

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 24, 2019

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Mass Intentions this week



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| Tuesday | 7:00 pm | †Jacqueline O'Connell |
| Wednesday | 9:00 am | Special Intention |
| Thursday | 7:00 pm | †Rita Spencer |
| Friday | 9:00 am | †Herbert Ruiss |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm | †Mellie Luciani, Don Boyle, Stan Kosicki, Souls Souls in Purgatory, Anna Pace |



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions: Souls in Purgatory 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.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$2,714.00 |
| Loose Collections: | \$ 351.95 |
| Average Weekly Preauthorized | \$ 692.00 |
| Total Weekly Offering | \$3,757.95 |
| Budget expenses for the week | \$4,265.00 |

| DIOCESAN PRAYER | CALENDAR |
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| Monday, February 25 | Rev. David Weise |
| Tuesday, February 26 | Rev. Tom Moisan |
| Wednesday, February 27 | Catholic Single Adults |
| Thursday, February 28 | Rev. Pablito Labado |
| Friday, March 1 | Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger |
| Saturday, March 2 | Rev. Tim Theriault |

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE –

Milk bags – The CWL is collecting clean outer bags to make plastic sleeping mats for Canadian Food for Children. Please **place the bags in the bin at the back of the church.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation:

- **Wednesday, March 20th**

Please Note: If you are unable to attend First Reconciliation, you may bring your child to our regularly offered Reconciliation any Saturday from 4:10 pm to 4:40 pm.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be:

- April 27 – 5:00 pm Mass (**St. Basil School**)
- April 28 – 9:30 am Mass (**St. Gabriel School**)
- April 28 – 11:30 Mass (**Christ the King School**)

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ONLY

Our next session in our parish hall **Sunday March 3rd, 2019**. Between Masses 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Retreat for Candidates in our parish hall on **Saturday April 6, 2019 – 1:00 – 4:45 p.m.** Celebration of Confirmation is **Wednesday April 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm** in the Church.

C.W.L. 2019 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's not too late to RENEW your CWL Membership for 2019. All ladies of the Parish are invited to join our very active League at St. Basil Church! The National CWL office requests your Membership Dues be paid by February 28, 2019. Ladies, if you are one of our Snowbirds, please attend to this before you leave. Thank you. Also, please remember, if you move during the year, to contact a member of the Executive to update your records.

CWL Organization Convener, Pat Renaud

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 2019

We are really looking forward to meeting our new families! Please register online via our easy to use Online registration system. If you have questions or are wondering what you require to complete the online registration procedure, our 7-step process will guide you through your questions and answers! If you experience any issues using the online system, no worries... just reach out to our Helpdesk at 519-756-6505 ext. 711 or email info@bhncdesb.ca {3} and our staff will assist.

Parish Coffee, Sunday February 24, in the parish hall immediately following the 9:30 Mass.

CWL meeting, Tuesday February 26th. All women are invited to join us in the rectory meeting room immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass. Guest speaker, Tim Philp from Rosewood House at 7:30 pm followed by the business meeting.

ST. BASIL'S HOSTING WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Please join us for this worldwide event hosted in Brantford at St Basil's for all denominations at 1:30 pm on **Friday, March 1, 2019**. The program is written by the women of Slovenia this year and hosted around the world on this day. Our choir director will accompany the hymns during the program. We are blessed to have as our speaker Msgr. Sheridan of our parish. Light desserts, tea, and coffee will be available in the hall afterward. If you can donate a baked good please see the additional notice in this bulletin, it is always much appreciated. There is also an evening program if you cannot make this one, please call (519-754-4392) for info.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER BAKING We are in need of baked goods for the reception following the World Day of Prayer service on Fri, March 1. We expect around 70 people to attend. If you are able to donate it would be so appreciated. Please drop off items in the hall before the service between 12:45 - 1:15 or Thursday evening, Feb 28, between 6 pm- 7 pm, both times in the hall. Thank-you once again.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Everyone is invited to the Marian Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will take place **October 17-28, 2019**, travelling to our Lady of Fatima (Portugal), Our Lady of Lourdes (France), Spain and end up in Paris. For more information, please contact, Estolia Salera, Telephone: 226-240-0810, cell 519-771-2846 or email: estolia.salera@gmail.com

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: A Lenten Pilgrimage, **March 26th - April 2nd, 2019**. Please consider joining Father Luke Kopaniak SAC, Pastor of St Mary's, Brantford and Deacon Randy Matters on this pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of the Americas, The Unborn and the New Evangelization. For more information regarding itinerary, etc. please visit www.pilgrimdeaconrandy.com or email: randalmatters@gmail.com

FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM Looking for a French Immersion Kindergarten program? We have you covered! Register for Kindergarten using our easy to use online registration system. During the process, simply select your Catholic French Immersion

school and you will be on your way! Wondering where your closest Catholic French Immersion school is? Use our School Locator to find out. If you have any questions about our French Immersion Kindergarten program, please contact the school and our staff will assist.

16TH ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE DINNER The Serra Club of Hamilton celebrates the 16th Annual Priesthood & Consecrated Life dinner on **Tuesday, April 30th**, at Liuna Station. For details refer to, email celebrationpri.wixsite.com/dinner@gmail.com or call Margaret at 905628-5682.

LENTEN MISSION with Ken Yasinki, Catholic Speaker! Two Churches. Two sessions. One Mission.
March 18, St. Mary's Parish
March 19, St. Pius X Parish
Each Evening at 7:00 pm.

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CatholicSpeaker.com

MEDITATION

Today's Gospel, taken from Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount, calls us to forgive our enemies. As a person passionate about social justice, I hear this scripture calling me to also consider empathy and dialogue. Can we identify the humanity and the inherent dignity in those who do wrong to us or to others? Can we love them in a way that also works towards addressing these injustices?

To live and love this way can be difficult. It may be easier to see those who hurt ourselves or others as selfish or as intentionally harmful. Yet, that outlook fosters alienation and isolation instead of community and connection. The Gospel recognizes the challenge present here, but encourages us to persist: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them."

In this Gospel, Jesus offers guidance that seems counter intuitive. In the same way, finding common ground with those who oppress others may also be counterintuitive, especially when we are tempted to be angry instead of loving. However, empathy enables us to engage in dialogue, change and social justice. We can see examples of this in peace processes and efforts towards reconciliation in Canada and throughout the world. When we come to a place of understanding, it may also be a place of peace.

Landon Turlock, Edmonton, Ab
Novalis, Living with Christ

PLEASE NOTE: When our Catholic Schools are closed due to bad weather, Mass at St. Basil's will also be cancelled.