

# THE 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 26, 2017

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**Mass Intentions this week**

*March 1 – March 5*

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

**Ash**

**Wednesday (Both Masses in Church)**

**8:00 am** †Jack Rowley

**7:00 pm** †Intentions of Theresa Neary

**Friday 12 : noon** †William Beilstein, David

Hubbert, Intentions of Ray Smith and Family

**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Nancy Ann Morin, Mary Ann

Grossett, Lorraine Heidler , Living & deceased members

of the Gallant family, Intentions of George and Rita

Spencer, Theresa Neary

**ASH WEDNESDAY:**

In addition to our two parish Masses, there will be a Word Service with distribution of ashes (not Mass) at our three elementary Schools on Ash Wednesday (March 1<sup>st</sup>);

9:15 am – at St. Basil School

11:30 am – St. Gabriel School

1:40 pm at Christ the King School

P.S.: both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast, and abstinence from meat.



**Sanctuary Lamp** this week

Intentions of: John Kealy. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

| <b>DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR</b> |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday, February 27             | Rev. Duy Van Nguyen   |
| Tuesday, February 28            | Rev. Francis Hubilla  |
| Wednesday, March 1              | Ash Wednesday         |
| Thursday, March 2               | Rev. Peter Meyer      |
| Friday, March 3                 | Rev. James Petrie     |
| Saturday, March 4               | Rev. Joe Selvanayagam |

**OFFERTORY: Thank you!**

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| Sunday, Envelopes            | \$2,949.00       |
| Loose Collections:           | \$ 511.55        |
| Average Weekly Preauthorized | <u>\$ 485.00</u> |

Total Weekly Offering Feb. 19, 2017 \$3,939.55

Budget expenses for the week \$4,265.00

**MEDITATION**

Anxiety can be debilitating. Fear can not only hold our mind hostage, but can manifest itself through all sorts of physical symptoms. In today's readings – especially in the gospel – God reveals that he wants humanity to be free from the shackles of fear that can keep us from experiencing the fullness of life.

In the gospel, just before Jesus implores his listeners not to worry, he states that we cannot serve two masters. Who is Jesus referring to? The one master is God, but who is the other? Evil? Satan? In a way yes, but in another way, Jesus may be referring to a more specific manifestation of evil. Evil can hold our hopes, fears and expectations hostage by crippling us with anxiety. Instead of looking towards God, we can look to fear. We cannot therefore serve God, who is Love, and evil, which brings despair and uncertainty. The other master opposed to God is one of ill-will and misery.

In the first reading, God reassures Zion's people. They have not been abandoned to evil. God's love is beyond worldly limits and therefore cannot be depleted.

In today's world, the media, financial concerns, success all give reason to worry. Some worrying is normal. However, to let anxiety master us, is to give up hope that God is greater than all worldly obstacles.

Andrew Hume, Toronto, ON  
Novalis, Living with Christ

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Welcome to our next session in our parish hall on **Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am – 11:25 a.m.**

We continue to pray for you as you prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Parents of children who will celebrate First Reconciliation in March and First Holy Communion in April are reminded of these dates:

First Reconciliation: either

- **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** OR
- **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in our Church.

Adults will also be offered the opportunity to receive Reconciliation – three priests will be present each evening : two for the children and one for adults.

**Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper**

**Tuesday February 28, 2017, St. Basil -- Church Hall (Crown St.) 4:30 - 7:30 PM**

Adults -\$7.00, Youth (13-18) - \$6.00

Children (6-12) - \$4.00, Children 5 and under – free

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## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

All women are welcome to attend the CWL meeting, **Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>**. Bring a guest or senior member night. We will attend the pancake supper in our parish hall and then gather in the rectory meeting room for 7:00 pm. (No Mass this evening).

