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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

Pastor: Rev. David Lewis

Office Administration: Donna Vollmer Sacramental Preparation: Iris Miltenburg

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm, or by request.

Sacrament of Baptism (4th Sunday of the month

outside of Lent)

Parents, please pick up Baptism package from the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact office six months prior to desired date. Marriage Prep offered.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of any who are housebound or in the hospital so they may receive the comfort of the Church's sacraments and prayer.

Outreach Ministry (A Ministry of Visitation)

Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know would like a visit by the Outreach Ministry.

Parish Contacts Parish Pastoral Council

Andrea Visneskie
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Vocations

Contact www.vocationinfo.ca or www.resurrectionist.net

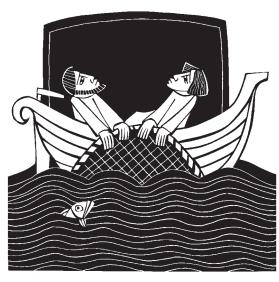
New Parishioners

New parishioners, welcome! Please register at the office or pick up registration package in the church foyer.

Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

January 22, 2017
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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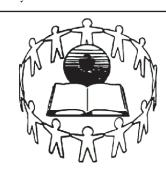
Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he moves compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila



MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 23RD

Tuesday, January 24, 7:05 pm

+Marg Logel; Vince & Linda Spilek

Never be in a hurry, do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. - St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday, January 25, 10:30 am - Barnswallow Place

+Marie Kraemer; Vincent Kraemer & Family

Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. - St. Thomas More

Thursday, January 26, 8:45 am

+George Uhrig; Shelley & Dave Deyell & Family Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels and the saints – they are your public. – St. John Vianney

Friday, January 27,

8:45 am +Ned Hedrich; Bill & Anne Hanley

9:15 am - Noon Adoration

Do now what you wish to have done when your moment comes to die. – St. Angela Merici

Saturday, January 28, 5:00 pm

+Bill Carey; Vincent Kraemer & Family

65th Anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L.

Council; Catholic Women's League

Sunday, January 29, 9:30 am Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR January 28/29

First Reading: Zep 2:3, 3:12-13 Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Gospel Reading: Mt 5:1-12a

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 9:30 am Wednesday Pre-School - Seminar

7:00 pm **5 p.m. Choir Practice** – Church 7:00 pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Seminar

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., January 23
Tues., January 24
Wed., January 25
Thurs., January 26
Fri., January 27
Sat., January 28
Rev. Roshan D'Souza, O.C.D.
Rev. Lawrence Parent, O.F.M.
Order of Preachers (Dominicans)
Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.
Rev. Shane Degblor, M.C.C.J.

MINISTRIES for January 28/29

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Tim Baillargeon, Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly 9:30am Iris Miltenburg, Pat Ditner, Sandi Hutchinson

Hospitality

5pm Mike & Doris Snelling, Marilyn Hurlburt, Bill Strauss 9:30am Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Ron & Joyce Stemmler

Altar Servers

5pm Rachel Wittie, Alexis Zettler

9:30am Isabella Maher, Katelyn Grosz, Ryan Diemert

Lectors Commentator

5pm Peggy Kelly Phil Milan
9:30am Paul Shutsa Larry Glofcheskie

Lisa Denomme

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Jan 29 Marianne Kieswetter

Sign Ministry

Jan 23 Marty Merlihan

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Feb 1 Stewart Logan

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit and Canned Meats

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over and that the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

The CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS are available in the hallway for pick-up. If you or anyone in your family experienced one of the Sacraments in 2016, they are a souvenir for your tree at home - Baptism (silver), First Communion (blue/white), Confirmation (red), Marriage (gold), RCIA (green) or Death (purple).

Beginning in the New Year we will be offering **SESSIONS COVERING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH** for those who would like to explore the possibility of being Baptized and/or Confirmed in the Catholic faith. No commitment is called for to begin. The sessions are offered as an opportunity to explore and will be held on Saturday mornings from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **beginning January 28**th. All of the teachings are summaries of the essentials of the Catechism. If you are interested please speak to Father David or pick up a registration form from Donna in the parish office.

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY in our present location calendars are for sale at \$10 each after Masses or during Parish Office hours.

