

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 28, 2018

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Mass Intentions this week



Jan 31 – Feb. 4, 2018

Wednesday **12:noon** †Joseph Nguyen
 Thursday **12:noon** †Rhonda Parent
Saturday 5:00 pm †Phyllis Watts, Dinis
 Martins, Elio Petrella, Intentions of Frank Higman



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Margaret Boyle 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, January 29	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
Tuesday, January 30	Rev. Peter Meyer
Wednesday, January 31	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.)
Thursday, February 1	Rev. James Petrie
Friday, February 2	Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
Saturday, February 3	Rev. Stephen Gilbert

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, Envelopes	\$2,724.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 453.26
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>

Total Weekly Offering Jan. 21, 2018 \$3,662.26

Budget expenses for the week \$4,265.00

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 X 2246. e-mail vocations@hamiltondiocese.com –

MEDITATION

“Be silent, and come out of him!” Jesus teaches us today. How often do we wish these words could be spoken to an anxiety that we are experiencing? Part of the gift Jesus gives us each day is the ability to say “enough” to a source of suffering in our lives.

Silence becomes a method of approaching the source of our troubles. Often in silence we gain the gift of insight into our immediate concerns. Psychologists may offer an explanation that illustrates the benefits of taking the time to allow our minds to obtain a second or third opinion on a matter before us. On the other hand, Jesus offers us a few words to use as a guide. In silence we are allowed to create a time and space for inspiration and perspective. These become a sort of modern day “words of the prophets” for us – speaking to our particular time and circumstance.

The gift of prophecy works in many ways – in good times and bad – to reassure us that all will be well as we have the faithful assurance from the rock of our salvation. Consider the flow of water and its enormous power, especially when experienced in silence. Surely the creator of the water must possess even more impressive powers. So let us say a prayer of thanksgiving today for the gift of this teaching.

John O'Brien, Oakville, ON
 Novalis, Living with Christ

PARISH COFFEE

Sunday Jan. 28th today immediately following the 9:30 am Mass today. Come and meet some of your parish family!

SHROVE TUESDAY – PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday February 13, 2018 – 4:30 – 7:00 pm

St. Basil Church Hall (Crown St.)

Adults \$6.00; Youth (13-18) - \$5.00

Children (6-12) \$4.00

Children 5 and under – free

Donations of nonperishable food product for St. Vincent de Paul – Food for Families are appreciated.

Knights of Columbus – February 13 meeting to follow Pancake supper in the hall.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Welcome to our next session in our parish hall on **Sunday, February 4 and Sunday March 4th, 2018 at 10:30 am – 11:25 a.m.**

Retreat day is Saturday May 5th – 2 – 4:45 p.m.

We continue to pray for you as you prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on **Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our 2nd Parent Meeting is *Tuesday, January 30, 2018* – 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. (Topic: Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

First Reconciliation: either

- **Thursday, March 1st.** OR
- **Thursday, March 8th** at 7:00 pm in our Church.

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

RETREAT:

Your child's First Communion prayer and practice will *be Saturday, April 21 and/or Saturday April 28th*, from 9:30 am to 11:00 a.m. In the Church

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be:

- The weekend of: April 21, 22, 2018 OR
- The weekend of April 28, 29, 2018 at all weekend Masses.

ONE BY ONE: The Latin America Project:

This coming Friday, February 2nd Fr. Earl will leave for Guatemala, along with several School Board Staff from the Brant-Haldimand-Norfolk Catholic District School Board, and the Waterloo Catholic district School Board. This is a 9 day journey with 17 High School Students and 2 University students to share an experience of life in a developing country.

The aim of this project, in addition to the raising of consciousness of a different culture in our world, is to assist the local people in Guatemalan Villages to achieve certain needs that they see as important for their communities.

Please pray for us as we venture forth – as the Guatemalans say “Vaya Con Dios” ___ ” Go with God.”

Fr. Michael Bennett will be here next weekend and Archbishop MacDonald returns the weekend of Feb. 10th – 11th. Thank you!

FIRST ANNUAL DIOCESAN BIBLE SUNDAY:

This weekend marks the beginning of an annual theme mandated by Bishop Crosby – namely, as Pope Francis stated: “that God's Word be increasingly celebrated, known and disseminated, so that the mystery of love streaming from this font of mercy may be ever better understood.”

So you will find inserted in today's bulletin a bookmark with prayers for use before and after reading Scripture. We are encouraged to use Sacred Scripture in our daily prayer. This is an ancient form of prayer called “Lectio Divina” (i.e.) Divine Reading. The bookmark is practical as you can use it to mark the page of the Bible and the passage on which you are meditating and praying.

A SIMPLE GUIDE TO PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Four Basic Questions

1. **What does it say?** Determine as closely as possible the literal meaning of the text. What do the words say? What is the range of meaning in the words?
2. **What does it mean?** The meaning of a text is determined not simply from the words but also from the context in which the words exist.
3. **What does it mean to me?** How does this apply to my life? How does this apply to the life of the Church?
4. **What am I going to do about it?** The biblical text demands a response from us as a part of the interpretive interplay between the Bible and ourselves. What difference does this text mean for my life? What is my response to God's word?

PRAYING THE BIBLE – begin with a prayer to the Holy Spirit

Read through the passage once at a normal pace. Digest the words – Get a sense of the phrases. – Allow the Word to seep more deeply into your consciousness

Read the passage through, section by section – How does this Word speak to me at this time, in this context? What emotions are evoked by the Word? How does this Word speak to me of God and how does it impact my life?

Conclude with a brief prayer of thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND - AT Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, *February 16-18*. The retreat will be preached by the Centre team – Oblate Father Pawel Ratajczak and Mrs. Anne Hales. A beautiful way to begin the season of Lent. For information or registration please call 905-278-5229.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE... No one ever says “It's only a game” when their team is winning.