

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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February 8, 2015

Mass Intentions this week

Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

February 13 to February 15th.

Friday 12:noon †Intentions of Mary

Saturday 5:00 pm †Elio Petrella, Dan Moore, Cecil & Anne Fulcher, deceased members of the McAllindon Family, Souls in Purgatory



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of : Bernice Filby and repose of her soul. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, February 9	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka, O.F.M. Conv.
Tuesday, February 10	Rev. Niaz Toma
Wednesday, February 11	Basilian Fathers (C.S.B.)
Thursday, February 12	Rev. Gary Schlack
Friday, February 13	Rev. Piotr Jurzyk
Saturday, February 14	Rev. Mark Morley

OFFERTORY. Last week was \$3377.95 and our budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on *Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.*

Classes will be after the 9:30 am Mass on February 8 and March 8, 2015, in the Rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST will be celebrated during Sunday Masses on *April 18, 19 and April 25, 26, 2015.*

Reconciliation Liturgy is *February 26, or March 12* at 7 pm. Parent Meeting *March 26* at 7 pm in the Hall.

GOOD LEADERS, GOOD SHEPHERDS:

Once again, Father Earl joins 38 of our priests in this ongoing programme this week. Your continued prayers are appreciated!

MEDITATION

We all know people – in our family, among our friends or colleagues – who would agree with Job’s complaints in today’s first reading. At some point in life we all encounter suffering, both our own and that of our dear ones. Whatever form it takes, physical or psychological, suffering always raises questions: Why? Why me? Why is life so unjust? What can we do to help people who suffer?

For those of us who believe in God, even more questions well up: Why does God allow the suffering of innocents? Where is God or why does God remain silent when we suffer? Job speaks not only about himself; he speaks on our behalf. In the midst of his struggle with suffering, Job never fails to count on his relationship with God: “Remember me, O Lord ...” And whatever the appearances, God never abandons Job.

There is no theoretical answer that is satisfying about questions such as: Why suffering? Why me? We find the real answer from God in Jesus, who always cares for the sick and the suffering, to the point of curing as many as possible. He has taken upon himself “all our sicknesses and our sins.” Let us give thanks to Jesus, who shared our human condition – and revealed to us God’s loving care for all those who struggle with suffering.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

Regional meeting – Sat. Feb. 21st 9:00 am – 3 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Winona. All members are urged to attend. If interested, please call 519-752-1331 to arrange car pool. Letter of invitation and agenda are posted on the bulletin board at the back of church.

General meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 24 – Members will be participating in the reading of the Stations of the Cross immediately following the 6:30 pm Mass. A brief business meeting will follow in the rectory meeting room with time for fellowship.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday February 17, 2015

Church Hall 5:00 – 7:30 PM

Adults -- \$7.00

Youth (13 – 18) --\$6.00

Children (6 --12) -- \$4:00

Children 5 and under – free.

LENT IS COMING!!

We approach the Lenten season as a time to come closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As people of faith, we invite others in our parish, our schools, and our community to join us in opening our hearts to solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South and take action together to build a better world.

For almost 50 years, Canadian Catholics have generously and faithfully responded to the cry of the poor by giving generously to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. We have walked side by side with the women, men and children who experience the injustice of poverty, no matter where they may be.

This Lent we are being asked to sow seeds of love as we continue to lead the "One Human Family, food for all" campaign across Canada, which was launched by Pope Francis in December 2013. With other members of Caritas International around the world, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace works to build a world where no one goes hungry. Lent Begins February 18th.

LENTEN MASSES – All Lenten Masses will be celebrated in the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Various parish groups will lead us in the Stations of the Cross following the 6:30 pm Mass on the following Tuesdays: February 24th, March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th, and March 24th. Mass and Stations – a good way to pray in Lent.

INVITATION: Open house *Tuesday, February 10 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm*. Is your child starting school this year? Discover the French Catholic School Near you. YourFrenchSchool.ca
Sainte-Marguerite-Bourgeoys, 60, avenue Clench, Brantford, ON N3T 1B8 (519) 756-4750
<http://smbb.csdccs.edu.on.ca> no tuition fees, full day JK and SK, guaranteed bilingual.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – with Bishop Crosby at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton on *Sunday June 7th, 2015 at 1:30 pm*; for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years in the calendar year 2015. Registration forms are available on the poster on the bulletin board at the back of the Church.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016, KRAKOW, POLAND

Join us July 19 – August 2, 2016 as we participate in World Youth Day activities both in Days in the diocese and in Krakow, Poland. The pilgrimage includes return flight, 14 days in Poland, accommodation, busing and

most meals. 5 "Days in the Diocese", 7 days World Youth Day, 2 days sightseeing. Space is limited book today! Participants must be 18 – 35 yrs of age at time of travel. Contact David Dayler at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988 x 2226, ddayler@hamiltondiocese.com or visit our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information and registration forms.

Pope Francis has called a Synod of Marriage and Family to be held in October of 2015 which is to include Bishops from around the world. – **this is your invitation to participate** in the gathering of information from the Hamilton Diocese. There are two ways that you may submit your responses:

1. Fill in the questionnaire which can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan web site at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The questionnaire seeks information from the faithful on the content of the Lineamenta, which is the working document for the upcoming Synod. It can be completed on line, or printed and faxed or mailed to the Family Ministry Office. **The deadline for submission is Feb. 27, 2015.**
2. **Attend one of two focus group gatherings** where the questionnaire will be discussed and responses collected to include in the final report. **Both gatherings will occur from 7:00 - 9:00 pm** and you are asked to RRSP by phone (905-528-7988 ext. 2249) or e-mail (familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com) if you plan to attend. You may join in a focus group at **St. Michael Parish** (240 Hemlock Street, Waterloo) on **Tuesday, Feb. 17th** or at the **Chancery Office** (700 King Street West, Hamilton) on **Thursday, Feb. 19th**.

The information being gathered will provide essential input to the Bishops as they prepare for the Synod. Please consider engaging in this process in one or both of the ways provided. For further information contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 7, 2015, 9 am – 5:30 pm - Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St., W., Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck, Guest Speaker: Al Kresta. High Mass (with Sunday readings) Celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Separate Youth Event (13-18 yrs.) Music, Skits, Power-packed Talks. For Tickets (Adult \$20/Youth \$10) call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510/. Email: LJHR@rogers.com, visit: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org.