



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 6 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Tom Powers, Intentions of Maria Semlak,
Intentions of Denise Huck

Tuesday, March 7 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Mary Cusick
12:10p.m. – Deceased Members of the Carmichael
Family, Matthew Hanson, Ruth Kerr

Wednesday, March 8 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Ken, Rita & Ted Leader,
Intentions of Josephine Kus,
Intentions of Kathleen Rodenburg

Thursday, March 9 – Ferial: Weekday

12:10p.m. – William Devorski, Joan Crawley,
Intentions of Dennis Savoie

Friday, March 10 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Will Medeiros
7:00p.m. – Harold Wilcox, Sebastiano Strada,
Joan Malak

Saturday, March 11 – Ferial

5:15p.m. – Intentions of Ginette Ritchie,
Ethel Murphy, Mario Milani

Sunday, March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$8,580.75 in support of your
parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of
Lena Loree who was called to eternal life. May she and
all our loved ones rest in peace.

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League is the only Canadian-wide women's organization who meet yearly with provincial and federal members of Parliament to present grassroots resolutions. Since 2013 resolutions have included immigration, the Canadian Food Guide, palliative care and home care, child and youth mental health, microbeads, neonicotinoid pesticides, electronic cigarettes and flavoured tobacco products, newborn screening and old age security allowance. Women of the Basilica Parish come and join us. Your membership is only \$25 per year. Contact President Diane Jones at 519-821-6858 or the parish office.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: LENT 2017

On the airplanes there is a safety device usually referred to as a "Stall Warning Indicator." The indicator is there to help the pilot avoid problems. In a light plane, if you get below a certain speed you will fall right out of the sky. On any particular plane the stall speed is 55 miles per hour. When you drop to 60 miles an hour you begin hearing a buzzer as the Stall Warning Indicator comes into play. When the buzzer begins to squawk and the corresponding red light begins to flash, you know you are close to losing control. The Stall Warning Indicator is a built-in device to help you avoid tragedy. For the Christian community the season of Lent is like a Stall Warning Indicator. It is here to help us avoid trouble in our life. In Biblical language, it is a season of repentance. A time in which to heed the warning that since we are all sinners to one degree or another, we are always subject to the dangers of our life getting out of control; a time to check the progress of our journey to heaven; a time to take stock of anything in our life that is stalling our efforts to follow Jesus.

What to give up for Lent? – fast from anger and hatred – be more patient and understanding – fast from judging others – think kind thoughts – fast from discouragement – be full of hope – fast from complaining – focus on gratitude – fast from resentment or bitterness – turn to forgiveness.

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

OUR LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Tuesday and Thursday-12:10p.m.

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

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

As Catholics, the Mass is the centre of our faith. We know the responses and gestures but do you know what it means? The Basilica of Our Lady will host a DVD series based on the New Translation of the Mass by Edward Sri (Ascension Press) that will explain their profound significance to help us better understand the Mass. Come and learn the biblical background to the words, prayers and gestures and gain helpful insights to get the most out of Mass. Discover how the Mass is a true representation of Christ's redeeming sacrifice on the Cross. Explore three key aspects of the Mass as Sacrifice, Real Presence and Holy Communion. Each session will include a DVD presentation and group discussion. Bring your Bible and a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church if possible.

The DVD series is based on the Revised Standard Version . Catholic edition of the Bible. Registration is limited to 30 participants so register early at the parish office 519-824-3951. This will be offered in the Newstead Room March 12th, 19th, 26th from 1-3p.m. at a cost of \$5.

OTHER NEWS**COME AND BE A PART OF CAST**

CAST is the place for our parish teens (Grade 8-12) to get together, have fun, share faith and give back through service to our community and parish. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7-8:30p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish Hall. See bulletin boards for upcoming events. For questions contact Wendy Obbema at hrprimary_youthministry@rogers.com .

