



Parish 60th-65th Anniversary Photo Directory Update

FINAL photography dates – June 20, 21 & 22

Booking online is easy at www.ipcphoto.ca. If you require assistance with booking an appointment, call Bette at the parish office (519-886-0342).

MARRIED SINGLES LIFESTYLE: The married singles lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress. For confidential information about, or to register for, the program beginning with a weekend on November 3 please call 905-664-5212, email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

A JOURNEY TO MERCY – Hamilton Diocesan Catholic Women’s League Day of Spirituality: Saturday, June 25, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius Centre, Deemerton (Sideroad 20N Mildmay). Cost is \$10 which includes lunch. Speaker will be Olga Protz. RSVP by June 12 to Joyce at 519-843-6387 or jbcotter@hotmail.com.

HOPE AND FORGIVENESS

There were some interesting conceptions of sin prevalent in the time of the Hebrew scriptures. There was the belief that God punished sin immediately. Those who suffered disease or misfortune were, therefore, sinners getting their due from the Almighty.

Today’s first reading hints at another kind of God. When David admits his sin, Nathan declares, “The Lord on his part has forgiven your sin” (2 Samuel 12:13b). Here was not a vengeful God but a merciful God. What good news that must have been to David and those who, like him, could be honest enough to admit their sinfulness!

Jesus is the good news of God’s mercy and forgiveness incarnate. Without Jesus, perhaps the good news would have been too good to believe, too difficult to imagine. But there he is in today’s Gospel, the God-man, forgiving a sinner and declaring that she is forgiven because of her great love.

There is hope, then, for the rest of us sinners, if only we love enough!

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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

On today’s *Jubilee for Those Sick and Suffering Disabilities*, Jesus encounters a woman who is “spiritually ill.” She is thus “disabled” from participating in Israel’s worshiping community or polite society. Bathing Jesus’ feet with tears, drying them with unveiled hair, anointing them (Luke 7:38) risk Jesus’ becoming “unclean.” Yet his mercy welcomes even such inappropriate behavior as her sincere manifestation of love: “Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace” (7:48, 50). Go not just in “peace,” but in *shalom*, the all-enveloping, life-changing assurance of God’s mercy. She is anonymous, “known in the city” only as “a sinful woman” (7:37). The character with name and religious title, “Simon the Pharisee” (7:36, 40), judges her harshly, but himself not at all, and thus forfeits God’s mercy. This *Jubilee Year of Mercy* challenges us to self-examination. In which role do we most often cast ourselves, humble sinner or judgmental Pharisee? Jesus declares that only by an unflinching willingness to show mercy to fellow sinners can we hope to obtain mercy ourselves (see *Misericordiae Vultus*, 9). Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co..



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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

No Confessions until further notice

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 June 12 to 18, 2016

Monday.....NO MASS

TuesdayNO MASS

WednesdayNO MASS

Thursday7:00 p.m.....Graduates Mass

FridayNO MASS

Saturday..... 7:00 p.m.Russel Cipp; June Kowalski; Jerry Kurtz

Offertory collection for Sunday, June 5, 2016: \$4,955.00

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

INVITATION TO ALL GRADE EIGHT STUDENTS IN OUR PARISH: On Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will celebrate a Mass to ask for grace and blessings upon our young people who are graduating from grade eight. All graduates from our parish who attend Our Lady of Lourdes School, Holy Rosary School or any other Catholic or public school are welcome to attend with their families and friends. We will focus on the theme of thanksgiving to God for gifts received, the inspiration of the Spirit as they prepare to enter high school, and celebrating the achievements of their lives. A reception will follow the Mass in the church hall.

BILL C-14 – An act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts (medical assistance in dying).

Bill C-14 was introduced to the federal government on April 14, 2016, and if passed, will amend the criminal code to make physician assisted suicide legal in Canada. As early as June 6, 2016 legislation could be in place, as ordered by the Supreme Court of Canada, but it will take a little longer for this to actually happen.

Cardinal Archbishop of Toronto, Thomas Collins, has said, "Assisted suicide leads us down a dark path".

Assisted suicide, palliative care and hospice facilities go hand in hand in hand. If the government allotted adequate funding for palliative care and hospices then people living with terminal illnesses, long-term illnesses and many disorders could stay living in their own homes with daily support coming in to assist them or if deemed necessary be admitted to a palliative care facility where constant care is provided. No matter if the person was at home or in hospice they would be treated in a dignified manner with appropriate medication and fluids provided. The thought of euthanasia and assisted suicide may not be in the equation. Even though a decision is imminent it is important that your voice is heard.

TAKE ACTION NOW! Contact The Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Health, at 613-992-3640 or Jane.Philpott@parl.gc.ca; Prime Minister Justin Trudeau or any member of parliament (can be sent postage-free to Name of Member, House of Commons, Ottawa K1A 0A6); or The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (Ontario) at ehoskins.mpp@liberal.ola.org, 416-327-4300 or 10th Floor, Hepburn Block, 80 Grosvenor St., Toronto M7A 2C4

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FATHER’S DAY BBQ & SILENT AUCTION at St. Joseph Church, 148 Madison Ave. S., Kitchener. 6:00 p.m. start time. Pork-on-a-bun \$8.00 or 2 hot dogs \$6.00. Meals include salads and fruit. Tickets at the door. Door prizes. Silent auction 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL: Exciting things are happening at Our Lady of Lourdes School! This summer construction will be extensive as the church side wall of the school is being replaced. For us this means a new outdoor wall, new windows, blinds and countertops. This construction will refresh the appearance of our building and is anticipated to be complete prior to September start up. This construction will impact on the parking along the side of the church and possibly the use of the driveway on that side.

VOCATION SEEDS: Jesus is always ready to grant forgiveness and pardon to those who sincerely repent. Are you able to help others to believe and return to Jesus with repentant hearts? If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

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

Terry Bruce June 6, 2016

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES: Programs are available for children from kindergarten through to high school not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online. If you child will be preparing for First Communion or Confirmation, please contact the parish office as well.



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Bishop Crosby has formally announced that Fr. Rafal Tomon has been named administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish effective Wednesday, June 29. Many of you will know Fr. Tomon since he was here with Monsignor Sheridan for four years upon his arrival from Poland. It is a wonderful and inspired appointment. I have communicated with Fr. Rafal (via email since he is in Poland right now) and he is looking forward to his return to Lourdes. His arrival and taking the lead on things might give me the opportunity to return to some limited ministry when I am able.

Again I express my gratitude for all the notes and messages of prayerful support that have come my way. I am sorry I am not able to respond to all of them personally but know that they are appreciated.

On a more personal note, I begin a second cycle of chemotherapy this week. The first round went as well as could be expected with few side effects. I have been spending more time with family in Hamilton so am not around the parish too much these days. Thanks to our parish staff and to the many parishioners who are moving our parish ministries, committees and activities along. The Spirit comes alive in the hearts of the faithful to continue to build up the church – most especially in times of uncertainty.

Let us pray for one another.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Ted