

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR CATHOLIC TEENS:** Liturgy Training Publications has produced reflections on Sunday Mass readings for teenagers called “God’s Word, Your World!” The reflections are designed to be shared via a blog post. Each week, a reflection will be posted online for teenagers to think about. There is a space for comments and questions. To join this teens-only blog, type <https://lourdescatechist.wixsite.com/catechistcorner/3rd-gallery> into your browser and click on the “Go to Reflections” button. This is a quiet way to deepen your faith.

**CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH:** Our community has been blessed with the presence of the Carmelite Nuns for 65 years. They have devoted their lives to God and continuously provide us with unwavering moral and spiritual support. To help cover some of their large expenses, there is an annual fundraising dinner held in their honour. The 2017 reception will be held on Monday, October 23 at Conestoga Place, 110 Manitou Dr., Kitchener, from 6:30 9:00 p.m. A minimum donation of \$250 covers two people. If you are interested in attending the reception or just making a donation, you may do so online at [www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/carmel-of-st-joseph](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/carmel-of-st-joseph), or contact Jane Malleck at 519-748-1225 or [cjmalleck@sympatico.ca](mailto:cjmalleck@sympatico.ca). Tax receipts will be issued by the Sisters. All support is greatly appreciated.

**FISH FRY:** Maryhill Heritage Community Centre, 56 St. Charles St. E., Maryhill. Friday, September 15. 12 noon to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out. No reservations. Service in order of arrival. Fresh cut fries with haddock fish, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 piece dinner \$13, 2 piece dinner \$15. Dessert and refreshments available. Cash only. Take out order of four or more please call ahead – 519-648-2939.

**HOT HAM SUPPER:** St. Clement’s Parish, St. Clements is hosting its hot ham supper fundraiser on Sunday, September 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the St. Clements Community Centre, 1 Green Street, St. Clements. Tickets are adults \$12, children (5 to 12) \$6 and children (4 and under) free. There will be a raffle prize table and quilt raffle. For tickets call Sharon at 519-699-4032 or Stacey at 519-699-4774.

**ROAST BEEF DINNER:** St. Joseph’s C.W.L. is hosting a roast beef dinner on Thursday, September 28, from 4:30-7 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Parish Centre, 1025 Wallace Ave. N., Listowel. Adults \$16 in advance, after September 24 \$18. Children aged 5-11 \$7 in advance, after September 24 \$9. Children 4 and under free. Take out available. Contact Theresa 519-418-7792 or Mary Ann 519-418-8081 for tickets. Everyone’s welcome.

**“TEARING UP THE ASPHALT”** fundraising fashion show on Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael’s Church. Cost is \$20 with door prizes, goodies and refreshments.

**“40 DAYS FOR LIFE”** campaign runs from Wednesday, September 27 through Sunday, November 5, in front of Freeport Hospital. Please sign up at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or phone 519-589-2919.

**ANIMAL BLESSING:** Join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with an animal blessing on Sunday, October 1 at 1:00 p.m. at the Peace Garden, in the rectory parking lot at St. Francis Church, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. Francis of Assisi believed in proclaiming the Good News to all of God’s creatures. Bring your pet to this beautiful celebration!

*A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal,  
ought to illumine his neighbour with the light of good example, through word and deed.*  
*St. Anthony*



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| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:</b>      | <b>Bette Honsinger</b>  |
|                                       | <b>Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.</b> |
|                                       | <b>Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</b>                                |
| <b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>                 | <b>Saturday 7:00 p.m.</b>   |
|                                       | <b>Sunday 9:00 &amp; 11:00 a.m.</b>                                   |
|                                       | <b>Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community</b>                  |
|                                       | <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>Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon</b>                                   |
|                                       | <b>Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.</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>            |

**Announced Mass intentions for the week of September 24 to 30, 2017**

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| Monday.....     | 8:30 a.m. .... | Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto  |
| Tuesday .....   | 7:00 p.m. .... | Lorna Hardacre – Jack & Teresa Guberney  |
| Wednesday ..... | 8:30 a.m. .... | In Thanksgiving – Nevelle & Naomi de’Rozario                                   |
| Thursday .....  | 7:00 p.m. .... | Bob Ervin – Fred & Marie Kirvan  |
| Friday .....    | 8:30 a.m. .... | Leo & Cicilia Perera and T. D. Sebastian<br>– Victor & Carmela Perera & Family |
| Saturday.....   | 7:00 p.m. .... | Jeannette Achi – Ella Boni & Augustin N’ dri                                   |

