

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

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**Mass Intentions this week**



**February 14 – 18, 2018**

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

**ASH**

**Wednesday (All weekday Masses during Lent will be Celebrated in Church)**

- 12:noon** †Marian & Anna Fernandez & family, All souls in Purgatory,
- 6:30 pm** Francis, Paul & Martha D’Souza and family, and in Thanksgiving to God

**Thursday 12: noon** †Nancy Hagey, Mass of Thanksgiving, Int. of Power family

**Friday 12:noon** †Mary-Ellen Heidel

**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Charlie Barron, Jim McGregor-Brown and Deceased members of the Main Family, Intentions of Lil Balazs and Shawn & Jacinta Burtnick

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today’s Gospel says that “Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper.” Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today’s society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 X 2246. e-mail [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) –

**MEDITATION**

The leper in today’s Gospel violated the religious rules laid out in the book of Leviticus – he broke the Law by approaching a clean man. Even then, Jesus did not send the leper away.

Rather, Our Lord was so moved with pity that he touched the leper (yet another religious violation). Jesus also insisted that the man present himself to the priests as an example of his obedience to the law. Jesus saw this as a helpful and necessary step that made it possible for the man to be fully reintegrated into the community.

The lesson is: we must constantly opt to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Also, we must respect laws that are truly designed to serve the common good. Sometimes social and economic problems seem too big and complex for us to handle. Oftentimes, it is just plain easier to settle for inaction.

But Jesus shows us the best response: “I do choose. Be made clean.”

I wonder if in this story leprosy is really meant to be a metaphor of brokenness. Can we recognize that we, as well as our society, suffer from various sorts of brokenness? Might we also need to kneel before Jesus requesting the deepest healing for which humanity yearns? Is today a new opportunity for each of us to choose to accept Jesus’ challenge to fully love our neighbour?

Joe Gunn, Ottawa, ON  
Novalis, Living with Christ



**Sanctuary Lamp** this week

Intentions of: Mary Stewart and Family. 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, February 12	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
Tuesday, February 13	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wednesday, February 14	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, February 15	Very Rev. Cornelius O’Mahony
Friday, February 16	Rev. Peter Watters
Saturday, February 17	Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa, S.A.C.

**OFFERTORY: Thank you!**

Sunday, Envelopes	\$2,537.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 507.80
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00
<b>Total Weekly Offering Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>	<b>\$3,529.80</b>
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

**SHROVE TUESDAY – PANCAKE SUPPER**

**Tuesday February 13, 2018 – 4:30 – 7:00 pm**

St. Basil Church Hall (Crown St.)

Adults \$6.00; Youth (13-18) - \$5.00

Children (6-12) \$4.00 - Children 5 and under – free

Donations of nonperishable food product for St. Vincent de Paul – Food for Families are appreciated.

Knights of Columbus – February 13 meeting to follow Pancake supper in the hall.

## **CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Welcome to our next session in our parish hall on *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**

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 prayer and practice will *be Saturday, April 21 or Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>*, from 9:30 am to 11:00 a.m., in the Church.

**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.

## **PARISH COFFEE** – *Sunday February 24,*

immediately following the 9:30 am Mass. Come and meet some of your parish family. Donation of treats are always appreciated.

**CWL MEETING**, *Tuesday, February 27 at 7 pm* in the rectory meeting room. All ladies are invited to hear guest speakers, Trevor and Stephen, talk about the Brantford Welcome in Resource Centre and its work with the homeless.

## **Lenten Retreat at St. Joseph Church**

**Feb. 17**, Saturday – Mass with homily at 5:00 pm

**Feb. 18**, Sunday - Mass with homily at 10:00 am  
A Holy Hour of Adoration with talk at 7 pm

**Feb. 19**, Monday – Mass with homily at 7:00 pm  
(Anointing of the Sick)

**Feb. 20**, Tuesday – Vesper and Confession at 6:00 pm  
(Mass with homily at 7:00 pm)  
(Solemn blessing for Plenary Indulgence)  
Reception in the Parish Hall at 8:00 pm.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**, *Friday, March 2.*

Please join in the prayer service prepared by the women of Suriname, All God's Creation is Very Good, being held at Grace Anglican Church at 1:30 pm or St. Pius Church at 7:30 pm. Both locations have disability access. Free will offering.

## **MUSIC TRIVIA A GREAT NIGHT!**

Thanks to the 62 people that attended Music Trivia, they made it a very relaxing, fun event.

I want to mention the following businesses for donating door prizes worth at least \$10.00 - \$160.00: Tip Top Health Shoppe, Home Hardware(West Brant), West Brant Coin Laundry, T K Liquidation, Salon Haven, Shoppers Drug Mart (West Brant), Oriental Restaurant, Mr. Chips (West Brant), Sobey's, (West Brant), Boston Pizza, Dominoes (Pizza for a year-West Brant, Ruffins Pet Store, 3 individual donations, also contributing was Beckett-Glaves, & Thorpe Bros. A great big thank you also to the volunteers and committee members Brenda Archer, Sheila Robertson, Karen Lemay, Hubie Clark and Dennis Hodd. Much appreciation!

**Join the "Call for Conscience"** in the Hamilton Diocese. The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to assisted suicide/euthanasia. The Hamilton Diocese wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more, write a letter (samples available at the back of the Church or on their website) to your Provincial Member of Parliament and consider adding your e-mail address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between Feb. 6 and March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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**C.W.L. Membership 2018 reminder** – We are accepting new Memberships & renewals for 2018. Use a plain envelope marked CWL include \$21. Cash or cheque made payable to St. Basil CWL.

## **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ Wedding anniversary in the year 2018? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the church for more info or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).