



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Mon

day, March 3 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Agnes Doyle, Jean Aarssen.

Tuesday, March 4 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Catherine Oerton, Robert Brooks.

12:10p.m. - Gabriel O'Brien

Wednesday, March 5 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Roseleen Byers, Nella Mammarella.

Thursday, March 6 - Ferial: Weekday

12:10p.m. - Deceased Religious Sisters who served our parish community.

Friday, March 7- Ferial: Weekday

7:00p.m. - Angela Serventi, Silvio Comacchio.

Saturday, March 8 - Ferial

*5:15p.m. - Lorenza Ferriggi, Sally McDonald,
Helen Krupa, Mario Bandiera, Jean &
Ettor Bandiera.*

Sunday, March 9 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday Offering: \$8356.25

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

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Mark Bolzon and Marianne Szucz who were called to the glory of eternal life. May they and all our deceased loved ones be at peace with God.

LENT MASS SCHEDULE

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "SHARE LENT 2008"

During Lent we are challenged to be a sign of God's mercy at work and part of that would be efforts to create a new culture of international solidarity and cooperation in establishing a new economic model. To eradicate extreme poverty is to do the work of justice and therefore the work of peace. Lent is a summons to conversion of heart through change of life, to recognize that the goods of the earth belong to all. Pope Benedict in his Lenten message said, "almsgiving helps us to overcome the attraction to material possessions teaching us to respond to our neighbour's needs to share with others whatever we possess through divine goodness." Inward cleansing is accompanied by a gesture of ecclesial communion, mirroring what already took place in the early church, as recorded by St. Paul (2Cor:8-9; Romans 15:25-27). According to the teaching of the Gospel we are not owners but rather administrators of the goods we possess: these then are not to be considered as our exclusive possession, but means through which the Lord calls each one of us to act as a steward. In the face of the multitudes who lack everything, suffer hunger, the words of St. John acquire the tone of a ringing rebuke: "How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?" (1Jn:3:17). Please give generously to the SHARE LENT COLLECTION next Sunday. "I believe... I give"...

STEWARDSHIP: Everything I have is an expression of divine love for me. Yet day to day, caught up in the busyness of living, I can fail to recognize the abundance of God.

PARISH NEWS

We welcome into our Catholic faith family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Christina Claire Alexander; Chloe Melaina Greer; Riley Jordan Greer; Christian Alberto Lazo; Sebastian Alfonso Lazo; Adriana Joanne Lazo and Adia Elizabeth Molson. We congratulate their families.

OTHER NEWS

GUELPH RIGHT TO LIFE

The Guelph & Area Right to Life are sponsoring a Lenten series at Sacred Heart Church, Wednesday evenings at 7:00p.m., March 3rd and 10th.

RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Marriage: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the April program beginning with a weekend on April 4-6th please call toll free 1-888-663-0223 or email: retrouvaille:hamilton@cogeco.ca

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th (or more) Wedding Anniversary in the year 2008? On March 30th at 2:00p.m. Bishop Anthony Tonnos will celebrate a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King. (Strictly couples only) those married 60 years or more are allowed 1 other person). Refer to the poster at the Tower Entrance. Deadline to register is March 10th.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is hosting an Ecumenical Hymn Sing Sunday, March 9th at 3:00p.m. including our choir. There will be readings, congregational singing and a mass choir to lead.

ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL GUILD

The Carmel of St. Joseph Annual Guild invites everyone interested to attend the Mini Retreat & Grocery Shower (no meat) to be held Saturday, March 8th from 10:15a.m. to 2:30p.m. at the Monastery with Father Ron Voisin. The Mass will be preceded by the Rosary.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The 49th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Quebec City June 15th to 22nd 2008. A registration fee of \$200 per person should be made payable to the Catholic Diocesan Account and sent directly to Father F. Freitas at St. Mary's Parish, Cambridge (519-822-4488). To register online www.cei2008.ca and indicate you belong to Hamilton Diocese. Also contact Hanover Holidays 1-800-265-5530 re: accommodations.

RESPECT ID PROGRAM

For those interested in enhancing their knowledge and skills in the area of child/youth abuse, neglect, bullying and harassment there is a five hour workshop provided by the RespectID Program, Wednesday, March 19th, 10a.m. to 3:30p.m. at the Oakville Public Library Program, Room 2, 120 Navy Street, Oakville. To register call , 1-905-845-5241. For local information call Sue Fitzgerald 519-836-3523.

SISTERS OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate and the Daughters of St. Joseph invite you to a benefit Spaghetti Dinner and Variety Concert Saturday, March 8th in our Church Hall following the 5:15p.m. Mass. For ages 3 and under it is free; 4-12 \$5 and 13 and up \$10. The proceeds will help a group of young people traveling to World Youth Day in Australia. If you would like to perform in the talent show contact Sister Mary Catherine at 519-653-6752 or soli@golden.net To sign up for the dinner contact Doug Perdue at 1-705-745-8051 or perdue@trytel.net.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A non-residential Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held at Resurrection College, Waterloo April 12th and 13th. Brochures available at the tower entrance of the church.

PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Level I (Learning to Cope) is a self-help program intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics include: the process of divorce; self-image; stress; anger; guilt; loneliness and growth.

Level II (Accepting the Situation) is a self-help program intended to help a person understand the process of ending a marriage relationship. Topics include: letting go; self-concept; grief; anger; frustration; trust; singleness and children.

Both programs are offered Tuesday evenings for 12 weeks from 7-9p.m. at St. Francis Parish, Queen & Westmount Rd., Kitchener. Level I \$35 and Level II \$45. To register call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or 1-519-745-7301 for more information.

SUNDAY SMILE!

"I'm not myself today," Bill said to his wife. "Yes," she replied, "I noticed the improvement."

DUBLIN STREET UNITED CHURCH

Dublin Street United Church invites you to hear Lee Claus of Six Nations and other First Nations members speak on empire and reclaiming community Wednesday, March 5th at 7:30p.m.

VOCATION VIEW!

If we can't see where we are going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Over the past decade, your local Knights of Columbus has taken pride in developing and supporting the youth of our community with our annual scholarship bursary program. This year the Guelph Knights of Columbus will once again make scholarships available to the graduating students of St. James, Bishop Macdonell and Our Lady of Lourdes High Schools. Each of these high schools will be offered one scholarship of \$1,000.00. For more information about the scholarship program please contact your guidance department at your high school or David Weber at 510-822-4559.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC LENTEN MISSION

The National Catholic Lenten Mission for 2008 will be shown on Vision TV Monday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 4th at 7p.m. and 11p.m. with Father Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I. on the theme "Keeping a Mellow Heart in a Bitter Time."