

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, February 20

No Mass

Tuesday, February 21

7:00 p.m. Joe and Maria Gasper
Mary Schumaker
Angus Hughes
Harold Hunt
Intention of David Kreze and family

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Alfred and Emma Holl

Thursday, February 23

9:30 a.m. Intention of Students and Staff of
St. Daniel School
10:00 a.m. Lydia Benko (at Sunnyside)

Friday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Intention of Loretta Okum

Saturday, February 25

5:00 p.m. Tom Karel and Anna Safarik
Frank Maloney
Anna Kim Vo
Amelia Garent
George Bernardo and DeSa Family

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 19

5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

Monday, February 20

7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, February 22

7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir

Thursday, February 23

7:00 p.m. First Communion Caregiver Meeting
7:30 p.m. Sunday Choir

Saturday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Cursillo
5:00 p.m. First Communion Enrolment

Sunday, February 26

10:30 a.m. First Communion Enrolment
12:30 p.m. Baptisms
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 18, 19, 2017

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

THE RIGHT CHOICE



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challenge Jesus puts to us today. He tells us we must love and pray for people who not only don't love us, but who wish us harm and even work against us. Is that even possible? Maybe there are

one or two saints who could pull it off, but most of us would find it too hard to resist the urge for payback when we feel we have been wronged. Yet Jesus is very clear: he is asking us to be perfect!

But before giving up in dismay – after all, who is perfect? – let's look at what else Jesus tells us. Every single day, the sun rises and gives warmth and light to everyone and everything: the young, the old, the sick, the healthy – and the good and the bad. The rain, too, doesn't fall only in deserving places. It just falls – and cleans and nourishes whatever and whomever it lands on. Neither the sunshine nor the rain makes judgements about who should receive them and who should not. They simply offer to the world the goodness that is at the heart of their being.

So we, too, should hold back on making judgments, no matter how appealing that might be. Instead, we are asked simply to offer our inner goodness to the world – forgiveness, love. This is not easy, but who said being a follower of Jesus would be easy?

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Reverend Donald Sanvido
Tuesday Reverend Timothy Higgins
Wednesday Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Thursday Reverend Tom Moisan
Friday Reverend Jeffery Oehring
Saturday Reverend Ronald Voisin

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

New Hymnals

Over the years, our *Glory & Praise* hymnals have served us well. Many remark how the pieces contained within it are near and dear to their hearts. Sadly, the books are showing their age, and some are beginning to degrade beyond repair. Last fall our pastoral and music ministry teams began the process of selecting a replacement. Many different hymnals and suppliers were considered, and I am pleased to announce that we have purchased a full set of *Gather* hymnals. These beautifully made books contain a good mix of contemporary pieces and old favourites, as well as musical settings for the Mass that reflect the latest translation of the Roman Missal. Expect to see (and hear) them in use later on in the calendar year, once our music ministers have had a chance to practice with them. A special thanks to Gerry Grundy for all his hard work on this project behind the scenes.

Beginning next week, the parish will begin accepting \$35 donations to assist in covering the cost of these books. Many people choose to make such donations in honour of a loved one who has passed away. With each donation, one of our new hymnals will be inscribed handsomely with the name of the person remembered and, if desired, the name of the donor or donor family. Donations can also be made without a memorial intention. Please see the display in the narthex of the church for more information, to view sample inscriptions, or to make your donation. We have only 400 hymnals to inscribe, so interested parishioners are encouraged to act quickly. As always, the parish is grateful for your generous support of this investment in the future of our music ministry.

Lenten Faith-Formation Series

Several people have inquired lately about whether or not the parish will be hosting an adult faith-formation series this year. We have had great success with seminars and study programmes in the past, and it makes sense to combine this enthusiasm with the season of Lent, when many of us are looking already for opportunities to stretch our spiritual comfort zones.

