ahead into the village to untie a donkey colt and bring it back for Jesus to ride into Jerusalem surely must have quietly resisted the request. The apostles likely dreaded the task of untying and taking a colt that did not belong to them in the midst of protective bystanders.

After initially questioning the apostles for untying the colt, the villagers apparently accepted the apostles' explanation that the master needed it and dropped their objections. An underlying Holy Week theme for Jesus and all his followers is to eschew human single-mindedness and instead accept the will of God. The two apostles and the villagers untied themselves from natural inclinations and acquiesced to the divine man.

As Jesus rode the colt toward Jerusalem and a date with profound suffering and death to provide us redemption from sin, bystanders threw off their cloaks of unbelief and spread them on the road that let to Christ's new kingdom. We should be open to doing the same. **Excerpt from Living with Christ.**

LIVE STREAM MASS – HOLY WEEK

The following Masses will be available via St Joseph [YouTube channel](#):

Palm Sunday at 10:15am

Holy Thursday at 7pm

Good Friday at 3pm

Easter Vigil at 8pm

Easter Sunday at 10:15am





IN MEMORIUM FLORAL TRIBUTES

Would you like your loved one(s) remembered at Easter? Just make a donation towards the Easter flowers, and we will post their names on our website and remember them in our prayers during Easter. **Please use one of your own envelopes marked "Flowers" in the Sunday collection or the Parish Office. Be sure to print your loved one's name clearly on the envelope. Please submit these donations by**

Wednesday, March 31st to the Parish Office. Thank you for your consideration.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS

We will have the traditional Blessing of the Easter food on Saturday, April 3 at 12 noon in the parking lot. Please place your food in your trunk with your trunk left open. Stay in your car and we will bless the food and walk by with Holy Water.



ONE HEART ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on how our campaign has gone to date. We have raised 97% of our minimum goal. We are only \$16,000 away from reaching that goal. If you have yet to contribute to the campaign there is still time to do so. Please contact Tracy at the Parish Office.

DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

It is central in the biblical tradition that God's love for his people should not be forgotten. It should remain with us in the present. When everything is dark, when we are surrounded by despairing voices, when we do not see any exits, then we can find salvation in a remembered love, a love that is not simply a wistful recollection of a bygone past, but a living force that sustains us in the present. Through memory, love transcends the limits of time and offers hope at any moment of our lives.



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.

Pornography: The Threat, Impact and Catholic Remedy

Pornography is one of the most important issues to understand in our world today. With the ease of its availability on the internet, it has affected people of all ages and backgrounds, whether male or female. Pornography today is violent and degrading and often involves young people who have been sex-trafficked. **Join us on zoom (by internet or phone) March 25th from 7-8:30 P.M.** and hear more about the threat and impact of pornography on children and adults, how we can educate ourselves and our children to counter its negative influence and how our Catholic faith provides hope to those impacted. Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph Di Loreto. Registration is required so we can send you the zoom link, but the session is free of charge. This is an important issue which will not go away unless we provide tools for people (including parents) to end its destructive use. Consider registering to learn how more on this issue at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help>.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

The Reel Justice Film Festival is back for another year! A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the *Reel Justice Film Festival* shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice. Films are screened once a month and provide an opportunity for community discussion about ways we can all support actions for change. Details and the full schedule can be found at: reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com. This year the festival is going virtual! All of the films will be available online. **Special family friendly screening March 25th 6:30pm – 8:00pm - To the Arctic**, narrated by Oscar winner Meryl Streep. The film takes audiences into the lives of a mother polar bear and her twin seven-month-old cubs, as they navigate the changing Arctic wilderness they call home. RSVP online or by email at library@hamiltondiocese.com. Join the discussion!

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – EASTER COLOURING CONTEST

Prize awarded to the top two entrants as selected by the judges: \$25 gift certificate to St. Joseph bookstore.

Guidelines:

1. Each entry must be taken to the parish mailbox by April 5th Please include your name, age and contact information on back of submission.
2. Only 1 submission per person.
3. No electronic submissions will be accepted. We want to see your talent.
4. Artwork for colouring must be downloaded from this website.

Instructions:

1. Print off desired image according to age category for submitting.
2. Ages 4-9 must use either pencil crayons or crayons: Younger Colouring Page (www.thecatholickid.com/lent-coloring-page-cross-draped-cnt-mls)
3. Ages 10-15 must use either pencil crayons or paint: Older Colouring Page (www.thecatholickid.com/category/catholic-coloring-pages/lent).

Have fun everyone! We look forward to your beautiful entries. When you're done with our Contest there are more great pages to colour available here: www.thecatholickid.com/category/catholic-coloring-pages

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.