

ST. LOUIS PARISH IN WATERLOO REQUIRES A PART TIME CUSTODIAN/HANDY PERSON. Reporting to the pastor, the position requires a flexible time commitment averaging 9 hours a week. Full details at www.hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities.php or at the parish office (519-743-4101). Interested applicants are to send a resume and cover letter to the parish office by March 19.

REEL JUSTICE – A JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL (A partnership between Development and Peace and The Bishop Farrell Library): Join us for a movie and discussion evening at a parish near you! Film: *After the Last River*, St. Paul the Apostle, 2265 Headon Rd., Burlington on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. Film: *True Cost*, St. Agatha Parish, 1839 Notre Dame Dr., St. Agatha on March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

VOCATION SEEDS: St. Paul reminds us that we are “created in Christ Jesus for good works”. If you think God’s plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 9055-528-7988 x2246 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: On Sunday, June 10, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years in the year 2018. (Space allows room for anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). To register for the celebration, please refer to the poster on the bulletin board of the church, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 20, ALL ARE INVITED to an afternoon of Visio Divina with The Saint John’s Bible followed by an intuitive collage process. This event will be held at St. Michael’s Parish in Waterloo from 1:00 until 4:30 p.m. We hope to see you there! To register, please contact Anthony De Feo at the Liturgy Office 905-5287988 ext. 2336.

SENIORS STUDY SESSION – CREATION SPIRITUALITY. This six-week course offered by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND, D.Min, will provide participants an opportunity to understand and find ways to practice a Christian vision of Earth-Centered Spirituality. The course will draw on scripture, poetry, ancient prayers, and the lives of the saints and prophets. The Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton on Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. – March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17 & 24. Cost \$ 35.00. To register contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or call her at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

Raised Up by the Messiah

Last week, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the temple, the account from today’s first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a different level, so does today’s first reading. In the first paragraph we hear that Israel had, in effect, “fallen” already through its infidelity to the covenant. Lest we get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well (in Hebrew, King Cyrus of Persia is called “messiah”). In the gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being “lifted up: for our salvation in one of the best-known passages from the New Testament. As Lent concludes and we enter Holy Week, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise us who had fallen. 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:

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon

Twenty minutes before weekday Masses

or by appointment

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 March 12 to 18, 2018

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Nicholas & Bruno de’Rozario – Nevelle & Naomi de’Rozario
Tuesday	Luther Village	10:00 a.m. Mark Kromemberg – Angela Madappuli
		7:00 p.m. Rosa Hoswitschka – Michael Bayer
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Jack Downey – Debbie & John Fitton
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Doug Cornfield – Louise Ervin
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Richard Biber – Earnest Biber
		7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.	Deceased of Meagher & Morrison Families
		– Vince & Phonsine Morrison
Sunday.....	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
		11:00 a.m. Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, March 4, 2018: \$4,217.00

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ARE COMING!

Please consider volunteering for one or both of the following opportunities:



HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF THE FEET: Jesus and his disciples had gathered around the table for the Last Supper. In Jesus' time, before sitting down to eat a meal, everyone would have their feet washed. This was done because after walking throughout the day in sandals on dirt roads, a person's feet became very dirty. The washing of feet before a meal was the proper and hygienic thing to do. Normally, the servant of the house was responsible for washing the feet of those present. From the biblical account it appears that no servant was present as Jesus and the disciples entered the house and prepared to eat. None of the disciples volunteered to wash feet. In a move that surprised and humbled the disciples, Jesus got up, poured water into a basin, took a towel and washed his disciples' feet. When he was finished, John writes in his gospel these words of Jesus, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:14-15). Volunteers of all ages are needed to participate in this ritual at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the parish office at 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS): Our ushers and other women and men who would like to assist in welcoming the people on Good Friday (March 30), Easter Vigil (March 31) and Easter Sunday (April 1), are asked to contact the parish office to let us know at which liturgies you are able to help.



Attention Students in Grades 1-3!

You are warmly invited to four Monday evenings to consider the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We will listen to scripture, reflect and pray. This Paschal Mystery retreat will take place in the parish office from 6:30-7:45 p.m. on March 19 & 26 (Lent) and April 2 & 9 (Easter). The retreat will use the method of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, an approach to faith formation begun in Rome more than 60 years ago, that seeks to answer the child's silent request: "Help me come closer to God by myself." To inquire further or to register for the 4 evenings, please contact Paula (lourdescatechist@rogers.com).

Parish Administrative Assistant Position at Lourdes: The job description and position requirements have been posted on our parish website:

www.ourladyoflourdeswaterloo.com. Follow the link on the home page. Those interested in the position should submit a cover letter and resume no later than March 19, 2018

SHARE LENT SUNDAY – MARCH 18, 2018

“TOGETHER FOR PEACE”

Together for Peace is the theme of this year's Share Lent campaign, which really speaks to people. Why? Because we all wish for peace to reign in the world, our world. Because it is an appeal that resonates with the events happening in our world today and is a rallying cry that brings hope to the generations of today and tomorrow.

Together for Peace invites us to promote dialogue as the primary way to build peace. Dialogue between you and me and between peoples. Intergenerational, intercommunal, and interreligious dialogue. Dialogue for conflict prevention and resolution. Dialogue for forgiveness, reconciliation, and to live more harmoniously together.

We all need to ask ourselves this question: How am I, on a daily basis, an instrument of peace for myself, for the people I'm in contact with, whether it be those in my family, my community, or my workplace, and for my sisters and brothers in the Global South? This question is especially relevant during the Lenten season, a time of preparation for Easter; a time for introspection, for getting in touch with others and with God; a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

We rightly say, that we are "Happy to be artisans of peace!" This declaration makes us realize that peace is an endeavour that must be built from our own hands. It is a vocation that requires commitment, passion, patience, and perseverance, and must be lived out daily through our gestures of welcome, compassion, service, dialogue, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Peace on a global scale begins by first growing in our hearts, minds, and attitudes. It is through our small everyday actions that world peace is made possible. Development and Peace partners take such fruitful actions. They are instruments of peace and beacons of hope in our world. These partnerships and the work achieved through them are made possible thanks to our solidarity, our donations, and our generosity.

The following examples testify to this rich collaboration:

In Lebanon, our partner Adyan contributes to peace in the Middle East. The organization helps foster cultural and religious tolerance by offering conferences, training sessions, and workshops on peace, reconciliation, and coexistence. Adyan's work is essential in this part of the world, wounded by past and present wars.

In Cambodia, the Indigenous Community Support Organization (ICSO) is a partner organization that works with the country's minority Indigenous communities to help them have their rights recognized by the government, defend their land from corporate interests, and develop economic activities that are sustainable and allow them to live in dignity.

In Peru, the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school, which trains community leaders. Students strengthen their capacity for creating dialogue, consensus, participation, and consultation so they can exercise ethical and responsible grassroots leadership in their communities.

In Nigeria, Development and Peace partner SERAC, (the Social and Economic Rights Action Center), works with communities that are victims of forced evictions. They train community leaders from some of the most marginalized communities on human rights and political issues so they have the knowledge and tools to engage in effective dialogue with the government and political authorities.

The Share Lent campaign *Together for Peace* invites us to show solidarity with our sisters and brothers who, like us, participate in building peace in the world. So that Development and Peace and its partners can continue to be artisans of peace in the world, it appeals to our generosity. Together, let us support Development and Peace partners. Together, let us be proud to be artisans of peace!