



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 28 - Feast: St. Thomas Aquinas
7:30a.m. - Ann Hauck, Helena Rybaczek.

Tuesday, January 29 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Luke Santi, Konstanty Rybaczek & The
Deceased Members of the Rybaczek
Family.

Wednesday, January 30 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Tony Mitilineos, John & Marie Krusky.

Thursday, January 31 - Feast: St. John Bosco
7:00p.m. - Marija Semlak, Alexander Murphy.

Friday, February 1 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Michael Mellon, Ellahree Payton.

**Saturday, February 2 - Feast: Presentation of the
Lord**
5:15p.m. - Evelyn Flaherty, Joseph & Albert
Spinelli,
Victor Boersma, Caesar Mammarella,
Nella Mammarella.

**Sunday, February 3 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Sunday Offering: \$8152.75

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

*In conjunction with the 120th Anniversary of the
dedication of our Church beginning this month we will
offer a Wedding Anniversary blessing at the end of
Mass on the last Sunday of each month for couples
married during that month and on the first Sunday of
each month following Mass we will offer a blessing for
all expectant parents.*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "EUCHARISTIC STEWARDSHIP"

*What do Christians bring to the Eucharistic
celebration and join there with Jesus' offering? Their
lives as Christian disciples. Disciples give thanks to
God for gifts received and strive to share them with
others. That is why "if this celebration is to be sincere
and thorough it must lead to various works of charity
and mutual help, as well as to missionary activity and
to different forms of Christian witness." The
Eucharist becomes the sign and symbol of
stewardship for the individual Christian and the
Church. In the Eucharist, Jesus renews the covenant
with us, but we in turn renew our covenant with
Jesus and one another. In Eucharist, we bring our
lives, our gifts, our resources, to the altar and they
too must be transformed into the Body and Blood of
Jesus Christ. When we pay attention at Mass to what
we are singing, praying and hearing we find the word
of God and the words of the Eucharist are
enormously powerful. Do we pay attention to what we
are actually praying for at Mass? Do we pay attention
to what we are thanking God for at Mass?*

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

PARISH NEWS

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

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:

Jesus said, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Today He could say, "I will make you mechanics of souls, doctors of wounded hearts, counselors of broken families, clowns in a joyless society." But regardless, Come.

SPIRITAN PRAYER GROUP

The Spiritan Prayer Group will be sponsoring a Mass with prayers for healing celebrated by Father Eric Jensen, SJ Wednesday, January 30th at 8p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Guelph.

REFLECTIONS OF HUGH 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.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN VOCATION NEWS:

- Annual Seminary Collection February 3rd
- World Day of prayer for Consecrated Life February 3rd
- St. Augustine's Seminary "Come and See Weekend" Feb. 1-3
- Priesthood Discernment Group meet the first Saturday of the Month to pray with and for those who are open to the call to the priesthood, to discuss and reflect upon issues concerning priestly life and ministry and to provide fellowship and support among those who are discerning God's call. Open to any man 17 years of age or older. Gather at St. John's Parish, Guelph Saturday, Feb. 2nd at 9:30a.m. Concluding with lunch at noon.

For further information contact Father Kevin Cull at www.vocationinfo.ca or phone 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2240.

GUELPH AND AREA RIGHT TO LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Prayer Vigil outside Guelph General Hospital Monday, January 28th from 7-8p.m. in remembrance of the 1988 Supreme Court decision which struck down Canada's abortion law. In these twenty years over 2 million children have been killed by abortion.

- please join us at our new office 26 Norfolk St. each Tuesday beginning Jan. 29th at noon to see a pro-life film. The first in the series is on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide called "Turning the Tide." All welcome, no charge.

- 9 week video and reflection series starting Monday, Feb. 4th 7-9p.m. No charge. For more information call 519-836-6311.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th (or more) Wedding Anniversary in the year 2008? If you are, you are cordially invited to join with other couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass Sunday, March 30th at 2p.m. (Strictly couples only except those married 60 years or more may bring 1 other person). Please refer to the poster at the tower entrance for information on how to register.

JUST A THOUGHT!

Don't be irreplaceable; if you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.