

**FALL EVENTS & PROGRAMS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**WALKING PILGRIMAGE:** St. Teresa of Avila CWL Kitchener 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Walking Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Sorrowful Mother in St Agatha on September 11. Gather at Beechwood Plaza, 450 Erb St. W. at 12:00 noon. Pilgrimage begins at 12:30 p.m. Walk 6 km to the chapel shrine for the Seven Sorrows Rosary at 2:45 p.m. Mass at 3:00 p.m. with Fr. Brendan McGrath as celebrant followed by refreshments. We walk one way only and receive a ride back from anyone who wants to participate in the Mass only. Open to men, ladies and youth of all parishes. Seven Sorrows Rosaries and prayer cards for sale. Call 519-744-8330 for information.

**COME JOIN US TO FIND THE “KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS”:** “Keys” is a ten-week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program runs Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:30 p.m. starting September 13 at St. Mark’s Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave., Kitchener. The cost is \$45.00. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? LET US HELP ...** LEVEL 1 (Learning to Cope), and LEVEL 2 (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1), and \$45 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting September 13 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish at 519-745-7301 to register.

**THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?** – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on October 14 please call 905-664-5212, email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

**THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY** will be held at St. Anthony Daniel Church Hall, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener, on Wednesday, September 21 from 12:00-4.00 p.m. Doors open at 11.30 a.m. Admission is \$15.00. Lunch & Door Prizes. Please note only advanced tickets will be sold for this event. Contact Angie Bateman at 519-569-7493 or anabateman307@gmail.com, or Marilyn Motz at 519-570-4441 or gmmotz@me.com.



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| <b>PASTOR:</b>                        | <b>Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes</b>   |
| <b>DEACON:</b>                        | <b>Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang</b>   |
| <b>SEMINARIAN:</b>                    | <b>Christopher Tracey</b>   |
| <b>PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST:</b>        | <b>Paula Rush</b>   |
| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:</b>      | <b>Bette Honsinger</b><br><b>Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.</b><br><b>Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</b>                     |
| <b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>                 | <b>Saturday 7:00 p.m.</b><br><b>Sunday 9:00 &amp; 11:00 a.m.</b><br><b>Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community</b><br><b>Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.</b> |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:</b>          | <b>By appointment – please phone the parish office</b>  |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b>    | <b>No Confessions until further notice</b>  |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:</b>         | <b>By appointment – please phone the parish office</b>  |
| <b>BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:</b> | <b>Last Sunday of each month after all Masses</b>   |
| <b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:</b>           | <b>Church door collections – last Sunday of each month</b>  |

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**Announced Mass intentions for the week of June 26 to July 2, 2016**  
 Monday.....NO MASS  
 Tuesday .....NO MASS  
 Wednesday .....NO MASS  
 Thursday ..... 7:00 p.m. ....Special intention  
 Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.....In Thanksgiving – Canada Day  
 Saturday ..... 7:00 p.m. ....Shirley Tracey; Betty Dietrich; Charlie O’Connell

*The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.*  
 (St. Julian)

## Offertory collection for Sunday, June 19, 2016: \$4,310.15

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

### EWP – Ecumenical Welcoming Committee: Funding for our Refugee Family

A substantial sum of money will be needed to support the refugee family we have selected to sponsor. Our family could arrive as soon as a few weeks or a couple of months. If all goes as planned, they will be living very close to our parish. Since they are from the Congo which is largely French Catholic, they may even become members of our parish once their faith and schooling needs are determined. We are one of the congregations in the **Ecumenical Welcoming Partnership** which has committed to 6 months of financial support for our newcomer family with the Canadian government paying the other 6 months. A gift can be made by placing it in an envelope and marking it “refugee support”. A charitable donation receipt will then be issued from Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

For further information, flyers are at the entrances of our church, or contact your EWP parish representatives: Chris Tracey 519-886-0342 ext. 5 or ctracey@hotmail.com, or Maria Nelly Carvajal Grajales at 519-954-3051 or mncarvajal676@hotmail.com, or Marta Fukasawa at 519-954-0339 or mbfukasawa@gmail.com.

**THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH GUILD** invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass to be held Sunday, July 10 at 2:00 pm at the monastery (1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., St. Agatha). The Rosary will precede the mass. The celebrant will be Monsignor Murray Kroetsch. Bishop Douglas Crosby has designated the double doors at the entrance to the chapel as the Holy Door of Mercy for this day.

**PRAYER VIGIL AT FREEPORT HOSPITAL** (3570 King St. E., Kitchener) on Thursday, July 7, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. All are welcome and urged to come out to pray and to be a witness for God’s unborn babies being aborted! Their silent screams cry out to be heard. Will you be their witness today? Please pray to end abortion, and pray for the conversion of hearts. Parking available at Schneider Park across the road. If you cannot physically attend, would you devote an hour praying? For more information email kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com or call Cathy at 519-742-9025.



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Please note that the parish office will be closed the weeks of July 5, August 7 and August 14 as Bette, our administrative assistant, will be on holidays. Phone messages and emails will be checked regularly.

What I am is God’s gift to me.

What I become is my gift back to God.

Notes from the Pastor:

This Wednesday (June 29) Fr. Rafal Tomon will become administrator of our parish. Although I will continue as pastor and will be available to him for consultation and support, it will be Fr. Rafal who will be overseeing all of the day-to-day pastoral and administrative ministry in our parish. I am grateful to Bishop Crosby for arranging this during the time when I am unable to be active in pastoral ministry.

Thanks to all who have offered their prayerful support as I continue my medical treatments addressing the symptoms of cancer. It is so helpful to renew confidence in God’s providential care in all areas of life. I was especially moved by the messages and symbols of prayer given to me by our school children. I believe that God’s ear is attuned first and foremost to the voices of the young. For those little ones at the dawn of their lives, those in the middle time of their lives building up God’s kingdom within their families or at work, and those approaching the sunset of their journey in our world – peace and blessings on all.

Fr. Ted

### Jubilee Year of Mercy

Yet again in Ordinary Time, Jesus seems to demand extraordinary commitment. A would-be disciple enthusiastically volunteers to follow Jesus “wherever” (Luke 9:57). Jesus replies that “wherever” means “nowhere to rest his head” (9:58). To other candidates, Jesus brusquely denies reasonable requests to fulfill family obligations (9:59, 61), declaring that discipleship demands total commitment—now! But Jesus also demands that we not judge how others respond. When James and John volunteered to “call down fire from heaven” (9:54) to destroy an unwelcoming town, Jesus “turned and rebuked them” (9:55). All violence of any kind is completely unacceptable among Jesus’ disciples, a lesson this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* is teaching the Christian community once again. Paul’s challenge to the Galatians and us reinforces Jesus’ decisive command to James and John that they express their commitment to him through compassion for others. We must abandon the violence of “biting and devouring one another” (Galatians 5:15), choosing instead to “serve one another through love” (5:13). —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

After 16 days of photo shoots, 442 individuals/couples/families have had their photo taken for our anniversary photo directory. Thanks to everyone who has participated!

To complete this process and hopefully hit that magic “500” we have two additional dates scheduled – Thursday, September 29 and Saturday, October 1. These will be the absolute final days for photos. These dates will be available for booking online appointments soon (ipcphoto.ca). Alternatively, call Bette in the parish office for assistance.

Remember: Everyone who has their photo taken will receive a **free** copy of the completed directory as well as a **free** 8x10 colour portrait. All for just 30-45 minutes of your time.