## Offertory collection for Sunday, September 17, 2017: \$12,720.00

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



**FANTASTIC FAITH FINDERS:** Are you in grade 5-8 and looking for a way to meet other youth in the parish, have fun, and grow in faith? If so, please consider joining the Fantastic Faith Finders Youth Group. We usually meet the last Friday of every month in the church hall. Each meeting includes some icebreakers/games, a topic or faith focus, and a social and snack time. If you are interested, please contact Tiffany Scott at [tscott1201@rogers.com](mailto:tscott1201@rogers.com). Our first meeting will be on Friday, September 29th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!



### CWL Event

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 pm



**Ladies of the CWL, please join us for a wonderful evening!!**

Miles Schell, chaplain of the Grand Valley Institution for Women and a friend of Father Ted, has many interesting stories to tell us about his ministry there and his relationship with Father Ted. Then we will have a fun "**Meet and Greet**" time as your executive serves you some delicious hors d'oeuvres. Anyone who is considering joining the CWL, please come to this special event and see what our CWL has in store for this upcoming season.

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE:** Are you frustrated or angry at each other or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. 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](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca), or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**VOCATION SEEDS:** "Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com) or visit [hamiltonvocations.com](http://hamiltonvocations.com).

### SEEK THE LORD

In today's opening reading, Isaiah urges us to "seek the LORD" who is "near" and can be "found" (Isaiah 55:6). Then Isaiah says God's ways are as high above our ways "as the heavens are above the earth" (Isaiah 55:9). So we search, not because God is hiding, but because our tendencies are so different from God's ways that we get lost.

How are God's ways so high above our ways? The example Isaiah gives is that God's way is to be "generous in forgiving" (Isaiah 55:7). And our way? We try to be "fair." You hurt me, so then I hurt you back, just as hard. Then, of course, you . . . . And on it goes.

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches that God is not "fair" like that. Instead, God is so generous we can hardly understand it. The same wage for one hour as for a whole day of work? Not fair! "Seek the Lord," and we might find a God who calls us to be, not fair, but generous beyond expectations. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION INFORMATION

**FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:** If Our Lady of Lourdes Church is your regular place of worship and you have a son/daughter in grade 2 or grade 7 in a school other than Holy Rosary or Our Lady of Lourdes, and you would like him/her to receive these sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, then please contact Paula at [lourdescatechist@rogers.com](mailto:lourdescatechist@rogers.com).



**CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:** Programs are available for children from kindergarten through high school for students not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic schools is also available. Families work through the programs at home. They are supported by our parish catechists who review the students' assignments. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out their website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and click on the Catechesis Office for more information and registration forms. *If your child will be preparing to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please also contact the parish office immediately so that important information regarding the reception of the sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes can be sent to you. Thank you.*

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- For First Reconciliation & First Eucharist: Wednesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall (parents only).
- For Confirmation: Wednesday, October 18 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall (parents and students).

**ATTENTION GRADE 2 STUDENTS AT NON-PARISH SCHOOLS!** If you attend a school other than Holy Rosary or Our Lady of Lourdes and would like parish-based preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, you are invited to form a **small faith community**. Parents, involvement in this program is optional. Participating children will gather weekly on **Wednesdays from 4:00-5:15 p. m.** from **October to May**. The format is more of an *encounter with Christ* than a regimented curriculum. We will reflect together on scripture or a moment in the liturgy before engaging in self-selected work to ponder privately our relationship with God. At the end of each session we will gather to pray and sing. For more information or to register, please contact Paula at [lourdescatechist@rogers.com](mailto:lourdescatechist@rogers.com).

**LIFE CHAIN MEMORIAL SUNDAY:** October 1, 2-3 p.m. in front of Kitchener City Hall, 200 King St. W. We remember over 4 million lives lost to abortion and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. For more information, call KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433 or contact [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca).

### THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society depends on the support and generosity of the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish to fund our various outreach programs. Our funds are running low, and we encourage you to make a donation to help all those who depend on us (tax receipt available).



Our food supply is also dwindling. On Thanksgiving weekend, October 7/8, you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the church and place them in the sanctuary. If possible, please bring your food donations to the church in a reusable cloth bag. These will be given to the families who come for assistance. Thank you for helping us help others.