

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 4, 2018

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Mass Intentions this week



March 6 – 11, 2018

Please Note: (All weekday Masses during Lent will be Celebrated in Church)

Tuesday 6:30 pm †Lincoln Kuwabara

(Mass with Stations in Church)

Wednesday 12:noon †George Cormier

Thursday 12: noon †Frank Marcella, Intentions of Ray Smith, Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday 12:noon †Rosanna Carrozzella

Saturday 5:00 pm †Paula Morency, May Williams, Connie Elford, Intentions of the Spencer/Morency family.



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: George Cormier and repose of his soul. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

| DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR | |
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| Monday, March 5 | Rev. James McSharry |
| Tuesday, March 6 | Rev. Emmanuel Ogboli |
| Wednesday, March 7 | Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood (R.P.B.) |
| Thursday, March 8 | Rev. Jeff Bergsma |
| Friday, March 9 | Rev. Franjo Sprajc |
| Saturday, March 10 | Rev. Mark Morley |

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

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| Sunday, Envelopes | \$3,352.00 |
| Loose Collections: | \$ 423.05 |
| Average Weekly Preauthorized | \$ 485.00 |
| Total Weekly Offering Feb. 25 th | \$4,260.05 |
| Budget expenses for the week | \$4,265.00 |

Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be 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.

MEDITATION

Our Lenten journey is well underway. Is the enthusiasm with which we welcomed Ash Wednesday, at the start of a season of inner growth, flourishing? Or has it dimmed? Lent is a time to deepen our relationship with God. Has our progress been a source of delight to God? If not, it's never too late to begin!

Today's first reading reviews the Ten Commandments. God has expectations of us. Jesus later summarized the lot into two all-encompassing commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Are our relationships with others life-giving?

Today in John's Gospel, we see Jesus in the temple as Passover approaches. He is outraged that his "Father's house" is being used as a trading centre. He cleanses it and restores it to a prayerful state. Are we striving for wholeness or are our souls in need of spring cleaning?

We might ask ourselves today: what cobwebs might we wipe away before we celebrate Easter? Does pride distance us from God or others? Are we self-centred, unforgiving or un-giving? Do we judge, criticize or fail to recognize the needs of others? In the silence of our hearts, do we hear God whispering, "Come back to me"? We are temples of the Spirit, called to holiness and to the joy of eternal life. How blessed are we!

Barbara d'Artois, Pierrefonds, QC
Novalis Living with Christ

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Welcome to our next session (today) in our parish hall **March 4th, 2018 at 10:30 am – 11:25 a.m.**

Retreat day is Saturday May 5th – 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 next Reconciliation session is

- **Thursday, March 8th** 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 28th**, 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Our annual report is presented today. Thank you to our Finance Council for all their efforts, and to you, our beloved parishioners, for your support.

C.W.L. Membership 2018 reminder – The Catholic Women's League is still accepting new Memberships and renewals for 2018.

Please use a plain envelope labelled C.W.L., include your name, phone no., home and e-mail addresses, \$21.00 cash or cheque made out to St. Basil C.W.L. Put envelope in Sunday's collection basket (or drop off at the Rectory) Thank you.

Knights of Columbus Council #13442

Meeting Tuesday March 13, 2018

7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room to

follow after **Mass 6:30 PM and**

Stations of the Cross (Church)

Grand Knight – Bill Kane

Tel #519-752-1331

E-mail: William.r.kane@gmail.com

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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.

SHARE LENT IN THE NAME OF PEACE

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing.

Thanks to your support, the social Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. This year, we invite you to join Development and Peace's monthly giving program Share Year-Round. You will find brochures about the program as you leave the church. You can also register online at devp.org/shareyearround.

For the fourth week of lent, let's go to Peru and discover one of Development and Peace's partners, the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute! It runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school, where students strengthen their capacity for dialogue, consensus, participation, and consultation in order to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities.

The Solidarity Sunday collection will be celebrated in all Canadian parishes next week. We will appeal to your generosity in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity, and social justice.

Persons Separated and Divorced Hamilton Programs
LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) and **LEVEL 2** (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Course fee: \$35.00 (Level 1), and \$45.00 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting March 20 from 7 pm – 9 pm at St. Francis Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 to register, or do so at www.hamiltodiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php. If you know of someone who might be assisted by these programs, please pass this information on.

RALLY UP INFORMATION NIGHT

Diocesan Youth Ministers, Parent Volunteers, Teachers, Priests and Religious interested in learning more about #RallyUP 2018 are invited to an information evening: Tuesday, March 6 (6:30-8:30pm) at St. Ann, Ancaster or Thursday, March 8 (6:30-8:30 pm) at St. Mary of the Visitation, Cambridge. Whether this is your third time at Rally, or your first, there's much to learn and wonderful opportunities to connect with other Youth Ministers in your local area. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-rally-information-nights-tickets-39252240508?aff=erelpanelorg>.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

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