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

One By One, a Guelph based non-profit organization, invites the parishioners of Our Lady Immaculate and Holy Rosary parishes to join us in the Latin America Project+this summer (July 8-17, 2017). This mission trip to Guatemala will continue our work for the Latin America Project.+This project supports the efforts of the people of struggling Mayan communities to improve their communities through the funding and completion of specific work projects as identified by community leaders. In addition, visits to local Mayan cultural sites are intended to assist all in coming to a more inclusive understanding of the Mayan people and their continuing struggles. The all-in-cost for the mission is \$2500.00 per person. To obtain more information and/or to register contact Peter Ingram, Mission Coordinator at ping13@yahoo.ca or Ted Laxton, Mission Leader at tlaxto3232@rogers.com .

RETRouvaille: 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 makes it worse? This program has helped 10% of 1000% of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 24th, 2017 please call 1-905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca .

COME & SEE WEEKEND

Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the Come and See Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto on the weekend of March 17th-19th. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood and hear their stories and pray for your vocation.

EVERGREEN SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Evergreen Education series at the Centre begins again Thursday, March 16th on Emergency Preparedness+. On March 23rd Staying Power: How to Get Fit For Aging at Home. All sessions start at 10a.m. Room 3 at the Evergreen Centre.

REDEEMING CONFLICT: 12 HABITS FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Discover how conflict can be a fruitful exchange! In this 5 week program, offered on 5 Tuesdays beginning March 21st from 7-8:30p.m. at Notre Dame Motherhouse, Waterdown facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND, D. Min. We will gain valuable insight and understanding through practical habits, faith reflections and saintly models in how we can better dialogue and resolve problems. The fee for this program is \$35 and includes the text *Redeeming Conflict: 12 Habits for Christian Leaders*+by Ann M. Garrido. Please register by March 7th by contacting Monica at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

VOCATION SEEDS

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation of the Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 or email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com .

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE: SEEING THE WORD

- A special program on the Saint John's Bible *insects in the Bible*: An Intertextual Approach+ will take place at the Royal Botanical Gardens Rock Garden on Saturday, March 11th from 2-4p.m. Fr. Michael Patella OSB and Sabrina Hall who will consider some of the insects featured in the St. John's Bible. Cost is \$30. Pre-register by March 1st at www.rbg.ca or call 1-800-694-4769.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Forty Days for Life kick-off rally Thursday, March 2nd at 7p.m. in front of Guelph General Hospital. Our parish will be participating the weekend of March 18th/19th. For more information call the Right to Life Office at 519-836-6311.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us at the Albion Hotel on March 7th at 7p.m.

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS FOR PHYSICIANS AND CARE-GIVERS

If you have not yet supported this vital campaign be aware that it is important for the Catholic vote in Ontario to be heard. Speak to your MPP and visit <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca> or bit.ly/callforconscience.

LENTEN RETREAT AT LOYOLA

March 17th-19th. This undirected and silent retreat will use the famous movie/musical *Miserables*+ to help us explore the grace of God alongside our fallen state facilitated by Fathers Trevor Scott SJ and Dan Leckman SJ. Cost \$160 (live-in) \$160 (commuter). Contact loyolahouse.com.

A TASTE OF DIVERSITY

Loyola House presents The Taste of Diversity . Three dinners from around the world on March 29th, June 13th and November 15th at Loyola House. Mass at 5p.m. followed by dinner. Tickers are \$60 each for dinner or \$150 for all three. Limited space so contact 519-824-1250 ext. 221 or reception@ignatiusguelph.ca .

THE JEWELLER'S SHOP

On Saturday, March 4th at 7p.m. the University Catholic Community Student Club, along with the Newman Centre, Guelph, presents a dramatic reading of *The Jeweller's Shop: A Meditation on the Sacrament of Matrimony*, a three act play written by Saint John Paul that reflects upon our expectations about romantic love and marriage. Free will offering for charity at Massey Hall University of Guelph. Doors open at 6:45p.m. For more information: ucc@newmancentre.guelph.ca.