

EXPLORING THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE: SEEING THE WORD – a senior adult workshop series, 6 Wednesday afternoons starting March 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. Come and explore the history and making of the newly acquired St. John's Bible, the first handwritten, illuminated bible in 500 years! Using images from this work of art enter into the beauty of the scriptures by seeing the Word. This program will be facilitated by David Dayler, MTS. The cost will be \$35 and includes resources. Please register by February 21. For further information please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2238, or check the website www.hamiltondiocese.com.

C.Y.O. CHILDREN'S FUNDRAISER: On Thursday, March 2, the C.Y.O. will be celebrating our 32nd annual children's fundraiser. Proceeds from this annual event enable children with special needs and those in financial need the opportunity to attend our C.Y.O. Camp Marydale and Camp Brébeuf camping programs. It is an evening of good food, great friends and fun entertainment – all for a great cause. Our evening's presentations include His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Douglas Crosby, Diocese of Hamilton, our 2017 Honourary Camper Family, the 2016 Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame inductees presentation, and the 2016 Golden Horseshoe Athlete of the Year Award presentation. For more information please contact Mel Leggat at 905-528-0011, ext. 3608 or mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca. Thank you on behalf of all the children this fundraiser supports.

VALENTINE CARD PARTY: The CWL at Blessed Sacrament Parish, (305 Laurentian Dr., Kitchener) will be hosting their annual valentine card party in the parish centre on Monday, February 13. The cost is \$10. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. There will be a supper of salad and buns, selection of chili and chowders, and other "comfort foods", desserts, coffee/tea. Treats served throughout the evening. There will be door prizes, raffles and a 50/50 draw. Tickets available at the office or by calling 519-742-5061. Bring your own cards or other games.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira, on Saturday, March 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds support the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. To arrange drop off/pick up of items you would like to donate please email BTWalkKW@braintumour.ca or call 519-498-4632. Due to space limitations, please no books or clothing. There will be a 31 Independent Consultant and Holly's Homemade Cinnamon Buns on site as well!

NEW TO WATERLOO – BINGO AT THE KNIGHTS: Thursday, February 16 at 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Doors open 6:15 p.m. Must be 18 years and over to play. Fun, prizes and food.

BE INSPIRED, ENCOURAGED AND HEALED: Come celebrate the 25th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally! Saturday, March 4th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Inspired talks by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and keynote guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig. Powerful witnesses of personal and family healing from David Patterson and Gemma MacDonald. The adult high mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins, and Bishop Scott McCaig will celebrate with the youth. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for the youth and can be purchased at www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca, or by contacting us at 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360.



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ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Rafal Tomon
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 February 12 to 18, 2017

Monday..... 8:30 a.m.Henry Rau – Peter & Gisèle Denommé
 Tuesday **Luther Village**.....10:00 a.m.Hannah Perera – Angela Madappuli
 7:00 p.m.Special intention
 Wednesday 8:30 a.m.Douglas Furlong – Patricia Snoddon
 Thursday 7:00 p.m.Special intention – Betty Froese
 Friday 8:30 a.m.Special intention of Kelli-Jo Losier & Family
 – Carmel Evans Martin & James Martin
 Saturday..... 7:00 p.m.Jeanette Achi; Patricia Neuert

Offertory collection for Sunday, February 5, 2017: \$5,269.00

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

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2016 are being prepared and will be mailed this week. If anyone has had a change of address that we don't know about, a phone call to the parish office on Monday morning would be appreciated.



AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED): The first orientation session in the use of our new AED is being held on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The training will take approximately 30 minutes followed by a question and answer period. Additional training opportunities will be held in the future. If you would like to know how the AED works, please join us on the 21st.

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 11, from 2-4 p.m. Fr. Michael Patella, OSB, and Sabrina Hall will consider some of the insects featured in The Saint John's Bible. Cost \$30. Pre-register by March 1 at www.rbg.ca or 1-800-694-4769.

VOCATION SEEDS: "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or mking@hamiltondiocese.com, or visit www.hamiltonvocations.com.

THE SISTERS OF THE CARMEL OF SAINT JOSEPH will pray for you during the Novena to Saint Joseph, March 11 to 19. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Saint Joseph. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. # 1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOTTERY! 31 chances to win with each \$100 ticket purchased! The Catholic Community Foundation conducts The Catholic Charities Lottery to help Catholic causes in our schools, parishes and community. Up to 1000 tickets are available at \$100 each. There are bi-weekly draws for \$100 from May to September, with a final draw for \$1,500 on September 20. Five \$500 early bird draws on each of March 15 and April 19. Payments must be made in full by March 14 to qualify for early bird draws. For tickets and information call 519-747-5661 or visit www.ccfowr.org.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in the year 2017? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a wedding anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster at the side entrance of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.



Parish Games Afternoon (PGA): Join the tour! Our second PGA event will be held Saturday, February 25 from 1:00-4:00 pm. Parishioners ages 0-100 are welcome! A variety of board games and cards will be provided. We'll put on tea and coffee, and have water available too. Please bring a refillable mug or water bottle, and perhaps a snack to share. Chase those February blues away!

God's Word Today

In today's Gospel, Jesus instills his divine light deeper in our hearts. He surprised the people of his day, who traditionally judged others according to their outward actions, by telling them that they would ultimately be judged on a deeper level: the attitudes of their minds and hearts. Jesus says that this applies to all the commandments, which he has not come to abolish but to fulfill. He mentions anger as an example: "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill.' . . . But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Our angry thoughts are just as destructive toward others as our angry actions can be. We may look and act calm on the outside while harboring sin and darkness in our hearts. God, however, sees everything in our hearts and sends the light of Christ to dispel our sin. God alone then replaces it with love, humility, and compassion. As a result, we are able to grow in joyful unity with God. What part of my heart is in darkness and in need of the loving light of Christ today?

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Development and Peace

New coalition to strengthen relations with Indigenous peoples

Development and Peace—Caritas is proud to become part of a new coalition, composed of seven catholic organizations, whose goal is to foster relations with Indigenous Peoples. *Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle* brings together Indigenous peoples, Bishops, clergy, lay people, and institutes of consecrated life engaged in renewing and fostering relationships between the Catholic Church and Indigenous peoples in Canada. The coalition's mission is to serve as a united public Catholic voice on the Church and its relations with Indigenous peoples and spirituality in Canada.

Haiti's women peasants are key in hurricane response

Women peasants in Haiti are crucial for ensuring the country does not go hungry. Their work contributes to feeding their families and communities. Sadly, they are one of the groups that was most affected by the ravages of Hurricane Matthew, which is why Development and Peace is making them a special focus of its response to this natural disaster. With your donations, we are working with partner organizations like OFTAG and FESMAR in Grand'Anse, one of the departments to have suffered the worst impacts of the hurricane, to help peasant women repair their homes and relaunch their agricultural activities. Up to 90% of homes in the region suffered damages or were completely destroyed. Crops were also ruined in this fertile region, which is considered the bread basket of the country, and torrential rains in the ensuing weeks washed away whatever plantings were left. OFTAG is an association of women small farmers in Grand'Anse that is supporting them in earning a better livelihood from their agricultural activities by providing technical training, creating communal infrastructure such as mills and organizing cooperatives. With Development and Peace, OFTAG launched a cooperative to allow women in the community to transform their manioc crops (manioc is a root crop) into cassava bread that can be sold at the market. Development and Peace is working with OFTAG to provide urgent food aid. For the members of OFTAG, however, the solidarity they have between one another is as important as the help provided by OFTAG.