

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you celebrating your 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60+ wedding anniversary in the year 2016? On Sunday, May 29 at 1:30 pm, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. (Space allows room for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). Please register by May 1 to be sure your name is included in the program. Details are available on the poster on the bulletin board of the church, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, APRIL 8, for the next St. Jerome’s University 150th Anniversary Lecture, “First Nations and Canada: Seeking True Reconciliation.” John Borrows (Anishinaabe/Ojibway, Nawash First Nation and the University of Victoria), Leah Gazan (Wood Mountain Lakota Nation and the University of Winnipeg), and Niigaan James Sinclair (Anishnaabe and the University of Manitoba), will discuss the issues that Canada must face honestly and critically as First Nations move forward from the process of truth and reconciliation. C. L. Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome’s University at 7:30p.m. (doors open at 6:45p.m.). Free of charge. Wheelchair accessible. Refreshments. No registration required

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES IN QUEBEC: Monday, August 1 to Saturday, August 6. Join us for our 42nd pilgrimage to Cap-de-la-Madeleine, St. Anne de Beaupre, Sacred Heart Shrine, Beauvoir and St. Joseph’s Oratory. Fr. Paul Szymanowski CR of St. Mary’s Parish will accompany us as spiritual director. For more information please contact Rosie Gunn at 519-744-5923 or Erna Spoenlein at 519-743-1030.

GARAGE SALE: The St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women’s League is holding a garage sale at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira on Friday, April 15 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 16 from 8 to 11 a.m. For more information, please call Carol Kieswetter at 519-669-5392.

GOSPEL OF LUKE STUDY SERIES: Wednesday April 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish, Burlington. The Gospel of Luke study series continues with Bishop Daniel Miehm’s presentation “The Power of the Parable”. Please consider joining us for this very special evening. There is no cost to attend. Supplemental reading resources will be available for purchase for \$5. Please bring exact change. For further information, future dates and to register, please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or check the website, www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

MAKING A CHANGE IN THE YEAR OF MERCY: A day of renewal and reflection for young adults (ages 18-35): Guest speaker: Michael Chiasson, Access 52 Ministries. Sunday, April 24, 1-7 p.m. (dinner included). McNally Hall, Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Suggested offering: \$5.00. To register or for more information contact Christina Mines at cmines@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2239.

VISION ANOMALIES AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR LEARNING: On Wednesday, April 20 from 6:00-8:30 p.m., Resurrection Catholic Secondary School presents “Vision Anomalies and the Implications for Learning”, with speakers Dr. Angela Peddle, Optometrist, and Ms. Linda Lemon, Educator and Vision Specialty Teacher. The presentation will focus on the problem of under-diagnosed vision anomalies in our schools, how anomalies interfere with student learning, and how to determine whether your child is experiencing this condition. This event is sponsored by Resurrection School Parent Council, and is open to all members of the public. There is no cost for attending this event, so please bring a friend! Register online at <http://bit.ly/vision-learning>.



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| PASTOR: | Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes |
| DEACON: | Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang |
| SEMINARIAN: | Christopher Tracey |
| PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST: | Paula Rush |
| ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: | Bette Honsinger
Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. |
| SUNDAY MASSES: | Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community
Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I. |
| SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: | By appointment – please phone the parish office |
| SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION | Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.
Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon |
| SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: | By appointment – please phone the parish office |
| BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS: | Last Sunday of each month after all Masses |
| ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: | Church door collections – last Sunday of each month |

Announced Mass intentions for the week of April 3 to 9, 2016

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| Monday..... | 8:30 a.m. | Robert Bould – Marg & Carlo Perrotta |
| Tuesday | Beechwood Manor10:00 a.m. | Agnes & Sydney Horton – Estate |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Special intention of Mary Walsh – Mary & Gerry Mulhern |
| Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. | Dave Eckert & John Lauer – Mitzie Eckert & Family |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Special intention of Harriet Reitzel – Burns Family |
| Friday | 8:30 a.m. | In Thanksgiving – Ada Harris |
| Saturday..... | 7:00 p.m. | Eric Sokhulu; Pat Neuert |

