

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 21, 2018**

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**Mass Intentions this week**



*Jan 23 - Jan 28, 2018*

Tuesday **6:30 pm** †Rosanna Carrozzella  
Wednesday **12:noon** †Albert Cremasco, Mass in Thanksgiving to God  
Thursday **1:30 pm** (John Noble)  
Friday **12:noon** †Joseph Nguyen  
**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Elisabetta Fraino, Dan Moore, Earl Douglas, Carmelo Luisi, Intentions of Frank Higmen



**Sanctuary Lamp this week**

Intentions of: Mel McAllinden. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

<b>DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR</b>	
Monday, January 22	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Tuesday, January 23	Rev. Romelito Guillen
Wednesday, January 24	Order of Preachers (O.P.)
Thursday, January 25	Rev. Francis Hubilla
Friday, January 26	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Saturday, January 27	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen

**OFFERTORY: Thank you!**

Sunday, Envelopes	\$3,527.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 488.80
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00
Total Weekly Offering Jan. 14, 2018	\$4,500.80
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples’ response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or deaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 X 2246. e-mail [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
www.HamiltonVocations.com

**MEDITATION**

The Ninevites’ conversion is quite astounding. Such an immediate and all-encompassing turning away from sin in this wicked and non-Israelite city (even down to its animals) towards a faith in God akin to Abraham’s or that of Moses was a testament to God’s power and a telling criticism of Israel’s infidelity.

The God whose very way of being is the source and reason for such salvation is described in today’s psalm: God is true, merciful, steadfast in love, good and upright. This is the God we know in Jesus of Nazareth who dwelt among us and who offers us fullness of life. Today’s readings encourage us to follow the example of those in the past who have given to this God of love a complete and unreserved response of faith.

The first disciples demonstrate such readiness, and resolve: leaving behind their thriving business ventures, family and employees, they follow Jesus regardless of the cost. Their actions are not a counsel to shirk life’s responsibilities, but to make God the priority. Saint Paul also advises living with this detached perspective, always ready to follow and to make Jesus’ way our own. May such unity in willing discipleship be a gift for us and for the entire Cristian family.

Christine Mader, Waverley, NS  
Novalis, Living with Christ

**C.W.L. MEETING**, *Tuesday Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>*, Mass at 6:30 pm in the chapel with meeting to follow at 7 pm in the rectory meeting room. We will be discussing the 2018 budget and programs for the year

**PARISH COFFEE**

**Sunday Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 9:30 am Mass. Come and meet some of your parish family! Donation of treats are always appreciated.

Letters on the Spiritual Life, February 3 @7:30 pm

**Holy Rosary Parish**, 175 Emma St., Guelph  
Join us for this rendition of Henri Nouwen’s letters and an introduction to the celebrated author and pastor by archivist Gabrielle Earnshaw. This is a presentation with musical accompaniment and is sponsored by The Henri Nouwen Society, Loyola House, and Holy Rosary Parish (Guelph). Freewill offering

Finally it has penetrated my thick skull. This life-this moment-is no dress rehearsal. This is it!

- F. Knebel.

## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Welcome to our next session in our parish hall on **Sunday, February 4 and Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:30 am – 11:25 a.m.**

**Retreat day is Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> – 2 – 4:45 p.m.**

We continue to pray for you as you prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on **Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Meeting is **Tuesday, January 30, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.** Parish Hall. (Topic: Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

First Reconciliation: either

- **Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.** OR
- **Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in our Church.

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

## RETREAT:

Your child's First Communion retreat will **be Saturday, April 21 and/or Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:30 am to 11:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be:

- The weekend of: April 21, 22, 2018 OR
- The weekend of April 28, 29, 2018 at all weekend Masses.

SACRAMENTS – Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and for Confirmation for 2018 are available on the welcome desk in church.

Please inform family, friends and neighbours that they do not register through the schools. Sacraments are parish celebrations.

## COME RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE (Guelph)

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See our website at [Loyolahouse.com](http://Loyolahouse.com) for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs.

- 8-Day Directed Retreats – January 22-30, February 7-15 (1/2 price for new retreatants)
- Henry Nouwen Retreat: A Life in Letters & Journals – February 2-4
- Knowing the Heart of Jesus Weekend Retreat – February 23-25
- Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment – February 23-25.

## MUSIC TRIVIA

Something to look forward to on **Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>**, in our parish hall. Bar opens at 6:00 pm, Trivia Begins at 7:00 pm. To help cover costs tickets are \$5.00. No singing just a lot of laughs & friendly competition.

## **Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in**

**Dublin** – The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place Aug. 21 – 26, 2018. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*, or The Joy of Love. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, **but** registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartnett). Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.

## **Pornography Addiction among Children and Teens...It's Time to Talk**

Pornography is impacting children and teens at rates never before seen. By the age of 18, 90% of young people have viewed pornography on the internet, far too many are watching these violent and degrading images regularly; many are becoming addicted. **Come and learn more about the issue, its impact on our children and how you can protect your children, grandchildren, students and all children.** The information will come to light through discussion and viewing of the documentary **Over 18** (view the trailer at [www.over18doc.com/](http://www.over18doc.com/)). **Over 18 will be shown at St. Pius X Parish (9 Waverly St.) on Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 7 P.M.** The mature content (be assured there are no graphic visuals) means that only those age 18 or over should attend. For more information contact: Teresa Hartnett (Director of Family Ministry) at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. The evening is being jointly sponsored by the Brant Region CWL's and Knight of Columbus.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you., Be honest anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway...