

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Tuesday	7:00pm	+Betty Neesam
Wednesday	8:00am	+Maria Andrea Cichra
	10:30am	<u>Blackadar Nursing Home</u> +Elizabeth Bedore
Thursday	8:00am	Int. Of Leo Volpato
Friday	8:00am	+Sr. Claudia Rossignoli
Saturday	5:00pm	+Dennis Carr +Michael McNamara +Teresa Pataracchia

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
Tuesday	Rev. Terence Sehl
Wednesday	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
Thursday	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Friday	Rev. Edward Mahony
Saturday	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou

### VOCATIONS OFFICE

“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### ALL DAY WEDNESDAY

8:45AM TO 7:00PM

Eucharistic Benediction at 6:50PM.

### REST IN PEACE

Lord grant eternal rest of the souls of our dearly departed, especially the souls of your loving servants Margaret Cleaver and Vera Walker.

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

On Friday evenings of Lent at 7:00p.m. there will be Lenten Devotions beginning with The Way of the Cross, Exposition and Benediction, followed by Confession.

### PASCHAL EASTER CANDLE

If any parishioner is interested in donating this year's Paschal Easter Candle in memory of a loved one, you will receive the remains of the candle next Easter (2021), please make inquiries at the Parish Office.



### The Mura: beset by buffaloes, plagued by potash

For several years now, the Mura people of Brazil's Amazonas state have sought to assert their claim to their ancestral lands. To their frustration however, it has been much easier for cattle herders and a potash mine to occupy and control those lands than it has been for them to have their rights respected. Development and Peace's partner, the Indigenous Missionary Council (CIMI), helps them advocate for, defend and publicize their cause more effectively.

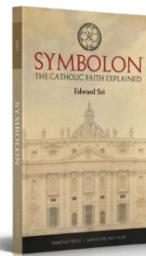
*“On behalf of the Mura in my region, I want to thank Canadians. We are very happy to have your support. It helps us in our struggle to have our rights and our land respected.”* – Jeremias Oliveira, representative of the Mura community, Brazil

Watch the Mura's testimony at [www.devp.org/campaign/mura](http://www.devp.org/campaign/mura).

### SOUP SOLIDARITY LUNCHEON

MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>

POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER EASTER



### SYMBOLON:

### THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

The last four sessions will be postponed until after Easter.



### ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING

The General Meeting for March has been cancelled.

**MARCH 15, 2020**

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### **NOT FEELING WELL? BUT WHAT ABOUT MY “SUNDAY OBLIGATION”?**

There is some confusion about what constitutes our obligation to come to the Sunday Mass (or Saturday evening Mass). While Catholics are expected to attend the celebration of the Eucharist as a community on the Lord’s Day, there are reasons allowed for missing it.

- 1) There is no Catholic parish or other community where the Mass is being offered within a reasonable distance. This usually occurs when we’re travelling in countries where there is only a small Catholic community. If it will take you all morning to get to Mass, or the cost is exorbitant, then you are excused. This requires some sincere discernment; if in doubt about whether the effort or expense is unreasonable, ask your priest.
- 2) You are ill. The reasoning here is twofold: you do have an obligation to look after yourself. Compounding an illness through physical exertion to get to Mass is not what the Church demands. Also, coming to Mass when ill, especially with a cold or flu, is to bring others into risk of illness – remember, love your neighbour as yourself. You don’t appreciate catching a cold, why risk making others sick?
- 3) There is some danger involved. Weather is the most common consideration for us; but in places where there is civil unrest, or criminal activity in the area you are in that gives you reasonable concern for your safety, you don’t have to go to Mass.

Remember, if you can’t get to Mass, pray another devotion instead: The Rosary, The Morning Office, etc. and try to keep a “holy hour” even on vacation.

### **ST. AUGUSTINE’S PARISH LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

Thank you for your customary generous contributions to our February Food Drive. As always, the baskets were overflowing! Our Lenten Food Drive for 2020 will be on March Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. This would be a tangible expression of our Lenten almsgiving in reaching out to the community. Whatever contribution you can make will be particularly appreciated and helps to keep the shelves stocked. It will make a big difference for many families in our community. The extent of food insecurity in our area and its impact on families is something we can help to alleviate. Donations of non-perishable goods can be left at the church hall during the 5pm and 9:00am and 10:30am Masses. For those who wish to make monetary contributions, they can be made directly to the Dundas Food Bank. St. Augustine’s Men’s Fellowship Group

### **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

#### **MARCH 6 PA DAY/WORLD DAY OF PRAYER YOUTH EVENT 2020**

Despite the unexpected mini-snow storm, a power outage, and several cancelations due to illnesses, we had a great day! Our joyful group of children who joined us made a delicious “stone soup”, created beautiful spiritual bouquets for a church in Zimbabwe, participated in a drumming circle, and learned a new South African song in less than an hour and performed it at the World Day of Prayer Service. Incredible. They learned lots and we learned lots from them, their joy, enthusiasm, and engagement were so inspiring to us. A special thanks to Dorota Krygel, Bill Oates for co-leading the day with me, and to special guests Rebecca Rathbone (Development and Peace), Dr. Bonny Ibhawoh and Fran King for sharing your respective gifts and knowledge with us.

#### **SVDP STORE SATURDAYS**

Last Saturday, March 7, was our second Saturday opening. Another great day & turnout! Thanks so much to our 18 Youth + Parent Volunteers who gave of their time and talent in joyful service to the SVDP Store community. We welcomed 4 new volunteers (you know who you are!) A special shout-out to Mr. Andrew Pala for wearing the hat of Testing Room Supervisor on Saturday (thank you!). And as always, we are so very grateful for the prayers and support of our fellow parishioners – means so very much – thank you! Please continue to hold this initiative and our Youth Ministry and all those whom it serves in your prayers. Thank you. Our next SVDP Store Saturday opening: April 4<sup>th</sup> – please drop by for a visit!