Offertory collection for Sunday, March 27, 2016: \$5,874.50

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]

Monthly Budget Review as of March 31, 2016

Cumulative financial objective – 13 Weeks @ \$7,500		\$97,500.00
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	\$77,828.10	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	<u>29,334.97</u>	<u>107,163.07</u>
Over (under) objective		9,663.07



Easter in a parish for a pastor is a time of excitement and some anxiety. Who is responsible for what? What happens behind the scenes? Is everything ready? What has been forgotten? Our seminarian-intern Chris Tracey has been very helpful being the “extra set of hands” in both the organization and carrying out of the liturgies and other events. Deacon Phong Hoang and his wife Jocelyn also assisted in many of our Holy Week liturgies and Stations of the Cross. They provide a great service in preparing parents and celebrating the baptism of infants. Deacon Phong, in addition to his ministry with the Vietnamese parish community is also a reflective and inspiring homilist for us each month.

Many people contribute so much to our community....their time, their skills, their finances. The entire parish should be grateful for the generosity of so many during this holy season.

The participation of our parishioners in our parish mission with Bishop Gary Gordon, our own devotions and the activities in our Lenten speaker series were inspirational. The donations of sugar and rice for the Canadian food for children were remarkable. The attendance at our Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter celebrations was encouraging. Many people commented on the use of the large cross for veneration, and the participation of families at our Friday morning liturgy of the word was appreciated. Our Lent/Easter primary-aged children's retreat started last year continues.

To all who so generously shared their time and energy in making the liturgies of Holy Week so special – we are grateful. To the choirs, cantors, musicians, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion, altar servers, ushers, those who prepared the reception after the Easter Vigil – we are grateful. To our custodians for keeping the church so clean during this busy season and for their care given to our Easter flowers, the artist who decorated our Easter candle, the person who changed the coloured coverings during Holy Week, and especially to seminarian Chris, our parish youth catechist Paula and our parish administrative assistant Bette for their dedication to all the behind the scene preparations – we are grateful. May the joy of the risen Lord be with you now and always.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Ted

We mourn those who have gone before us in death and continue with us in the Communion of Saints.

Dale Melchin..... March 24, 2016
 John Floyd..... March 26, 2016
 Bev Arnold..... March 27, 2016

LET'S GET IT GOING!

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY APPOINTMENT BOOKING!



WE NEED YOU – WE NEED EVERYONE – to help us make our parish photo directory a memorable one, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the church and our 65th anniversary as a parish! We invite all of you to participate, thereby giving you an opportunity to update your family portraits receiving a FREE 8x10 family portrait and, at the same time, a FREE directory of your *parish* family. Appointment bookings started this weekend and will continue before and after all Masses for the next 4 weekends in the parish hall.

Photography appointments will be every 15 minutes on the following dates: April 25 to 30, May 9-12 and May 26-27 (weekdays from 2:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.).

Parishioners interested on booking photography appointments online can do so, starting April 5th by going to www.ipcphoto.ca, selecting “appointments” from the menu on the left, then selecting “Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo”. Using the calendar on the left, choose the date you are interested in and then an open time slot. Fill in the required information and “finalize”. To avoid duplicate bookings between the online system and signup days in the parish hall, the online system will not be available weekends, nor Monday mornings when the database will be updated.



The earlier you sign up, the more chances you have to win a prize! On Tuesday, April 5 and in each of the following 4 weeks, three winners will be drawn from the names of all families who have signed up for a photography appointment. For each draw, 1st prize is a \$25 restaurant gift card; 2nd & 3rd prizes are \$20 gift certificates which can be used towards a portrait purchase.

CONFIRMATION: The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, April 9 at 4:30 p.m. Bishop Daniel Miehm, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, will be the conferring bishop. Please pray for these young people that they will be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout their lives.

VOCATION SEEDS: Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

BAPTISM: During the month of March, Maximilian Philip Perez Guimaraes became a member of God’s family in the sacrament of baptism.