Join us on **Tuesday**, **January 24**th as St. Jerome's University welcomes two volumes of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible. From childhood, Donald Jackson, official calligrapher to Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II dreamed of creating a handwritten, illuminated Bible. An international team of calligraphers and artists created the original 1,165 page manuscript with its 160 major illuminations that reflect biblical themes of hospitality, conversion of life, and justice for God's people. Join us at 4:30 p.m. at the **ECUMENICAL SERVICE IN HONOUR OF CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK** at Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004) at St. Jerome's University. This event is free of charge with free parking. It is wheelchair accessible and refreshments will be served.

COME JOIN US TO FIND THE "KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS" - "Keys" is a nine week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting January 24th, at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Avenue, Kitchener. The

cost is \$45.00. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE CANDLE-LIGHT PRAYER VIGIL will be held in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink) from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. on **Saturday, January 28, 2017**. January 28, 1988 was the year Canada's abortion law was struck down leaving no protection for the preborn child up until delivery. We pray for the spiritual adoption of all preborn babies in danger of abortion. Call KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433 for more information.

GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE LIGHT CHAIN will be held outside Guelph City Hall on January 28, 2017 from 7-8 p.m. On January 28, 1988, Canada's abortion law was struck down. Since then, over 3,700,000 lives have been ended by abortion. Gather with Guelph & Area Right to Life for a time of remembrance. For more information, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at www.guelphforlife.com.

PARAGUAYAN FOLK HARPIST, EDUARD KLASSEN, IN CONCERT on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Elmira Mennonite Church. Bring your friends and neighbours for an evening of harp music and story-telling. Eduard, now living in Canada, has presented over 4500 music concerts in 31 countries. Freewill offering. Refreshments to follow.

EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED DYING - DR. MOIRA MCQUEEN PRESENTATION

Dr. Moira McQueen of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute will offer a presentation and Q&A on the need for conscience rights protection for physicians, healthcare workers and Catholic institutions in light of the legalization of assisted dying and euthanasia. Join us at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on **Sunday**, **January 29**th at 12 Noon (following the 11:00 a.m. Mass) for this presentation in McNally Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday**, **February 2**, **2017** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

We invite you to the **CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM** at St. John's Church Hall, Kitchener on Thursday evenings **February 2**nd **to March 23, 2017** fronm 6 to 9 p.m. with dinner provided. This program is offered to Christian married couples, singles, widows and widowers and those who are separated or divorced. Come deepen your faith and strengthen your relationship with Christ. Begin to prepare yourself for Easter by living a fuller life in the Holy Spirit through inspiring talks, discussions, food, fellowship and song. We will also be conducting a separate Christian Life program for children, at that same time in the meeting room of the hall. This event is free and sponsored by Couples for Christ. To pre-register or for more information, please contact Len or Marie Solomon at 519-744-5198 or email kwclp3@gmail.com.

ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD'S MERCY! 33 Days to Merciful Love is a group retreat preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. This 6 week DVD program by Fr. Michael Gaitley will take place Saturdays at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, 56 Duke Street West, Kitchener, in the Lower Hall, beginning Saturday, March 4th. The retreat book can be ordered on the St. Mary's website or by paying at the parish office. To order on the website go to: http://stmarysrcchurch.ca/. Click the "give online" button in the upper right hand corner and follow the instructions. When confirming the payment, please write in the comments box that this is to order the 33 Days to Merciful Love retreat book. The cost of the book is \$25. Order Deadline is February 3rd. Those wishing to go deeper and order the full participant packet with the book and "Retreat Companion" will need to order individually from the USA at http://www.shopmercy.org/33-Days-to-Merciful-Love-Participant-Pack-with-

Book/MLPSWB/itd/27240002/132/508/AHA. Orders from the USA will take longer. If you have any questions, contact Vicky at vmdvorak@gmail.com.

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION MEETINGS -

Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend an information session being held on **Sunday**, **February 5, 2017** at the Chancery Office, Hamilton. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Peter Gittens at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at 905-528-7988 ext. 2258.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors is on **Thursday, February 9, 2017** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Sheila Forler Bauman, Physiotherapist from Woolwich Physiotherapy will talk about "Heroes and Role Models in Rio, 2016". For information contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or jehaid@xplornet.ca.

VOCATION SEEDS – "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or at mking@hamiltondiocese.com or check out the website at www.hamiltonvocations.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."

Offertory collection for January 14/15: \$2,559.50

Average per envelope: \$20.80

Electronic funds for the week: \$1,028.75

(based on 4 Sundays per month)

\$4,632.00

Weekly parish operating expenses:

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