

THE 1st SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 5, 2017

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Mass Intentions this week

March 7 – March 12

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

Tuesday 6:30 pm †George Cormier (in Church)

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 12:noon Intentions of Fr. Mike Dwyre

Thursday 12 : noon †Guy & Lena Farraccioli (In Church) and sons, Joseph Panko

Friday 9:15 am at **(Christ the King School)**

Saturday 5:00 pm †Mary Graffelfner, Raymond

Nowak, George Cormier, In thanksgiving to St.

Christopher and Intentions of Dave Kielbiski



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Teresa Walsh. 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 6	Rev. Steven Murrin
Tuesday, March 7	Rev. Jozo Grubisic, O.F.M.
Wednesday, March 8	Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood (R.P.B.)
Thursday, March 9	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
Friday, March 10	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Saturday, March 11	Rev. Steven Costello, L.C.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, Envelopes	\$2,671.25
Loose Collections:	\$ 451.00
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>

Total Weekly Offering Feb. 26, 2017 \$3,607.25

Budget expenses for the week \$4,265.00

BULLETIN TRIVIA:

Between 1833 and 1836 the population of Brantford increased from 347 to 1100 with the arrival of families such as the Cockshuts. They saw the potential in the area, moved from Toronto and chose Brantford as their residence and business headquarters. By 1851 the population increased to 2563.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE – Instead of a sign that says ‘Do Not Disturb’, I need one that says, ‘Already disturbed, proceed with caution’.

MEDITATION

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus responded to the Holy Spirit’s direction and went into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Through his willingness to enter a weakened state, Jesus showed his love for us and the ways in which we can find strength. Through him, in him and with him, we can find renewal, freedom and the joy we seek.

Who has not been in a weakened state – emotionally wrought, spiritually tired, or physically suffering? Who has not been just plain worn down? Do you have your own launch sequence when seeking comfort? Do you deliberately walk by the bakery on your way to work? Or that bar? Do you flirt with the stranger at the coffee shop? Does the pressure let up a bit? Does the relief from your discontent last?

Yet here is our God, who loves us, knowing our dark ways, showing us the way to lasting comfort and freedom: serving only the Lord. On our own? No. In our weakness, God is strong for us. This Lenten season is *our* 40 days. Let us embrace the Eucharistic love that will create a clean heart in us and renew in us a steadfast spirit. May we allow the Holy Spirit to restore the gladness of our salvation. Let us allow God to lead us out of our desert.

Johanne Brownrigg, Orleans, ON
Novalis, Living with Christ

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Welcome to our next session in our parish hall today **Sunday, March 5th at 10:30 am – 11:25 a.m.**

We continue to pray for you as you prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Thursday, May 25th.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parents of children who will celebrate First Reconciliation in March and First Holy Communion in April are reminded of these dates:

First Reconciliation: either

- **Wednesday, March 8th** OR
- **Thursday, March 9th** at 7:00 pm in our Church.

Adults will also be offered the opportunity to receive Reconciliation – three priests will be present each evening : two for the children and one for adults.

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A WATER JUG

Women throughout the world are relied on by their families to provide the necessities of life. This water jug symbolizes the 40 billion hours that women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa spend each year collecting water so their families' needs can be met. Development and Peace works to make water more accessible to communities and life easier for the women and girls who are tasked with fetching it. In northeastern Somalia in the Horn of Africa, Development and Peace has provided funding so communities can build covers for rainwater storage tanks. This prevents evaporation and contamination of this precious resource. Thirty-five thousand people have improved access to fresh water because of this project.

A Branch or a plotted plant

This branch (or plant) has been brought here to put us in communion with Berta Cáceres, an Indigenous leader, mother, midwife and environmental activist from Honduras. Berta, a friend of Development and Peace, led a struggle to stop the building of four hydro-electric dams that would have destroyed a river her people rely on – a project in which they were given no say. A year ago, in March 2016, Berta was murdered in her home by armed men believed to be connected to the military and the company building the dams. We remember Berta and other women activists like her, who work for the cause of social justice, often in the face of threats to their lives.

A Hardhat

This hardhat represents the many women who play roles in the construction of their communities. In the Philippines, women like Marilyn Saoy are at the forefront of the Pope Francis Village, a Development and Peace reconstruction project that is helping communities build a new village after theirs were destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan. Marlyn is taking part in the construction of the village. She also plans budgets, purchases supplies and meets with government officials. Thanks to the project, Marlyn has been able to take training courses where she has furthered her knowledge of construction and gained confidence in her abilities.

A Ballot

This ballot represents the power women have in the political arena as voters, candidates and elected officials. Women are planning a greater role in politics and in voting for the politicians that will best serve their communities. Many of our partners, like the National Episcopal Conference of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), have instituted programs that educate citizens on their rights and responsibilities as voters and encourage full participation, particularly of women and youth. Development and Peace has been working with the national Church to ensure a fair electoral process and to encourage citizen participation since the first free elections in the DRC in 2006.

Lenten Twilight Retreat, Monday, March 6. All parishioners are invited to attend “A Walk with Mary from Cana to Calvary” facilitated by David Dayler, Director of the Discipleship & Parish Life office of the Hamilton diocese. The retreat will begin at 6:30 pm in the Church.

YOUTH GROUP AFTERNOON - During this March break on ***Wednesday, March 15th from 2-4 pm in the Parish hall***, there will be a youth group afternoon for children ranging from grades 3-8. During this event there will be opportunities for your children to grow and connect with the other youth, by playing games, reflecting on the bible, connecting in prayers, and engaging in activities. The idea of this afternoon is to help bring the St. Basil youth closer together and to make the connections within the Church.

Please email or call the Parish Office (saintbasil@rogers.com / (519) 752-0361), if you plan on having your child attend. Please also indicate if your child has any food allergies or health problems as there will be a snack provided during the event.

We hope to see you there,

Peace,

Kathryn Fraser (third year student in the Concurrent Education Program – assisting at our parish).

PURGATORIAN SOCIETY Meeting on March 8, 2017 at St. Pius X Church. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm with Holy Mass. Bring your friends and the names of your deceased loved ones and we will pray for them.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On ***Sunday, June 25, 2017***, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years in the year 2016 (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.

COME AND SEE RETREAT – Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the Come and See Retreat at St. Peter's Seminary in London on the weekend of ***March 25-27***. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood, hear their stories, and pray for your vocation. More details at www.HamiltonVocations.com.

The Serra Club of Hamilton celebrates the 14th Annual Priesthood & Consecrated Life dinner on ***Thursday, May 11, 2017***. For details refer to celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner, email celebrationprl@gmail.com or call Margaret 905-628-5682.