

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL IS HOLDING KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION on Tuesday, February 7 from 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-6:45 p.m. The following are required for registration: Child's Roman Catholic baptismal certificate or one parent's RC baptismal certificate; proof of home address (driver's license, utility statement, purchase/rental/lease agreement); child's proof of age and legal name (birth certificate, passport, permanent resident card, Canadian citizenship). If you require additional information, please call the school at 519-886-4810 .

ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD'S MERCY! 33 Days to Merciful Love is a group retreat preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. This 6-week DVD program by Fr. Michael Gaitley will take place Saturdays at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, 56 Duke St. W., Kitchener, in the Lower Hall, beginning Saturday March 4. The retreat book can be ordered on the St. Mary's website or by paying at the parish office. To order on the website go to: <http://stmarysrcchurch.ca/> Click the "give online" button in the upper right hand corner and follow the instructions. When confirming the payment, please write in the comments box that this is to order the 33 Days to Merciful Love retreat book. The cost of the book is \$25. Order Deadline is February 3. Those wishing to go deeper and order the full participant packet with the book and "Retreat Companion" will need to order individually from the USA at <http://www.shopmercy.org/33-Days-to-Merciful-Love-Participant-Pack-with-Book/MLPSWB/itd/27240002/132/508/AHA> Orders from the USA will take longer. If you have any questions, contact Vicky at vmdvorak@gmail.com.

CHRIST IS ALIVE AND FULLY PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST! Join us as we delve into the "source and summit" of our faith with Fr. Robert Barron's DVD-based program – Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence. This spiritual study will give you a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity that you can receive at each and every Mass. The program begins Monday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Louis Parish (53 Allen St. East, Waterloo) There will be six sessions until March 27. The program is free but there is a cost for optional materials. To find out more, or to register, please contact Anna at St. Louis Parish office at 519-743-4101 or email stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: An information meeting regarding the Share Lent campaign will be held on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Church Hall, 85 Strange St., Kitchener. Everyone welcome.

RELIGION AND THE MEDIA: Join us on Friday, February 10, when Mary Hynes, the host of Tapestry, CBC-Radio's program about spirituality and the search for meaning, will reflect on the relationship between religion and the media. Drawing on 14 years with Tapestry, Ms. Hynes will talk about how the religion beat can be the most rewarding — and the most frustrating — subject matter in journalism. The conversations can be profound, provocative, hilarious, heartbreaking. But how do you write headlines for the inexpressible? Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Lecture starts at 7:30 p.m. Free of charge, free parking, wheelchair accessible, refreshments served.

PRAYER VIGIL – Thursday, February 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice but our own! Parking across the road at Schneider Park. For more information, please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.



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| PASTOR: | Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes |
| 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 January 29 to February 4, 2017

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| Monday..... | 8:30 a.m. | Terry Bruce – Donna Duquette |
| Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | George Sehl – Colin & Jacquie Kirvan |
| Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. | Isolde Todoroff – Alpha Group |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Bev Arnold – Sue & Brian Shibley & Family |
| Friday | 8:30 a.m. | Tommas Rocca – Antonietta Rocca |
| | The Westhill | 10:00 a.m.Sister Mary Lillian Kuntz – Schmuck Family |
| Saturday..... | 7:00 p.m. | John & Anne Miller; Joan Gladwell |

Offertory collection for Sunday, January 22, 2017: \$5,488.00

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

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM: Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend the information session on Sunday February 5 that will take place at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. The meeting will be held after 11:00 a.m. Mass. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Peter Gittens at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at 905-528-7988, ext. 2258.

VOCATION SEEDS: “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...” Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, 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

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: Spending quality time together will pay great dividends to all involved, especially our children. Time together allows for positive interaction, the ability to learn about each other and the chance to build strong bonds and memories. A great starting point is a shared family meal, but reading together, playing a board game, or working on a puzzle together are but a few of the many ways we can build connections. The result will be higher self-esteem for children, a greater cohesiveness in the family unit and the desire for more time as a family. Try it, you won't regret it!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: The gift of self, promised during our wedding vows, is essential to put into action during moments of struggle. When a spouse's actions cause anger, sadness or disappointment, we must try to look past the action or words and see the person you love. Instead of responding negatively in the moment, try to understand what has caused this situation and propose a resolution that will work for both of you and for your relationship. In our most vulnerable moments we have a chance to show our greatest love by responding as we should, as opposed to how we feel.

REMINDER: Envelope users are reminded to pick up their 2017 offering envelopes available at the back of the church. Boxes of envelopes are also provided for those signed up for our pre-authorized giving program. PAG is for regular Sunday offerings only. The boxes of envelopes contain the envelopes for the various diocesan special collections like Share Lent, the pipe organ fund, Christmas etc.

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IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY USING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES but would like to begin, or would like information about the **PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING** program, then please complete the following form and place it in the collection basket next weekend.

I would like offering envelopes: I would like information on pre-authorized giving:

First Name _____ Surname _____

Address _____

Apt. No _____ No. & Street _____ Postal Code _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

THE WESTHILL: Beginning in February, Fr. Rafal will celebrate Mass at the Westhill Retirement Residence on First Friday at 10:00 a.m. The Westhill is located at 25 Westhill Dr., Waterloo.

ENGAGED COUPLE BLESSING: On Sunday, February 12 at the 11 a.m. Mass we will be offering a blessing to all couples who are engaged to be married in our parish or elsewhere. Please join us. The celebration of your engagement is a wonderful opportunity to seek the support and prayers of the community of faith and to be a public sign of your commitment to one another. After Mass you are invited to join the parish community for refreshments in the parish hall. If you would like more information, please contact Bette at lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com or 519-886-0342.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER? All you need to know to serve at Mass will be covered in just one session at Our Lady of Lourdes Church: Saturday, February 4 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. If you are in grade 4 or higher and would like to become an altar server, please sign up for training by contacting the parish office at 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 IS THE MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE. This is the day when many Catholics participate in the tradition of having their throats blessed. To do this, the priest blesses two candles, generally by a prayer, and then holds each in a crossed position on the throat of the person being blessed. At the same time, the following blessing is given: “Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” Why does the blessing of the throat take place on St. Blaise Day? St. Blaise, a physician and bishop, asked God to cure a child who was choking to death on a fish bone and the child's life was saved. Thus, St. Blaise is the patron saint of healthy throats. The blessing of throats will take place after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on February 3.



THE YEAR 2017 WILL MARK THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY of the apparitions of our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima. The centenary will be celebrated by the Church around the world. It is a privileged moment in which we should hear and heed once again the message of our Blessed Mother at Fatima – the call to conversion and repentance for sins, the invitation to intense prayer, especially the Holy Rosary and devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

To celebrate this event here at Lourdes, a holy hour will be observed on each of the next five First Saturdays (February to June). We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the rosary. This will be followed by a time for private adoration and the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. The hour will conclude with Benediction beginning at 6:45 p.m.

THANK YOU: The Mission Co-op Office at the Diocese of Hamilton has informed us that for 2016 our joint contributions to the Notre Dame Children Outreach project in Nyalieng'a Kenya totalled more than \$100,000.00. Sister Rose wishes to thank all those who support this project. She said words cannot express the NDCO's gratitude for what the people of Kitchener and Waterloo give them, both in terms of financial and moral support. She says we make them feel that they are not alone in this struggle to help these children surmount their challenges.