


<b>Lent 2016 – 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving</b>	
<b>Daily Lenten Mass</b>	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. Each week a different meditation of the Stations will be used. Everyone is encouraged to make an effort to attend the Stations at least one of the six Friday evenings during Lent.
<b>Almsgiving</b>  <b>Share Lent Sunday</b> <b>March 13</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“CREATE A CLIMATE OF CHANGE”</b> <b>CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE</b></p> <p>This Lent we are being asked to look into the eyes of our sisters and brothers from the Global South as we enter the “Create a Climate of Change” campaign, inspired by the Jubilee Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis and his encyclical on the environment, <i>Laudato Si’</i>. Both are spiritual calls for greater compassion in our world – compassion for our neighbours, those in the Global South living on the margins through our own actions, and our living earth which so generously provides us with what we need for life.</p> <p>Suggestion: in spirit, adopt one family from a developing country for the 40 days of Lent. Consider budgeting at least one dollar a day for their food.</p> <p>All funds collected are sent to the Diocese and from there are forwarded to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. More than half the world lives on the equivalent of a bowl of rice a day. May the long-standing support of our parish and its concern for the poor continue to grow stronger in our community. Our motivation for almsgiving is rooted in sacred scripture where we are reminded that our good deeds go with us into eternity.</p>
	<p>This year we will be collecting SUGAR and RICE for Canadian Food for Children throughout the season of Lent. These particular food items were suggested in their recent newsletter from Canadian Food for Children. Please bring your items to the church in a reusable cloth bag. Your donations can be placed by the baptismal font up to and including Palm Sunday (March 20).</p>

**A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE – 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 make it worse? This program has helped 10s of 1000s 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 on March 11, please call 905-664-5212, email [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca), or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).



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

**Announced Mass intentions for the week of February 14 to 20, 2016**

Monday .....	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday .....	7:00 p.m. .... Douglas Furlong – Patricia Snoddon
Wednesday .....	8:30 a.m. .... Stephanie Cieciora – Bernie & Wanda Logel
Thursday .....	7:00 p.m. .... Special intention of Harriet Reitzel – Burns Family
Friday .....	8:30 a.m. .... Bill Szendrovits – Mary Ann Schnarr
	7:00 p.m. .... Stations of the Cross
Saturday .....	7:00 p.m. .... Jack Van de Sompel; Jerry Kurtz

## Offertory collection for Sunday, February 7, 2016: \$7,065.25

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

### Living Stewardship Now

*“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given.*

*St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), religious founder & mystic*

**WATERLOO DEANERY LENTEN SERIES:** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener, are offering a Lenten series. *Come and be drawn deeper into the abundance of God’s mercy!* Each talk at St. Francis Parish begins with Mass at 1:00 p.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. The talk is repeated the same day here at Lourdes beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. and concluding at 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Thursday, February 18	“Mercy in the Liturgy”	Speaker: Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Thursday, February 25	“Mercy in Hymnody”	Speaker: Christina Ronzio Hamilton Diocese Director of Liturgy
Thursday, March 3	“Mercy in the Scriptures”	Speaker: Andrew Di Giovanni St. Peter’s Seminary Faculty
Thursday, March 10	“Mercy in Theology”	Speaker: Rev. Gordon Rixon, SJ Regis College Faculty



**HOSPITALITY TEAM:** Volunteers are needed to assist in providing hospitality to our own parish members and our guests at various events throughout the year. There are opportunities for volunteers to assist during the day, in the evening and sometimes on weekends. We are grateful to the 7 parishioners who have already joined our hospitality team. Keeping to the “many hands make light work” philosophy, more volunteers are still needed. For more information or to join the team, please contact Bette at the parish office: 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo.com.

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ wedding anniversary in the year 2016? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 29 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 on the bulletin board of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).



**PARISH LIBRARY:** We are looking for three volunteers to help maintain and promote our parish library. Time commitment is about one hour per month. Please contact Joan Gray at 519-885-1273.

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** There are two one-day retreats being held at Our Lady of Lourdes church for students preparing for Reconciliation: Thursday, February 18, 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for grade 2 students from Holy Rosary School, and Friday, February 19, 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for grade 2 students from Our Lady of Lourdes School. High school volunteers are needed to help facilitate these retreats. This would involve lighting candles for students praying at prayer tables, tidying after snacks and lunch, rearranging chairs and tables for the afternoon session, and generally being on-call to help students when needed. For a retreat day, volunteers would need to arrive by 8:30 a.m. and would be asked to stay until about 3:00 p.m. For your time and efforts, 8 hours of volunteer time would be given. Interested students please contact Paula at [lourdescatechist@rogers.com](mailto:lourdescatechist@rogers.com)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S' LEAGUE FEBRUARY MEETING:** Inviting all ladies of the parish to bring your daughters, granddaughters, sisters, or a friend to this very informative “Days for Girls Program” (<http://www.daysforgirls.org>). Every girl and woman in the world should have feasible access to quality sustainable health and hygiene education. We will learn about reusable hygiene kits for girls and women made around the world so they can go to school and to work. This not only empowers them but often helps their overall health and allows them to become better educated and more productive in their communities. Please bring along your sewing kits and scissors. We will also have the Director of Women’s Service from the YWCA to speak to us on the services provided to women of all ages in our community. Let’s “beat the February blues” and make it an enjoyable, productive evening on Wednesday February 24, at 7:00 pm. in the parish hall.



**BE INSPIRED, ENCOURAGED AND HEALED:** Come Celebrate the 24th annual LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY, Saturday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Listen to compelling speakers Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and guest speaker Deacon Larry Oney, beautiful Christian music, inspiring personal testimonies, Divine Mercy

celebration, prayer ministry for healing and empowerment. Closing Mass (with Sunday readings) celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. The Catholic Women’s League is organizing a bus and the purchase of tickets for this event. All parishioners are welcome! The cost is \$45 for adults and \$40 for youth accompanied by a parent. In order to make the bookings we would appreciate your quick response. Please contact Mel Raos at 519-885-0955 or [raosma63@gmail.com](mailto:raosma63@gmail.com) or Rita Coelho at 519-886-0085 or [coelitas@gmail.com](mailto:coelitas@gmail.com).

**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 you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

**COME AND SEE RETREAT:** Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the Come and See Retreat at St. Peter’s Seminary in London on the weekend of March 4-6. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood, hear their stories, and pray for your vocation. More details and online registrations at [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

**HOW YOU SHOULD DRESS TO WALK IN COLD WEATHER:** You CAN walk in the winter! There is a saying – “there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing”. Stay warm and dry during your walk by dressing in layers that will protect and insulate you from the cold. Choose warm mitts, hat, a neck warmer and boots with a rugged tread. Winter also means lower light so ensure you can be seen by wearing reflective clothing and even small lights.