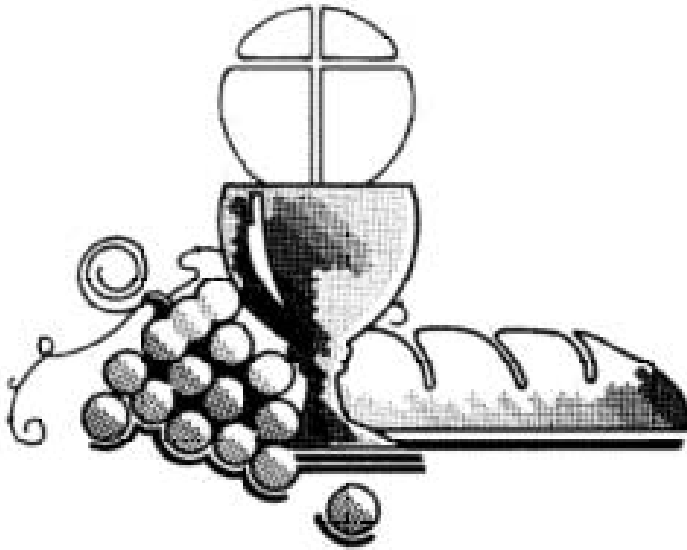


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For further information see the volunteer commitment forms in the main foyer of the church

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners! Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

A minimum of 6 months preparation, which includes a Marriage Preparation course is required for all couples wishing to be married in Hamilton Diocese.

St. Vincent de Paul: 519-865-1562

(Please Leave a Message)

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Burford

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Burford

11:30 a.m. Scotland

WEEKDAY MASSES

Burford: Tues. 7:00 p.m.

Burford: Wed. to Fri. - 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Application forms are available at the entrance of the church. Please fill in and place in collection basket or drop off at office. Once received Andrew Czarny will contact you.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick in home or hospital can be arranged by calling the parish office. Whenever possible, please call before any situation becomes critical.

HOLY ORDERS/RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Individuals wishing to explore a vocation to the priesthood, permanent diaconate or the religious life are encouraged to speak to the Pastor or see the vocations website at www.vocationinfo.ca

CATHOLIC FUNERALS

It is customary to celebrate the funeral of a Catholic with a Funeral Liturgy in the parish church. Please call the Funeral Home or the Parish at time of need. The time of funeral must be confirmed by the Pastor.

SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion please contact the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD. Sun.9:30 a.m.

For the young children of the parish. The children's liturgy is an opportunity for children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at a level they can understand.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

**1st Friday of every month is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:30am Mass*

**1st Saturday of every month is Mass at 9:00am followed by the Rosary and Confession*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 4:15 pm-4:45 pm*

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, May 8

No Mass

Tuesday, May 9

No Mass

Wednesday, May 10

No Mass

Thursday, May 11

No Mass

Friday, May 12

No Mass

Saturday, May 13

No Mass

Sunday, May 14

No Mass

We Are Stewards

Weekend Contributions \$ 2,095.00

Building Fund.....\$ 1,820.00



Parish News...

CWL MEETING: There will be a CWL Meeting on Wednesday, May 10th at 1:00pm inside the parish hall. This is an important meeting to discuss whether the Blessed Sacrament Parish Burford Council will close. Please attend if you're able.

THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS was held on April 16th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Over 300 hundred couples celebrated 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ anniversaries. Two couples among them celebrated their 75th Anniversary. What a Blessing! Media coverage of the event was the best ever – perhaps reflecting public interest after the three-year COVID hiatus. Thanks to Teresa Hartnett and Sarah Lintott for the organizational success. Thanks to Father David Wynen and the Cathedral staff, and to the Pastoral Offices staff who assured the good order of the event.

THE INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION will continue to take place in our parish. The collection will support local initiatives of healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters and forms part of the larger \$30 million national commitment made by Catholic dioceses across Canada. The first diocesan collection was held in May last year, and parishioners responded generously, contributing over \$170,000! The IRF Advisory Council, comprised of four Indigenous and three Diocesan representatives, has met to review the fund's four priorities and consider grant requests. This is an important Canada-wide healing initiative of the Catholic community. Thank you for your generosity. Envelopes are at the back of the church.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 149 - As spring begins, we see new life erupting everywhere. This is a great chance to point out the beauty of God's creation to your children, as buds form, trees bloom and flowers grow. Remind them of God's creative power and how he created all this for us, but also gave us the task of caring for His creation. We must nurture and protect God's created world. It is also a chance to remind them that life too has cycles and we can begin anew – the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to seek forgiveness and start anew, just as nature does each spring! Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH



Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, May 14
No Mass

Weekend Contributions\$ 580.00



May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917, and October 13, 1917. The story of Fatima begins in 1916, when, against the backdrop of the First World War which had introduced Europe to the most horrific and powerful forms of warfare yet seen, and a year before the Communist revolution would plunge Russia and later Eastern Europe into six decades of oppression under militant atheistic governments, a resplendent figure appeared to the three children who were in the field tending the family sheep. "I am the Angel of Peace," said the figure, who appeared to them two more times that year exhorting them to accept the sufferings that the Lord allowed them to undergo as an act of reparation for the sins which offend Him, and to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners. Then, on the 13th day of the month of Our Lady, May 1917, an apparition of 'a woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun' presented itself to the three children saying, "Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you." Lucia asked her where she came from and she responded, "I come from Heaven." The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. The woman asked them to pray and devote themselves

to the Holy Trinity and to "say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war." She also revealed that the children would suffer, especially from the unbelief of their friends and families, and that the two younger children, Francisco and Jacinta would be taken to Heaven very soon, but Lucia would live longer to spread her message and devotion to the Immaculate Heart. In the last apparition the woman revealed her name in response to Lucia's question: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." That same day, 70,000 people had turned out to witness the apparition, following a promise by the woman that she would show the people that the apparitions were true. They saw the sun make three circles and move around the sky in an incredible zigzag movement in a manner which left no doubt in their minds about the veracity of the apparitions. By 1930 the Bishop had approved of the apparitions and they have been approved by the Church as authentic. The messages Our Lady imparted during the apparitions to the children concerned the violent trials that would afflict the world by means of war, starvation, and the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father in the twentieth century if the world did not make reparation for sins. She exhorted the Church to pray and offer sacrifices to God in order that peace may come upon the world, and that the trials may be averted. Our Lady of Fatima revealed three prophetic "secrets," the first two of which were revealed earlier and refer to the vision of hell and the souls languishing there, the request for an ardent devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the prediction of the Second World War, and finally the prediction of the immense damage that Russia would do to humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing Communist totalitarianism. The third "secret" was not revealed until the year 2000, and referred to the persecutions that humanity would undergo in the last century: "The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated". The suffering of the popes of the 20th century has been interpreted to include the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in 1981, which took place on May 13, the 64th anniversary of the apparitions. The Holy Father attributed his escape from certain death to the intervention of Our Lady: "... it was a mother's hand that guided the bullet's path and in his throes the Pope halted at the threshold of death." The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise.

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