Beginning **Wednesday, March 8th** the parish will offer the *Forgiven* series, prepared by Lighthouse Catholic Media. This fresh and powerfully moving programme is meant to highlight the transforming power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and includes many real-life accounts as well as a step-by-step walk-through of what to expect in the confessional. There is a buzz forming around this new series, come and find out what all the talk is about! The series will run weekly in Lent on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., with encore presentations on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for those with busy weeknight schedules. See next week's bulletin for a full outline and more details.

WE ARE HOSTING THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – MARCH 3, 2017



It is our parish's privilege to welcome members of neighboring Christian churches as host of this year's local World Day of Prayer celebration Friday, March 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Our prayer service, "*Am I Being Unfair to You?*" was prepared by women from the Philippines. Our pastor, Father Allen Varlaki, will preach as we join Christians around the world in prayer.

We warmly invite all to join us.

Prayer and action are inseparable. Both have immeasurable influence on the world!



"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Canadian Food for Children is in need of cooking oil to send to the needy around the world. The Catholic Women's League will oversee this collection for the month of February and is asking parishioners to contribute cooking oil. Boxes are clearly signed and at the doors of the church. Thanking you for your generosity in advance.



CWL VALENTINE CUPCAKE SALE

Our Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone who donated baking to our Valentine Cupcake Sale. Also, a huge thank you to all of you who bought the creative cupcakes for your special someone. Our sale was a huge success. Thanks again.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY

The annual CWL Card Party will take place in the Parish Life Centre on Wednesday, April 26th. Tickets are available at the parish office for \$15.00 each during office hours or by calling Joan Schurter at 519-893-7429. Tickets will also be sold after all Masses on February 25th and 26th and March 4th and 5th. This is usually a sell-out event so get your tickets soon. Thank you.





A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 24th, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

FIRST COMMUNION CAREGIVER MEETING

Parents and caregivers with children preparing to receive First Holy Communion at St. Anthony Daniel Parish are reminded of our meeting Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Centre. A reminder that this meeting is directed at parents.



FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT

All children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion this year are invited to join us at the 5:00 p.m. or 10:30 a.m. Masses February 25th 26th or March 4th/5th for their Enrolment. We look forward to celebrating this step in your preparation with you!

INSECTS IN THE BIBLE



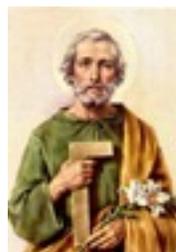
A special program on The Saint John's Bible "Insects in the Bible: An Intertextual Approach" will take place at the Royal Botanical Gardens Rock Garden on Saturday March 11, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Father Michael Patella, OSB and Sabrina Hall will consider some of the insects featured in The Saint John's Bible. Cost \$30. Pre-register by March 1st at www.rbg.ca or call 1-800-694-4769.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICES WITH TAIZÉ SONGS



We continue with an opportunity to join other Christians to pray for Christian Unity worldwide on Sunday, February 26th at 7:30 p.m., hosted by Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, 57 Stirling Avenue North, Kitchener, phone 519-745-4769.

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH



The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Saint Joseph, March 11th to March 19th. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Saint Joseph. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. # 1
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Wednesday, March 29th at St. Jacobs' Country Playhouse Theatre – a musical splash – 1920's Hollywood is the setting for this zany, light-hearted romantic comedy about the early days of sound film. Bus leaves the church at 1:00 p.m. Price for show and bus is \$47.00. Tickets must be reserved and paid for by February 27th. Call Joan at 519-893-7429 for more information.



ATTENTION 2017

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



The St. Anthony Daniel Council of the Catholic Women's League will once again be awarding a \$100 bursary to one graduating high school student (male or female) who is part of the St. Anthony Daniel Parish community and actively demonstrates that they are living our parish mission statement.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony Daniel Parish is a welcoming faith community, nourished by prayer, Word, and sacrament, committed to living out the Gospel message of love and service to all God's people.

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Applications can be obtained from the Parish office or from a member of our Pastoral Team. APPLICATIONS CLOSE at 3:00 p.m. on April 14, 2017.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts will be mailed out on February 23rd and 24th. Thank you to all parishioners for their patience. If you believe there to be a discrepancy in your receipt, please contact the parish office during office hours.

