

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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March 8, 2015

Mass Intentions this week

Please note: **ALL LENTEN MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

March 10. to March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday** 6:30 pm †Patricia Hawthorne  
**Wednesday** **NO MASS**  
**Thursday** 12: noon † Carrie Mulrain  
**Friday** 12: noon †Guy Michael Ferraccioli  
**Saturday** 5:00 pm †Maria Battaglini, Alan Dunlop, Chester Gzik, Souls in Purgatory



**Sanctuary Lamp** this week

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, March 9	Rev. Tom Moisan
Tuesday, March 10	Rev. Martin Mikulski, S.A.C.
Wednesday, March 11	Permanent Deacons
Thursday, March 12	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Friday, March 13	Rev. Van Duy Nguyen
Saturday, March 14	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen

**OFFERTORY.** Last week was \$3645.05 and our budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Welcome today, Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, for a preparation session in the Rectory following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Looking ahead: Easter is fast approaching. Please participate in as many of our Holy Week Celebrations as possible.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.

Your retreat day is Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 5pm in our Parish Hall.

There will **not** be an opportunity for Reconciliation on that day so you need to think about coming on any Saturday between 4 – 4:30 pm (except April 4<sup>th</sup>), or as mentioned above. Thank you. Come Holy Spirit!

### FIRST RECONCILIATION:

*First Reconciliation Liturgy* is March 12 at 7 pm.

### THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Will be celebrated during Sunday Masses on April 18, 19 and April 25, 26, 2015. *Parent Meeting March 26<sup>th</sup>*. at 7 pm in the Hall.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Various parish groups will lead us in the Stations of the Cross following the 6:30 pm Mass on the following Tuesdays: March 10<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, and March 24<sup>th</sup>. Mass and Stations – a good way to pray in Lent.

### MEDITATION

Jesus honoured the temple in Jerusalem, calling it his Father's house and driving out the profiteers who were leeching a living off the piety of faithful Jews who came from all over the known world to offer sacrifice to God at Passover, the holiest time of the year.

Some faithful Jews looked forward to the perfection of the temple with the coming of the Messiah. Amid this expectation comes Jesus, announcing that their hopes are fulfilled. He speaks of his own body as this new perfect temple. Truly God dwells among humans.

Two thousand years down the road, as we prepare to celebrate the great Easter Vigil, Saint Paul's image of the community of the baptized as the Body of Christ looms large. Christ is the new temple: head and members. This is the dwelling place of God!

Today we, the baptized, the members of Christ's Body, celebrate God's presence in and among us. We celebrate and affirm both our identity as members of Christ's Body and our sharing in the divine life, even as we prepare to draw this year's elect into this divine life at the coming Vigil. We pray God may grant that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we who celebrate together may be gathered into one Body in Christ.

### THANK YOU:

Father Roger Formosi appreciated your prayers. If you wish to send him a note, his address is:

Mary Mother of God Parish,  
2745 North Ridge Trail,  
Oakville, ON L6H 7A3

## **BRANT REGION OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Did you know that shampoos and beauty products are polluting the Great Lakes with tiny plastic beads, referred to as micro beads, that escape water treatment plant filters? Learn about the effects, potential dangers, how they are entering the food chain and how we can approach the government to have them eliminated from every day, common products. Hear Dr. Patricia Corcoran Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 pm. Takes place on the Laurier campus, S.C.Johnson Building. Donations accepted at the door. Contact JoAnne Hodd for more info - 754-4392 or [hoddj@yahoo.com](mailto:hoddj@yahoo.com)

**JOIN US! "Delightful Flavors of Portugal" May 17-24, 2015.** Explore this small country with cultural treasures, history and natural beauty. Highlights: UNESCO World Heritage sites: Porto, Sintra, Cascais, Estoril, Lisbon, castles, churches and Fatima, one of most famous Marian shrines in the world. Enjoy famous Portuguese wines, cuisine and much more. You'll return home with memories that will last a lifetime. For further information, please call Sr. Jocelyn Monette, 905 272 3374 or Joanne Cothran, SKYLINK HOLIDAYS, 416 849 6629 or 1 866 296 3345.

## **CAMP BREBEUF**

Here at C.Y.O. Camp Brébeuf we are getting ready for another amazing summer. Please see the poster and brochures at the back of our church. You can also take a look at all of our programs on our website [www.campbrebeuf.ca](http://www.campbrebeuf.ca). C.Y.O. Camp Brébeuf believes that all children should have the opportunity to enjoy summer camp. We offer financial assistance to families in need. Online registration is now open

**LINE DANCING LESSONS** with *Joan Minnery*. Every Wednesday in the Parish Hall. 6 pm – 6:45 pm (Beginners Basic), \$2/person. 7pm – 8 pm (Intermediate), \$2/person. Country & Pop music. For more information please contact Joan Minnery @ 519-771-5687 or [joanminnery@sympatico.ca](mailto:joanminnery@sympatico.ca). All ages welcome.

## **Saturday, March 14 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

You are all invited to join us at Canadian Martyrs Parish (Main Street West at 38 Emerson in Hamilton, across from McMaster Hospital) for Father Alberto Franco's presentation about one of our partner organizations in D & P: Inter-Ecclesial commission for Justice and Peace. He will present (in English), sharing his experiences as a prominent human Rights defender in Colombia. For over 20 years, Father Franco has defended human rights and supported Afro-Colombian, indigenous and peasant farmers in resisting the occupation of their land by paramilitaries and powerful mining corporations.

**Magnificat Ministries** invites you to *Behold His Glory*; an evening of corporate Eucharistic adoration through song, prayer and silence; to be held *Saturday March 21st at St. Joseph's parish in Brantford. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 7:14 p.m.* and the evening will conclude with Benediction and chanting the Divine Praises. We hope you can join us!

## **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

Responding to the cry of the rural poor with the bishops of Brazil. In all places and circumstances, Christians, with the help of their pastors, are called to hear the cry of the poor. This has been eloquently stated by the bishops of Brazil: We wish to take up daily the joys and hopes, the difficulties and sorrows of the Brazilian people, especially of those living in the barrios and the countryside – landless, homeless, lacking food and health care – to the detriment of their rights. Seeing their poverty, hearing their cries and knowing their sufferings, we are scandalized because we know that there is enough food for everyone and that hunger is the result of a poor distribution of goods and income.

- Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 191.

Development and Peace has been working with the Brazilian bishops for many years to respond to the cry of the poor. Your generosity helps fund our partnership with their Pastoral Land commission, which works to support the rural poor through agricultural development and land reform. The Share Lent Collection for Development and Peace is on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE**

Inserted in today's bulletin please find a prayer card and a message from Bishop Crosby in this year dedicated to the Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests who taught us or ministered to us in the hospital, on retreats, and a whole host of other ministries.

We pray that women and men today will take up that torch of Faith and consider that Vocation.

## **DISCERNMENT RETREATS IN MARCH**

Have you thought about the priesthood or religious life? If you would like to learn how to listen to God's call in your own life, and how to follow that call in your own vocational discernment, then this retreat is for you. Open to people 18 years old and older: March 13-15 (for men) and March 20-22 (for women). To register or to find out more visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com) and click on the "Discernment Retreat" tab.

**St. Joseph's CWL** - are hosting their Annual Bake and Deli Sale, Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m., to 1:00 p.m., at the Parish Hall, 235 Brant Av.