



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 4 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Frances Babali, Mr. & Mrs. John Howitt.

Tuesday, February 5 - Feast: St. Agatha

7:30a.m. - Kirk Dowling, Douglas Keleher.

Wednesday, February 6 - Feast: Ash Wednesday

7:30a.m. - Marc Caputo, Melissa Fava.

12:10p.m. -

7:00p.m. - The Deceased Jesuit Fathers & Brothers who served our parish community.

Thursday, February 7 - Ferial: Weekday

12:10p.m. - Intentions of Jane Jones,

Intentions of the Staff of St. Paul's School.

Friday, February 8 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Edward Shechy, Mr. & Mrs. John Hussey.

7:00p.m. - William Gibbons, Ernesto Menegotto.

Saturday, February 9 - Ferial

5:15p.m. - John Kerr, Pauline Vella, Deceased Members of the Smlak Family, Rosa Polifroni, Antonio Angerilli.

Sunday, February 10 - First Sunday in Lent

9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Sunday Offering: \$7759.05

This figure includes the weekly deposit from a number of our parish families.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Angelina Serventi and Joseph Pasquini of our parish who were called to the glory of eternal life. May they rest in peace with God.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: LENT 2008

This Wednesday marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent as we prepare to celebrate again the wondrous mystery of our redemption in the death and resurrection of Jesus. This ancient liturgical season places before us in a special way Jesus' call to inner conversion in His announcement of the kingdom of God. "Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand."(Mk.4:17) The call to conversion and the announcement of reconciliation are the great connecting links between Jesus' public ministry and His passion and death. The journey of faith reaches a high point in the celebration of the Eucharist as Jesus continues to offer Himself to humanity as the source of divine life. During this season of our annual forty day journey with the Lord we invite you to build on your faith through daily Mass; scripture reading and reflection; daily meditation and examination of conscience; visits to the Blessed Sacrament; rosary; Stations of the Cross; fasting and a sacrificial offering to Share Lent.

LENT MASS SCHEDULE

On Ash Wednesday Mass with the distribution of Ashes will be offered at 7:30A.M. - 12:10P.M. -7:00P.M.

Ashes will be distributed at the schools with a para-liturgy during the morning.

Our Lenten Mass schedule will be as follows:

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday 7:30a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday - 12:10p.m.

Friday - 7:00p.m. - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass.

PARISH NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY

In accordance with the prescriptions of Canon 1253 Ash Wednesday is a day of "Fast and Abstinence." All persons who have completed their 14th year of age are bound by the law of Abstinence (NO MEAT). Those who have completed their 18th

"EMPOWERING WOMEN"

Louise Frechette, former Deputy Secretary-General of the UN, will speak on "Empowering Women" Friday, February 8th 7:30p.m. at Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's University. Free parking and admission.

22nd ANNUAL CYO CELEBRITY DINNER

22nd Annual CYO Celebrity Dinner Thursday, February 28th at the Convention Centre, Hamilton with guest speaker Dave Andreychuk. To purchase tickets call 1-905-528-0011 ext. 3608.

GUELPH ECUMENICAL WEEK

The Guelph Ecumenical Week of Guided Prayer will be held February 24th to March 1st. This is an opportunity to experience an ancient and honoured spiritual tradition to pray with Scripture. Participants will learn simple tools to meditate with Scripture and will meet daily with a prayer guide to deepen their awareness of God. Registration deadline is February 17th. Call 519-824-6329.

VOCATION VIEW!

A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to the mother...A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?

NET LENTEN RETREAT

NET Lenten Retreat Evening Friday, February 8th for young people high school age at St. John's Parish, Guelph beginning with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30p.m.; 7:00p.m. Stations of the Cross and 7:30-10:30p.m. Retreat time. A free will offering will be taken up after the Stations of the Cross.

ST. TERESA CHURCH - DINNER THEATRE

St. Teresa Church Elmira 4th dinner theatre production "Summer Evenings on a Front Porch" a comedy on Feb. 8,9,10th; 15,16,17th. A great catered meal is supplied. Tickets are \$30 by calling 1-519-669-3387. Tables will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

SUNDAY SMILE!

Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?...when Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 715 Centre Rd., Waterdown is having an "All U Can Eat" pancakes, beverage and fruit served family style at 4p.m. and 5:30p.m. Tuesday, February 5th. Cost \$5 adults; \$4.50 seniors and \$3 children under 12. For preferred seating call 1-905-689-4857. Tickets will be available at the door.

SEMINARY COLLECTION

The annual Seminary Collection to support the education of future priests will be taken up today and we ask for your generous support.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2008

Church envelopes for the year 2008 are available in the alcove behind the altar after Mass this week. If you do not find your box please sign the sheets available on the table.

DIOCESAN HISTORY BOOKS

Our Diocesan History Books have now arrived celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Hamilton Diocese. The books cost \$35 and can be seen in the Tower Entrance and are available at the parish office.

OTHER NEWS**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

Dr. Willard Harley, a noted psychologist and author, when looking for the key to love in marriage, found that it is all about deposits in our love bank. When we associate good feelings with a person, we deposit "love notes", but when we associate bad feelings with that person, we withdraw love notes. In the early stages of a relationship, both people make lots of deposits and as a result fall in love. All too often, after a few years or more of marriage we begin to make too many withdrawals; we stop complimenting each other; we criticize each other in public; we spend less time together as a couple as children arrive. Romantic love changes because we forget to make love deposits. The largest deposits in our love banks occur when we have our emotional needs met. Try making some deposits into your spouses love bank and you will reap some great rewards!

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

Living our Christian Life in Today's World is a special faith formation course on Catholic Social Teachings offered by the diocesan Justice and Peace Commission. This one day course examines basic social teachings, their history and application. Father Lloyd Cummings of Kingston Archdiocese will speak Feb. 9th at Blessed Sacrament Church, Hamilton and February 16th at Resurrection College, Waterloo.

Each day begins at 9a.m. until 3:30p.m. and cost is \$37 for adults, \$20 for students and includes a copy of the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, a certificate, lunch and fair trade tea and coffee. To pre-register call 1-905-529-8988 ext. 2233.

GUELPH RIGHT TO LIFE

The Guelph & Area Right to Life are offering a free 9 week video series and reflection starting Monday, Feb. 7th from 7-9p.m. on the theme "Suffering and the God of Love." To register call 519-836-6311.

REFLECTIONS ON HUGH OF ST. VICTOR

Mark Morley, seminarian of the Diocese of Hamilton and former lecturer at the University of Waterloo will present a series of talks reflecting on Hugh of St. Victor, a monk, to help us rediscover the meaning of Lent in a technological society. Topics will include spirituality, prayer, fasting, charity, mysticism, the uncanny and the sacraments. Come to St. John Parish, Guelph Thursday evenings in Lent beginning Feb. 7th after the 6:30p.m. Mass.