



- Monday, March 30 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:30a.m. - Mary Kennedy, Sally Steffler.
- Tuesday, March 31 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:30a.m. - Marguerite Clayton, Martin Lammers.
12:10p.m. - Huck O'Connell, Carlo Aimola.
- Wednesday, April 1 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:30a.m. - Don Boucher, Jessie Breard.
- Thursday, April 2 - Ferial: Weekday**
12:10p.m. - Intentions of Mary Beth & Michael McCuen,
Intentions of Jessica Smith.
- Friday, April 3 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:30a.m. - Maria Semlak.
7:00p.m. - Intentions of Vivian Gonder.
- Saturday, April 4 - Ferial**
5:15p.m. - Reta & Peter Steffler, Louis Favrin, Paul & Eileen McAnany, Angelo Bellia, Freida Robitaille.
- Sunday, April 5 - Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)**
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$8491.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's many blessings.

PARISH NEWS

SHARE LENT COLLECTION

Today is our annual SHARE LENT COLLECTION and this year's theme is "I Believe...I Give." This collection expresses our solidarity with our suffering sisters and brothers around the world. Development and Peace is our Catholic organization which administer Share Lent funds and encourages us to pray, reflect and act in response to the urgent need for justice and hope in our world.

PASTOR'S DESK: VENERATION OF THE CROSS

In the seventh century the Church in Rome adopted the practice of Adoration of the Cross from the Church in Jerusalem, where a fragment of wood believed to be the Lord's cross had been venerated every year on Good Friday since the fourth century. According to tradition, a part of the Holy Cross was discovered by the mother of the emperor Constantine, St. Helen who was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 326. A fifth century account describes the service in Jerusalem. A coffer of gold-plated silver containing the wood of the cross was brought forward. The bishop placed the relic on the table in the chapel of the Crucifixion and the faithful approached and touched it as the priest said, "Behold the Wood of the Cross." Adoration or veneration of an image or representation of Christ's cross, does not mean we are actually adoring the material image, but rather what it represents. In kneeling before the crucifix and in kissing or touching it we are paying the highest honour to our Lord's cross as the instrument of salvation. Because the cross is inseparable from His sacrifice, in reverencing the Cross we are in effect adoring Christ. Thus we affirm, " We adore Thee O Christ and we Bless You because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world."

Our Lenten Schedule:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - Mass at 7:30a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday - Mass at 12:10noon
Friday Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 7:00p.m.

CWL NEWS:

The CWL is pleased to announce that the winner of the Food Hamper at our St. Patrick's Tea and Bazaar is Sister Christine. The 40 winners of items on the Penny Table are posted at the doors of the church. We wish to congratulate those who won prizes and to thank most sincerely all who were volunteers, made donations or who patronized our annual event. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CHURCH TOURS

We are in need of additional Tour Guides for our monthly Sunday tours. Scripts and training are provided. Time commitment is approximately two hours the first Sunday of each month. Join our team and help us to showcase our magnificent church. For additional information call Agnese at 519-836-9804 or Diane at 519-823-0347.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN HYMN SING

Ecumenical Lenten Hymn Sing Sunday, March 29th at 3:00p.m. at Church of Our Lady with the Guelph Church Choirs, Centone Brass and The Congregation. Free will offering. All are welcome.

OUR SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR EASTER:

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Wednesday, April 1st - St. Paul and Sacred Heart School Confessions
Friday, April 3rd - St. Michael School Confessions
Saturday, April 4th - 4:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.
Tuesday, April 7th - 8:00a.m. to 12Noon; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00p.m.
Wednesday, April 8th - 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.
Saturday, April 11th - 11a.m. to 12Noon

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS: HOLY WEEK 2009

- Palm Sunday April 4/5 Mass Saturday at 5:15p.m. Sunday 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. Palms will be blessed at all Masses.
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30a.m. and also Tuesday at 12:10p.m.
HOLY THURSDAY April 9th Mass at 7:00p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to 10p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY April 10th 12Noon - Children's Liturgy; 3:00p.m. Solemn Good Friday Liturgy with the Passion, Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion; 7:00p.m. Evening Prayer and Tenebrae
HOLY SATURDAY April 11th Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:00p.m. (NO 5:15p.m. MASS)
EASTER SUNDAY April 12th 7:30a.m. - 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

OTHER NEWS

HOLY ROSARY SOLIDARITY LUNCH

Holy Rosary Parish Social Justice Committee is hosting a "Solidarity Lunch" today at 12:19p.m. in their Parish Hall with speaker Bill Barrett "Does Fair Trade Work" (with a video). Free will donation at the door.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Non-Residential Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend April 25th and 26th at Resurrection College, Westmount Rd. N., Waterloo. Brochures available at the Tower Entrance.

LENTEN SERIES FOR LIFE

Lenten Series for Life will be held at Sacred Heart Church at 7p.m. Wednesday, April 1st. We will pray the Stations of the Cross For Life based on those celebrated by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday, 1991.

STEWARDSHIP LENTEN GOAL:

To be emptied of pride, envy, jealousy, anger, selfishness and greed. To be filled with humility, charity, faith, patience, peace, joy, surrender and Gratitude.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are looking for new members. Can you spare 15 hours per year? Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. For further information call Peter Brazolot, Grand Knight, at 519-823-6722.

GUELPH RIGHT TO LIFE

Guelph & Area Right to Life "Carrying the Flame" student conference, April 3rd and 4th at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. Tickets \$45.00 including all meals.

SPRING CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Families are reminded to kindly remove all winter wreaths and decorations from their lots at Marymount and St. Joseph Cemetery by April 1, 2009 to facilitate the spring cemetery clean up. Any wreaths or decorations remaining after April 1st will be removed and discarded by cemetery staff. For further information call the office at 519-836-8814.

CANTUALIS CHANT CHOIR

On Sunday, April 5th at 4p.m. the Cantualis Chant Choir from Kitchener-Waterloo will sing Vespers for Palm Sunday at St. Joseph Church, Fergus. Vespers, the official evening prayer of the Church, will be sung in Gregorian Chant according to the more ancient usage. You are welcome to begin your journey through Holy Week by celebrating this beautiful liturgy with the timeless music of the Catholic Church.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION

National Catholic Mission "Reflections for Lent" Monday, April 6th and Tuesday, April 7th at 9p.m. and 11p.m. on Vision TV.

CELEBRATION OF PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE DINNER

On Tuesday, April 28th the Serra Clubs of Hamilton and Kitchener-Waterloo will be sponsoring the 6th annual Celebration of Priesthood and Religious Life Dinner for those priests and religious who are celebrating their 50th anniversary and to honour those being ordained to the priesthood in 2009. The reception and dinner will be held at Liuna Station Banquet & Convention Centre, 360 James St. N., Hamilton beginning at 6p.m. Tickets are \$50 each and may be obtained from Ann Dunn at 1-905-383-9772 or Noreen Hishon at 519-885-1982. Fifty Year Jubilarians are Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki; Sisters Janet Disbrowe S.S.N.D.; Rose Mary Sanders S.S.N.D. and Harriet Schnurr S.S.N.D.; Rev. Andrew Eordogh SJ; Sister Margaret Kane CSJ and Sister Mary Catherine Perdue S.O.L.L.

MORNING OF REFLECTION

Morning of Reflection for those wishing to pursue answering the call to the Diocesan Priesthood Saturday, April 4th from 9:30a.m. to noon at St. John's Church, Guelph. For more information contact Father Cull at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2240 or visit the website at www.vocationinfo.ca.