

“FOLLOW ME” BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is hosting an 8-week video-based bible study series called “Follow Me,” based on the Gospel of John. The study is meant for people of any age who want to know Jesus better and want to hear his voice through the bible. No previous bible study experience is assumed. Like the two men who walked with Jesus to Emmaus, we too can have our eyes opened and we can exclaim, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked to us on the road and opened the scriptures to us?” (Luke 24.13-32). The study runs Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m., from May 1 to June 26 (excluding May 22), in the parish office meeting room. Enrollment is limited, and there is a fee for the course workbook. To sign up, contact Dan Davison at 519-883-0736 or ddavison@uwaterloo.ca. If you would first like to talk to someone who has already done the study, feel free to contact Brenda Moffatt at 226-749-2645 or brenda.moffatt53@gmail.com, or check out the two-minute video at http://assets.ascensionpress.com/downloads/FOLLOW%20ME_Trailer.mp4.

“OUR FINAL GIFT AND THE PROMISE OF LIFE EVERLASTING”: The Annual National Catholic Mission this year is inspired by the writings and teachings of Fr. Henri Nouwen. Join Sister Sue Mosteller and Father Ron Rolheiser for this two-part mission that will be broadcast during Holy Week.

- Vision TV: part 1 on Monday, April 10, and part 2 on Tuesday, April 11, both at 7:00 p.m.
- Salt+Light TV: part 1 on Tuesday, April 11, and part 2 on Wednesday, April 12, both at 8:00 p.m.
- Each part of the Mission will be rebroadcast the following day following the Daily TV Mass. Check your local listings for the time. For more information, e-mail the NCBC at info@ncbc.ca, call them toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 or visit www.dailytvmass.com.

DEMENTIA UNDERSTOOD: Canadian statistics (2015) indicate that 564,000 people are currently living with dementia and within 15 years this number is projected to increase to 937,000. This represents 1.1 million Canadians affected directly or indirectly by the disease. Join us for a workshop that aims to demystify dementia by clarifying the causes and manifestations of the disease. The presentation will also support care givers by offering practical tips for working with the person who has dementia. This workshop is well suited for both professionals and any individual who works with or has family members with dementia. Join us on Thursday, April 20 from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. For more information, or to register (walk-ins that evening are welcome) contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com. The event is free and all are welcome, so bring a neighbour or friend.

GRANDPARENTS WORKSHOP: The Holy Rosary chapter of the Catholic Grandparents Association invites all present and future grandparents to join them for an informative presentation by Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton, titled “Grandparenting Treasures: Sharing your Faith with Love!” This session will provide practical tips for providing moments to share faith with your children and grandchildren, while respecting your boundaries as a grandparent. Join us on Tuesday, April 11 from 1-3 p.m. at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 175 Emma St., Guelph in the “Our Lady of the Rosary” Community Room. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend!



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DEACON: Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang
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 9:00 & 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 Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon
 Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.
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 9 to 16, 2017

Monday..... 8:30 a.m. Vera Yates – Wally & Evelyn Weber
 Tuesday **Luther Village**..... 10:00 a.m. Marcel & Pauline Crépeau – Paul Dion & Michele Daviau
 7:00 p.m. Clara McInnis – Mary & Dan McEachern
 Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Deceased members of Cuevas-Tapia Family
 – Carmen Cuevas-Frey & Family

LENT ENDS - SACRED TRIDUUM BEGINS

Holy Thursday..... 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper
 Good Friday..... 11:00 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy (for families with children)
 3:00 p.m. Solemn Good Friday Liturgy
 Holy Saturday..... 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
 Easter Sunday..... 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Liturgy

Offertory collection for Sunday, April 2, 2017: \$6,468.00

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MASS OF CHRISM at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Crosby will bless the oils of Chrism, of the sick and of the catechumens, which will be used in the sacramental ministry in the parishes of our diocese during the coming year.

GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 P.M. PARKING: Each Friday afternoon members of the local mosque gather for their weekly service. Since our Good Friday afternoon service coincides with the time of Muslim prayer, please note that parking even around the church will be at a premium. Perhaps you might consider walking, car-pooling or deliberately parking further away from the church on that day.

EASTER SUGGESTION: Because of the large crowds on Easter Sunday, you are encouraged to leave home earlier than usual to assure yourself a parking space and a seat in the church. *Please be extra cautious on neighbouring residential streets which are affected by the extra traffic coming to Lourdes – a good idea at any time of the year!* Remember that there is a parking lot at the corner of Alexandra and Roslin for your use. In addition, you might consider coming to the 7:30 a.m. Easter liturgy.

Ushers for Holy Week still needed: Women and men who would like to assist in welcoming the people on Good Friday (April 14), Easter Vigil (April 15) and Easter Sunday (April 16), are asked to contact the parish office. Your assistance beginning 30 minutes before each liturgy would be appreciated.

HOLY WEEK – THE TRIDUUM

The liturgy of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, the liturgy of Good Friday and the great Easter Vigil are really different parts of one continuous celebration of the drama of salvation. They are among the outstanding spiritual riches of the Church. The Easter Vigil is the most magnificent liturgy of the whole liturgical year! You are invited to participate in and prayerfully celebrate this enriching liturgy. The full Holy Week schedule is shown below.

Holy Thursday, April 13: Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:30 p.m.

The church will be open until 10:00 p.m. as we keep watch in prayer in the spirit of Gethsemane. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends at 10:00 p.m. with Night Prayer.

Good Friday, April 14

11:00 a.m.**Celebration of the Lord’s Passion** with veneration of the Cross.
(This liturgy is simplified and thus more suited to families with children.)

3:00 p.m.**Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion** with veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday, April 15

1:00 p.m.**Blessing of Easter Foods**

8:00 p.m.**Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday, April 16: Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

Pat McCaffrey.....April 3, 2017

HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF THE FEET

Volunteers of all ages are needed to participate in this ritual at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the parish office at 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.

GOOD FRIDAY

11 a.m. This will be a liturgy that is geared more towards families with children. In this spirit, we are looking for families to participate in the liturgy: carrying the large cross (the one currently in the sanctuary) into the church, reading the voices of the passion with Deacon Phong, and reading the petitions.

3 p.m. For this solemn Good Friday liturgy, we are seeking a group of volunteers to help carry the large cross into the church.

If you would like to participate at either liturgy, please contact the office (519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com).



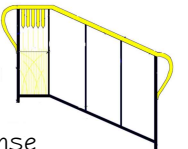
COFFEE WEEKEND – APRIL 22/23



Mark your calendars now and plan to stay after Mass that weekend and enjoy some coffee, tea or juice, and a handful of timbits in the parish hall. **But wait . . . there’s more . . .**

RAILINGS FOR THE SANCTUARY. The parish’s Property and Maintenance Committee

has recommended to the Finance Council that railings be installed to improve safety when climbing the stairs into the sanctuary. This recommendation was made in response to falls that have occurred in the past. A railing has been designed to match the existing style of the church. Additional information regarding this project will be available in the parish hall after Mass at the upcoming coffee weekend. You will be able to view the drawings and provide your comments to the Property and Maintenance Committee.



SPRING BAKE SALE: You are all invited to bake your favourite recipe(s) and support the CWL by attending the sale after all Masses. There is also a draw for a lovely spring cake!

Please bring your baked goods to the church hall on Saturday, April 22 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The lower level door off Lourdes Street will be open for your convenience. We truly appreciate your contribution.

The proceeds of the bake sale will help the CWL to continue to have meaningful and joyous events and allow us to donate to needful charities. Happy baking! We hope to see many of you at the sale!