

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 19, 2017

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Mass Intentions this week



November 22 – 26, 2017

Wednesday 12: noon †Adeline Haber
Thursday 1:30 pm (John Noble Home)
Friday 12:noon †Edith Noonan
Saturday 5:00 pm †Nancy Robinson, Helen Moczulski, Fernando Dicresce, Giovanni & Adelina Decians & family, Deceased members of the Doucette family



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: The Deighan Family and repose of their souls. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Rev. James Link, C.R.
Tuesday Rev. Heitor Antunes
Wednesday: Basilian Fathers (C.S.B.)
Thursday Rev. Juan Carlos Saenz
Friday Rev. Jiri Macenauer
Saturday Rev. Mike Myroniuk

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.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Envelopes	\$2,723.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 695.55
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>
Total Weekly Offering Nov. 12, 2017	\$3,903.55
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, e-mail: mking@hamiltondiocese.com

MEDITATION

The talents in this week's Gospel can be interpreted as money, gifts and even a crown, but we are to continue to use them and not save them. We are given these talents through God's great mercy and favour. We are in God's favour.

Recently, I felt as though my talent had been taken from me as I found myself on a very hard path. As I look at my everyday life, I often find that, not only has my talent not been taken from me, but it is revealed in how I choose to live each day. I have realized that through the gift of God's mercy, I am able to continue to use my talents each and every day.

Every one of us has a crown to wear, not a crutch to carry. Many will try and knock that crown off of our heads, but through perseverance and faith, we must continue to wear our crowns and to use our talents. If we do not, our crowns will become rusty and worthless. God's light shines on us when we use our talents, no matter how they manifest themselves.

Through reflection on this important Gospel, let us ask ourselves how we are using our talents. Are we allowing the mercy and grace of God to shine each and every day?

Jacki Lavigne, Kitchener, ON
Novalis, Living with Christ

SACRAMENTS

– Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and for Confirmation for 2018 are available on the welcome desk in church.

Please inform family, friends and neighbours that they do not register through the schools. Sacraments are parish celebrations.

Our initial Parent and Candidate for Confirmation session is **Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 7 pm**, in our parish hall

GOOD NEWS!

Last weekend it was announced verbally that we have received, as a parish, \$232,000.00 from the estate of Cyril Henderson.

We will pay off the \$65,000.00 debt we owe the Diocese of Hamilton. We will also need to pay our Custodian's salary, which until now has been generously provided by the Diocese.

We will send the remaining money – on loan at 3% - to our Diocese – available to us when we need it.

More discussion will follow at our next Finance Council meeting. Thank you! Thank God!

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome! Recently we have welcomed families from Mexico, Dryden, Mississauga, India, Jamaica, Vietnam, and the Philippines! Please make everyone feel at home in our parish family. Even muster up the courage to introduce yourself and welcome them to our parish family. Our family is growing – thanks be to God!

SPIRITUAL READING

Available for prayer, reading, and reflection are two sources on various tables in the Church:

- The Sunday Missal for 2017-2018 Liturgical year - \$5.00 each. This contains many prayers at the back, including the mysteries of the Rosary, and the Stations of the Cross
- The Word Among Us – for all of Advent and Christmas week. \$2.00 each

NEW DOORS

This past week four new doors were installed at the front of our church... they are beautiful. They too will welcome our new parishioners and all of us. Thanks to tireless volunteer, Daniel Leclair, and our dedicated custodian, Curtis Arthur and spouse, Pauline; also to Irene Leclair, and to Liam.

PARISH COFFEE – *Sunday, November 26th*, immediately following the 9:30 am Mass. Please join us for this time of fellowship. Donation of treats is always appreciated.

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Here at our parish; for one hour on the following Wednesday evenings at the Rectory:
Nov. 22nd – 6:30 7:30 pm – Scripture – Old Testament
Nov. 29th – 6:30 – 7:30 pm Scripture – New Testament
Dec. 6th – 6:30 – 7:30 pm - Praying with Scripture
Dec. 13th – 6:30 – 7:30 pm - Saints for Advent
Before these dates, a church tour will be offered after the 5:00 pm Mass and after the 9:30 am Mass on the weekend of November 18/19th. All are welcome.

"**Christmas cakes** will again be sold at the back of the Church the weekends of *Dec 2/3 and Dec. 9/10*. All proceeds go to the **Pro-life** movement. The cakes are scrumptious, rich and exquisitely delicious with even more fruits and nuts in the recipe. They really make wonderful gifts for family and friends and most importantly, they help in this very worthwhile cause."

WANT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR ANNIVERSARY BULLETIN? Spaces are available. If you can fill these empty spaces, please call Bialas Printing at 519-752-4268. Thank you!

Spanish Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 pm - Blessed Sacrament Church - 181 King Street Burford, ON 519-449-5143 There will be a social in the parish hall following the Mass.

The Diocese of Hamilton

Internal Auditors (Part-time Casual)

The Diocese of Hamilton is looking for part-time Auditors to perform financial and administrative reviews of our Parishes and Cemeteries. The hours of work will vary depending on the number of reviews and the complexity of the reviews, but on average an Auditor can expect to work between 7 to 15 days per year. Remuneration will be based on the number of audits performed.

Duties include:

- Review and critique of the current audit program.
- Responsible for planning and execution of 5 to 10 audits per year.
- Prepare and present audit reports for review.
- Work with Parishes and Cemeteries to correct the audit findings.
- Some travel will be required.

Qualifications:

- Professional designation in accounting is required.
- Strong communication and presentation skills with ability to comfortably communicate at all levels.

If this is a position that would interest you, please submit a resume to: carrers@hamiltondiocese.com
Applications will be accepted until December 15th, 2017.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Save the date, *Sunday, December 3rd*, we are trying something new – **ADVENT LUNCHEON**. All women are invited to join us for a potluck luncheon immediately following the 11:30 am Mass. Please bring your own place setting and a salad, vegetable dish or dessert to share. We will supply the turkey. Members will vote on an increase in membership fees requested by the Hamilton Diocesan Council.

General meeting, *Tuesday, November 28*: Mass at 6:30 pm in the chapel; business meeting at 7 pm in the rectory meeting room. Kelly Kenny will instruct in making a Christmas craft.

2018 C.W. L. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – Annual November Membership dues are \$21.00. Cash is preferable or a cheque made out to St. Basil Church C.W.L. All Catholic ladies over 16 years of age are encouraged to join St. Basil Catholic Women's League as a united voice responding to God's call. Please write your name, address, phone No. and a verification of your e-mail address if you would like to be updated on our C.W.L. monthly meetings. Come see us at the back of the church before and after all three weekend Masses in November. Thank you, Pat Renaud, Membership Convener.

I'VE LEARNED . . . That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.