**LENTEN TWILIGHT RETREAT, Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. All parishioners are invited to attend "A Walk with Mary from Cana to Calvary" facilitated by David Dayler, Director of the Discipleship & Parish Life office of the Hamilton Diocese. The retreat will begin at 6:30 p.m. in our Church

## **BULLETIN TRIVIA:**

By the 1830's many Irish Immigrants, along with United Empire Loyalists, settled in the area. Both Brantford and Paris were beginning to attract a large number of Catholics who had come to escape the harsh life of rural Ireland. They were employed as workers on the canal and railway, gypsum quarries in Paris and the many grist and saw mills along the Grand River

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. All parishioners are invited to attend an ecumenical prayer service reflecting on life in the Philippines at one of the following wheelchair accessible locations: 1:30 p.m. – St. Andrew's United Church, 95 Darling Street; 7:30 p.m. St. Mark's Anglican Church, 155 Memorial Drive.

**PILGRIMAGE to the Holy Land – Nov. 13 to 22, 2017 Fr. Robert Hetu**, together with Fr. Ted Slaman, will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, leaving on Nov. 13 and returning Nov. 22. It includes four days in the Galilee area, and four days in Jerusalem, with Mass and/or other prayer and reflection times every day. **Fr. Robert & Fr. Ted would LOVE to have parishioners participate with them**, experiencing this wonderful spiritual opportunity to get more connected with Jesus and His times. You can pick up an information brochure, with details and pricing, at the back of the church, or at the parish office, or you can call Fr. Ted on his cell phone 905-334-9869 or email: [tedslaman@rogers.com](mailto:tedslaman@rogers.com), or call Fr. Robert at 519-853-8579 or email: [rhetu@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:rhetu@hamiltondiocese.com). Thank you.

**PURGATORIAN SOCIETY Meeting on March 8, 2017** at St. Pius X Church. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm with Holy Mass. Bring your friends and the names of your deceased loved ones and we will pray for them.

## **THE EUTHANASIA DECEPTION**

A ONE-HOUR DOCUMENTARY FEATURING TESTIMONIES FROM Belgium and beyond of lives devastated by the false ideology of mercy killing, **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Pius X Parish, 9 Waverly Street**. Guest Speaker Film Producer/Director Kevin Dunn Watch the trailer at: [www.VulnerableFilm.com](http://www.VulnerableFilm.com). Donations will gratefully be received at the Event.

## **AUDITIONS FOR JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**

St Pius X Parish is partnering with a local theatre group, Playful Fox Productions to present Jesus Christ Superstar on May 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> as a fundraiser for the church's new mobility ramp. Auditions will be **Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For auditions, please prepare one song from a pop/rock musical; those interested in a lead or solo, please prepare two contrasting songs. Bring your own tracks or be ready to sing a capella. Rehearsals are Saturdays. For more information, contact [playful.fox.canada@gmail.com](mailto:playful.fox.canada@gmail.com).

**The College of Physicians and Surgeons of ON.** requires physicians to make an "effective referral" for assisted suicide and euthanasia. Many Catholic physicians and other caregivers are unable to do this in good conscience and are being forced to choose between their conscience and their careers. Given the introduction of Bill 84 on medical aid in dying at Queen's Park in December we have the opportunity to push for amendments to the Bill to include conscience protection for all health care workers. We are asking parishes to make parishioners aware of the campaign, so that they will contact their MPPs. The system is working in parishes where parishes are helping to inform and facilitate this support. The call to action is being organized by the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience and is approved by the ACBO. In view of these threats, it is important for the Catholic voice in Ontario to be heard. So we are forwarding to you materials prepared by the Coalition for HealthCARE & Conscience for use in your parish. On the website there is a suite of materials with step by step instructions that can be used to help people speak to their MPP and do parish presentations on the topic. Here are the links to the materials and to their video which explains the situation, or visit their website at: <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>

Resources: [bit.ly/callforconscience](http://bit.ly/callforconscience)

Video: <http://bit.ly/consciencevideo>