

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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January 11, 2015

Mass Intentions this week

Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

January 16 to January 18th.

Friday 11 am Jeffrey Kings (in Church)

Saturday 5:00 pm †Cecil & Anne Fulcher, Rose Tattersall, Pietro Martire, deceased Family Members, Frances Doyle, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Intentions of Shawn & Jacinta Burtnick.



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: deceased members of the Simon Family and repose of their souls. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, January 12	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Tuesday, January 13	Rev. Francis Trzupek
Wednesday, January 14	Missionaries
Thursday, January 15	Rev. Joseph Vano
Friday, January 16	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Saturday, January 17	Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.

OFFERTORY. Last week was \$4263.10 and our budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on *Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.*

Classes will be after the 9:30 am Mass on February 8 and March 8, 2015, in the Hall.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST will be celebrated during Sunday Masses on April 18, 19 and April 25, 26, 2015.

Parent meeting Feb. 5, at 7 pm in the hall.

Reconciliation Liturgy is February 26, or March 12 at 7 pm. Parent Meeting March 26 at 7 pm in the Hall.

VISITING CLERGY

Next weekend Bishop Daniel Miehm will be here to preach and celebrate two of our three weekend Masses. Please note that due to his schedule he is unable to be here for Reconciliation at 4 pm on Saturday, Jan. 17th – so there will be no Reconciliation available that day. Thank you.

MEDITATION

A young man, a carpenter by trade, set out from the small village of Nazareth. He had heard that the son of a kinswoman of his mother Mary was preaching and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins by the Jordan River. He must have walked east along dirt roads for at least a full day towards that distant river valley.

Today, as his followers, we journey with him. Will the words of the Prophet Isaiah that we hear in the first reading – “come to me; listen, so that you may live” – quicken our steps? What does baptism mean for us? Is it a dramatic break from our sinful past and a new commitment to love God and obey his commandments, as John says?

Sinless in a sinful society, Jesus came to the river. As John the Baptist prayed and the water poured over him, Jesus shared in our human burden. The heavens broke. A heavenly voice affirmed his divinity. His salvific work with and among us began. Are we continuing to walk with him?

This Sunday marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time in our liturgical year. The hope of Christmas, though, never ends. We can feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, heal a wounded, broken planet and find the promised peace our baptism offers.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Catholic Women's League General meeting Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 pm in the rectory. The meeting will include a prayer service; presentation of the 2015 budget; discussion of events and meetings for the Council to June 30, 2015 and time to socialize. Please plan to attend. Your input is important for the success of our Council.

FINANCES – Thanks to your generosity, we are able to reduce our debt by \$25,000.00. We now owe the Diocese “only” \$325,000.00. Please remember our parish with Bequests, and memorials at the time of death – please remember that we are a charitable organization, and we receive no government monies. Please consider giving by means of Pre-Authorized Deposit (forms are available on the welcome table at the back of the Church). Thank you!

Copies of the new Commentators' Schedule for 2015 – 2016 are available at the back of the church.

One volunteer for each Mass time is needed to join the commentating team. The rotation is only once every five weeks and you will be given a schedule for the full year. Please contact Karen Kuzmich at 519-752-9654 if you think you could help out in this way. Coaching provided ☺

“**The SERRA Club** of Hamilton is welcoming new members! We are seeking people to come together monthly, at the Chancery Building in Hamilton, to promote and support vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. We share a meal; have interesting speakers and plan ways, as a group, to encourage young men and women to listen to God’s call. While this helps others, it is also a wonderful opportunity to deepen your own walk with the Lord and strengthen our faith community. SERRAN’s find ways to do this work in our everyday world of office, home, factory, and family. Perhaps you would be interested in attending a meeting to learn more? We look forward to welcoming you!

Our next meeting will be held on Jan. 12, 2015 and our guest speaker will be the Most Reverend Bishop Douglas Crosby, Bishop of the Hamilton Diocese.

If you would like to more information regarding the group or meeting, please call or e-mail:

Marjorie Mullen – President - (905) 385-8992 – m.mullen@shaw.ca or John Esposto – V.P. Memberships – (519) 756-4256 – jesposto@samuel.com

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016, KRAKOW, POLAND

Join us July 19 – August 2, 2016 as we participate in World Youth Day activities both in Days in the diocese and in Krakow, Poland. The pilgrimage includes return flight, 14 days in Poland, accommodation, busing and most meals. 5 “Days in the Diocese”, 7 days World Youth Day, 2 days sightseeing. Space is limited book today!

Participants must be 18 – 35 yrs of age at time of travel. Contact David Dayler at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988 x 2226, ddayler@hamiltondiocese.com or visit our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information and registration forms. Initial registration and deposit of \$100.00 due by January 31, 2015.

CURSILLO WEEKEND

We all know God, but how many of us truly know God on a personal and intimate level? A three-day Cursillo weekend, which is a short review of Christianity, is designed to help you on that journey. Beginning on Thursday night and ending Sunday afternoon, through a series of talks by lay people and clergy, and the sacraments, you will get to take a closer look at yourself, God, and others.

The Cursillo weekend attempts to create an environment where you can encounter Christ in a personal way. Everyone experiences Cursillo in their own unique way. It is our hope and prayer that you come away with the profound knowledge, that Christ loves you in a personal and intimate way, and that you Can’t help but share that love with others.

So, if you are over 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider a Cursillo weekend: Men’s is April 23-26, 2015 - Women’s is April 30-May 3, 2015, in Demerton, On. For more information contact Fr. Ray Reitzel, CR rayreitzelcr@live.com or (519) 725-1445.

CARMELITES OF MARY IMMACULATE

The Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) were founded in India by Kuriakose Elias Chavara, who was declared a saint, by Pope Francis on November 23, 2014. St. Chavara was born in Kerala on February 10, 1805. After his ordination to the priesthood he sought to revitalize the Christian life of Thomas Christians in India. With a group of diocesan priests he started a Community of Religious Men for the purpose of establishing a team of qualified priests who would be available to serve the Church without being in charge of the administration of a diocese or a parish.

St. Chavara was instrumental in founding two religious congregations. The Order for men, the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), founded in 1831, numbers about 3000 members today and ministers in 30 different countries of the world. There are at present 108 CMI priests engaged in pastoral ministry in North America. The Order for women, the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel (CMC), founded in 1866, now has over 7000 sisters serving in numerous countries of the world.

St. Chavara established a seminary to give state-of-the-art training to young men at the Motherhouse at Mannanam – first of its kind in India. As the Vicar Apostolic for the Syro-Malabar Catholics, he took pioneering steps to establish schools with every parish church. St. Chavara provides care for the sick and destitute, especially the elderly. He had a special concern for families and was a strong promoter of devotional life for Catholics.

The CMI’s have worked in several parishes of Hamilton Diocese. Presently they minister at Sacred Heart and Annunciation of Our Lord Parishes in Hamilton. For more information visit: <http://www.cmiusa.org>.

The many and diverse Parishes of our Diocese will gather at the Basilica of Christ the King on **Sunday, January 18th at 1 pm** to celebrate the diocesan Multicultural Day. The Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, will be the main Celebrant and Homilist. A reception will follow. Please join us!