

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9:00am 10:30am	Christmas Day Masses
Wednesday	8:00am	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday	8:00am	+Sheila Rodney
Friday	8:00am	+Dec. of the Habinski Family
Saturday	5:00pm	+Lorne Zwaresh

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Francis Hubilla
Tuesday	Christmas Day (The Nativity of The Lord)
Wednesday	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
Thursday	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Friday	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Saturday	Rev. Kevin D'Souza

VOCATIONS OFFICE

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988
Or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There is no Adoration on Wednesday, December 26th, resuming on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24th, Christmas Eve – 5:00pm & 7:00pm
(11:30pm – Festival of Lessons and Carols)
12:00 – Midnight Mass
December 25th, Christmas Day – 9:00am & 10:30am

NEW YEAR'S MASS

Monday, December 31st, New Year's Vigil – 5:00pm
January 1st, New Year's Day – 10:30am Only
(No Tuesday evening Mass on January 1st, 2019)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will reopen on Thursday, December 27th, 2018.

PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As we celebrate this holy and festive time of Christ's birth, I wish you the gifts of Peace, Joy and Hope. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebration such a meaningful experience. Thanks also to our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers.

To all our parishioners who were so patient during the renovations thank you.

A special thank you for all the beautiful cards, gifts and Christmas wishes.

May 2019, bring your families continuing good health and happiness.

Yours in Christ
Reverend Robert Love

NATIVITY PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Let the just rejoice, for their justifier is born.
Let the sick and infirm rejoice, For their saviour is born.
Let the captives rejoice, For their Redeemer is born.
Let slaves rejoice, For their Master is born.
Let free men rejoice, For their Liberator is born.
Let All Christians rejoice, For Jesus Christ is born.
Amen.

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing O God,
whose mighty Son was born in Bethlehem those days
long ago, lead us to that same poor place, where Mary
laid her tiny Child.
Amen.

DIOCESAN WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

January 2019

Annual Bible Sunday - The Second Annual Bible Sunday will be observed in Hamilton Diocese on Sunday, February 3, 2019. The focus of this year's observance is "*Listening to God's Word at Mass*". Two special presentations on the Gospel of Luke will be offered by Fr. Michael Patella, O.S.B. St. Michael Parish, Waterloo (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.) and the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.). Plan to attend one of these presentations which will outline what to listen for during this Year of Luke.

Seeking the Sacred - is the theme for a new afternoon program for seniors starting Tuesday January 29th 2019 at the chancery office. This program follows the book, *The Soul's Slow Ripening: 12 Celtic Practices for Seeking the Sacred*, by Christine Valters Paintner. Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon will lead you through 12 practices intended to give practical ways to deepen our relationship with God. Each chapter includes guided spiritual activities such as Lectio Divina, photography, walking, writing and more. The cost for this seven session program is \$35 and includes the book. Space is limited, please register by January 25th 2019 with Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone, 905 528 7988 ext. 2238.

Are You Separated and/or Divorced? LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) is a ten week support program offered in both Hamilton and Kitchener starting Tuesday, March 19 and running from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. The locations are as follows: In Hamilton: At the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton

In Kitchener: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener 519-745-7301

The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, please contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. Have you already completed level 1, 2 or 3? Join the next level and continue the journey toward healing, as well as connect with others experiencing the same change in their lives. Invite others to join you, or pass this on to someone who may need this support. Find out more on line at: www.hamiltondiocese.com under the start date below *Upcoming Events*.

Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 15, 2019, call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More! "Keys to Loving Relationships" is a ten week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program is offered in both Kitchener and Hamilton as follows:

In Kitchener: St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener (519-571-9200)
Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. January 22 - March 19, 2019

In Hamilton: Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King ST. W., Hamilton
Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. March 21 - May 30, 2019

The cost is \$45.00. For more information or to register, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at: www.hamiltondiocese.com under the start date below *Upcoming Events*.