

MISSIONARIES OF MERCY: Two of the events Father Ted will be taking part in while in Rome are being televised live from the Vatican. On Tuesday, February 9 at 11:30 a.m. (our time) the Holy Father's audience with the Missionaries of Mercy will be broadcast, and on Ash Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. (our time) Mass and the sending forth of the Missionaries will be broadcast from St. Peter's Basilica. These can be found at www.ctv.va. Both will also be shown in the parish office meeting room for those parishioners unable to access these broadcasts from home.



PARISH LIBRARY: We are looking for three volunteers to help maintain and promote our parish library. Time commitment is about one hour per month. Please contact Joan Gray at 519-885-1273.



CWL LENTEN RETREAT: St. Michael's CWL along with the other three Waterloo CWLs will host a joint lenten retreat on Saturday, February 13 at St. Michael Church beginning at 9 a.m. with Mass. The theme of the retreat is *"The Healing Mission of Christ and the Church"*. It will be led by Father Mark Miller CSSR, a Redemptorist priest, who holds a doctorate degree in moral theology and works as a clinical ethicist at St. Michael's and St. Joseph's Hospitals in Toronto. All ladies are invited to attend.

VOCATION SEEDS: Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: The youth, leaders and parents of the Scouting and St. Vincent de Paul Youth invite you to join us for a parish tradition. The 36th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on Tuesday, February 9 in the parish hall. Serving time is from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available only at the door on a first-come first-served basis. The ticket prices for this year's event are family - \$22, adults - \$8, seniors - \$6, children under 12 - \$6. (A family is considered to be parents and their children, 12 years of age and younger, with a maximum of five people) We look forward to serving returning patrons and to welcoming new friends. For further information, please contact Bob Kalbfleisch at 519-572-1112 or bob.kalbfleisch@bell.net or George Mayer at 519-741-6744 or george.mayer.jr@gmail.com.



PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING: You are welcome to make a *Year of Mercy* pilgrimage to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, on Sunday, February 21. You may enter through the Door of Mercy (located near the elevator entrance). At 2:00 p.m. we will begin with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be offered at 3:00 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Pilgrims are most welcome to stay for our regular 4:00 p.m. Mass that day.

ATTENTION ALL FORMER CELTICS! St. David C.S.S. is celebrating its 50th anniversary and is looking for any school memorabilia to display at their alumni weekend May 6/7. If you have items of school history or interest please contact amanda.phillips@wcdsb.ca or call the school at 519-885-1340. Information about alumni weekend events can be found at <http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca>.



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- PASTOR:** Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes
DEACON: Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang
SEMINARIAN: Christopher Tracey
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 8:00, 9:30 & 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 PENANCE: Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.
 Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon
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 February 7 to 13, 2016

Monday	8:30 a.m.	Grace Morrisroe – Maria Williams & Sally Rafferty
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	John Joe Nerney – Gerry & Mary Mulhern
ASH WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	Dorothy Eckert – Mitzie Eckert
	7:00 p.m.	Kevin Kirvan – Colin & Jacquie Kirvan & Family
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Pat Doherty – Clifford Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Nicholas Gruner – John Chapeskie
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Harold & Emma Fischer; Agnes & Sydney Horton

Offertory collection for Sunday, January 31, 2016: \$7,065.25

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

Monthly Budget Review as of January 31, 2016

Cumulative financial objective – 5 Weeks @ \$7,500		\$37,500.00
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	31,750.75	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	<u>9,046.99</u>	<u>40,797.74</u>
Over (under) objective		3,297.74

Living Stewardship Now

Make a conscious effort to stop negative comments and verbal “put-downs”. Refuse to join in conversations that scorn or belittle other people.

BAPTISM: During the month of January, the following children became members of God’s family in the sacrament of baptism:

Abriana Joseph Ateyib Hunter Robert Foley Monica Marie Koechl Charlotte Ella Tuka

WATERLOO DEANERY LENTEN SERIES: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener, are offering a Lenten series. *Come and be drawn deeper into the abundance of God’s mercy!* Each talk at St. Francis Parish begins with Mass at 1:00 p.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. The talk is repeated the same day here at Lourdes beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. and concluding at 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!


Thursday, February 18	“Mercy in the Liturgy”	Speaker: Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Thursday, February 25	“Mercy in Hymnody”	Speaker: Christina Ronzio Hamilton Diocese Directory of Liturgy
Thursday, March 3	“Mercy in the Scriptures”	Speaker: Andrew Di Giovanni St. Peter’s Seminary Faculty
Thursday, March 10	“Mercy in Theology”	Speaker: Rev. Gordon Rixon, SJ Regis College Faculty



HOSPITALITY IS DEFINED as the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors or strangers; the activity of providing food, drinks etc. for people who are your guests. We as a parish community wish to offer hospitality to *our* “guests” at various events throughout the year. There are opportunities for volunteers to assist during the day, in the evening and sometimes on weekends. Keeping to the “many hands make light work” philosophy, individuals

might be called upon to assist just a few times during the year (or more if additional involvement is desired). If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with the parish in this way, or for more information, please contact Bette at the parish office: 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo.com. Thank you for considering joining our hospitality team!

Lent 2016 – 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

Daily Lenten Mass	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross	Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. Each week a different meditation of the Stations will be used. Everyone is encouraged to make an effort to attend the Stations at least one of the six Friday evenings during Lent.
Fast & Abstinence	We are reminded that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Abstinence means no meat. Many of our Catholic practices are both for our spiritual growth and ultimately for the greater glory of God.
Almsgiving Share Lent Sunday March 13	<p align="center">“CREATE A CLIMATE OF CHANGE” CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE</p> <p>This Lent we are being asked to look into the eyes of our sisters and brothers from the Global South as we enter the “Create a Climate of Change” campaign, inspired by the Jubilee Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis and his encyclical on the environment, <i>Laudato Si’</i>. Both are spiritual calls for greater compassion in our world – compassion for our neighbours, those in the Global South living on the margins through our own actions, and our living earth which so generously provides us with what we need for life.</p> <p>Suggestion: in spirit, adopt one family from a developing country for the 40 days of Lent. Consider budgeting at least one dollar a day for their food.</p> <p>All funds collected are sent to the Diocese and from there are forwarded to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. More than half the world lives on the equivalent of a bowl of rice a day. May the long-standing support of our parish and its concern for the poor continue to grow stronger in our community. Our motivation for almsgiving is rooted in sacred scripture where we are reminded that our good deeds go with us into eternity.</p>
 Canadian Food for Children	This year we will be collecting SUGAR and RICE for Canadian Food for Children throughout the season of Lent. These particular food items were suggested in their recent newsletter from Canadian Food for Children. Please bring your items to the church in a reusable cloth bag. Your donations can be placed by the baptismal font up to and including Palm Sunday (March 20).
Daily Reflection	“Mercy, Passion & Joy” – reflections on the writings of C.S. Lewis by Dr. Joel Heck. The daily quotes, Scripture, reflections and prayers lead the reader from contemplations on the mercy of Christ, the Passion he suffered on our behalf, to the astounding joy that is ours because of his great sacrifice for us. (available soon)
Lenten Reflection Series	Co-sponsored by our parish and St. Francis Parish, Kitchener, this speaker series offers various reflections on mercy. These weekly reflections are on four Thursdays (February 18-March 10). Please see the bulletin for details.

