

# St. Mary's Parish Community



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**BAPTISM** is a sacrament, an action of Jesus Christ in his church, an outward sign of inward grace. Contact the office to register. Please see the website for more information.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are an adult who: hasn't been baptized; or has been baptized in another non-Catholic church; or has been in another religion; or is a non-believer, you are welcome to contact us. The pastor would be happy to assist you.

**MARRIAGES** Before starting to plan your marriage please contact the office at least nine months in advance. There is more information on our website.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK** Pastoral care of the sick in homes or institutions may be arranged through the office. Never wait until the last moment to call the priest. For a visit to the BGH you must provide the full name of the patient, ward, floor and room number.

## CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When death occurs in the family, please contact the funeral home first and they will arrange for you to meet with the pastor to make liturgical arrangements.

## FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY

During your time of need and great sorrow please contact the office.

## BULLETIN AND NOTICE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

All announcements and materials displayed in the church and published in the bulletin MUST be approved by the pastor! We cannot guarantee that all submissions will be published as requested and without editing. They must be delivered by Friday NOON for the upcoming bulletin.



**Bishop of Hamilton Diocese**  
**Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.**  
Chancery Office: 905-528-7988

## NEW PARISHIONERS - WELCOME!

New parishioners are welcome to register with the Parish by completing a Parish Registration Form available in the church lobby, or on our website, or from the office. Please keep your parish records up to date! Notify us of any changes or when you move to another parish.

## DONATIONS

Registered parishioners can request Offertory Envelopes. We issue Income Tax receipts for all registered donations. You can also choose to donate online through [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org). See the instructions on the website. [Canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) provides Income Tax receipts directly to every donor.

**LEGACIES & BEQUEST** Keep the Love for Your Parish Alive. Remember St. Mary's Parish in your will and when suggesting expressions of sympathy.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS** can be booked through the office. There are many ways to remember your loved ones. Please ask.

## ST. MARY'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

For help please call: 226-208 6846,  
or email: [ssvpmary@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpmary@gmail.com)

Volunteers receive people in need at St. Mary's Catholic Learning Centre, former St. Mary's School. The entrance is located at the side of the building from Colborne St. or by ramp from the carpark from East Ave.  
**Open: Tue. and Thu. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Pastor:** Fr. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.

**Pastoral Minister:** Mrs. Joyce Young

**Office Manager:** Mrs. Angela Rowley **Office Hours:** Monday closed

Tue., Wed. and Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m., Thu. 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (lunch break Noon – 1:00 p.m.)

**OUR LORD'S DAY MASSES** Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Children's Liturgy:** Sundays at 11:00 a.m. (except holidays)

**CONFESSIONS** Tues.: 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., Sat.: 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., or by appointment

**Elementary Schools associated with our parish**

**Jean Vanier:** 519-753-5283, **St. Peter's:** 519-752-1611, **Holy Cross:** 519-756-5032

# Liturgies

**Saturday, February 29,**

*"I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."*

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

**Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Albert Bourgeois**

**Vocation Prayer – Rev. Mike Myroniuk**

**Sunday, March 1, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

*"Jesus fasted forty days and was put to the test."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)**

**Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Lucia D'Eramo, † Joanne DeSantis,  
† Pihlong Bong, † Angelo & Maria Molinaro, † Roberto Ignacio,  
† Grace Wilson**

**Vocation Prayer – Rev. Robert Dunn**

**Tuesday, March 3,**

*"Pray in this way."*

♦ **Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m**

♦ **Stations of the Cross and Devotions 6:00 p.m.**

**Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Joe DaPonte, † Souls in Purgatory, Int. of  
Maria DaPonte**

**Vocation Prayer – Rev. Ron Cote**

**Wednesday, March 4,**

*"This is an evil generation."*

**SJLC Mass 1:30 p.m. - † Souls in Purgatory**

**Vocation Prayer – Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton**

**Thursday, March 5,**

*"Everyone who asks receives."*

**NO MASS – School Confessions**

**Vocation Prayer - Rev. Ralph Diodati**

**Friday, March 6, World Day of Prayer**

*"First be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Jarek Majewski**

**(followed by the Stations of the Cross)**

**Vocation Prayer – Rev. Msgr. Paul Boucher**

**Saturday, March 7,**

*"Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."*

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

**Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Assunta Imola-Berardi**

**Vocation Prayer – Rev. Michael McHugh**

**Sunday, March 8, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

*"Jesus' face shone like the sun."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Vincenza Tangi, † Francesco & Amalia  
Manzo, † Tommaso Nardone, † Benedetto DiRamio, † Rodolfo  
Perey DeGuzman Sr., Int. of Ray & Darlene Schaafs**

**Mass 11:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)**

**Vocation Prayer – Rev. Francis Trzuppek**

**Sunday Collection for Feb. 22/23, 2020**

Env. \$2965.00 + Loose \$575.85 = \$3540.85

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**THANK YOU,**  
for your generosity!  
Your gift and attendance truly matters.  
It is the life and future for our parish!

## DAILY HOLY MASS

Due to inclement winter weather conditions, the daily Holy Mass, Tuesday to Friday may be celebrated in the Msgr. Maloney Room, please check the website or call the office before heading to the church. The church doors will be marked and only the bell tower door will be open.

## WEEKLY LENTEN RESOLUTIONS

(FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T STARTED YET)

**MO**  
**PRAY**  
OFFER THIS WEEK AS  
A SACRIFICE TO THE  
LORD

**TU**  
**GIVE**  
BE GENEROUS WITH  
THE GIFTS THAT GOD  
HAS GIVEN YOU

**WE**  
**THANK**  
THANK THOSE WHO  
SHOW YOU THE  
GOODNESS OF GOD

**TH**  
**SERVE**  
THINK OF OTHER  
PEOPLE'S NEEDS

**FR**  
**FAST**  
FROM EVERYTHING  
THAT KEEPS YOU  
AWAY FROM GOD

**SA**  
**BE QUIET**  
BE SILENT, KEEP  
YOUR INTERIOR AND  
EXTERIOR QUIET

**SU**  
**REFLECT**  
THINK OF THIS PAST  
WEEK AND HOW YOU  
CAN IMPROVE

"WHATEVER YOU EAT, THEN,  
OR DRINK, AND WHATEVER  
ELSE YOU DO, DO IT ALL FOR  
THE GLORY OF GOD."  
1 CORINTHIANS 10:31



First Sunday of Lent Word:

**“Man does not live on bread alone  
but on every word that comes  
from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4)**

Please Pray for our Catechumens. These are adult sisters and brothers who will be baptised this Easter in our church. Bishop Crosby will elect them officially this Sunday at the special celebration at Christ the King Cathedral Basilica.

## MARCH BREAK ADVENTURE FOR CHILDREN

Altar Servers and children Grade 3 and above who would like to learn what altar servers do are invited for a trip to Christ the King Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton **on March 19, 2020**. There will be time for exploring, some fun and a meal. Please contact Joyce Young our pastoral minister or ask your teacher at school if you attend one of our schools for more information. Email: [pmmmarybrantford@gmail.com](mailto:pmmmarybrantford@gmail.com), or call 519-753-7316

## SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II RELIC

With the consent of the Polish Episcopate and the President of the John Paul II Foundation, Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, a Triptych with the icon of Our Lady of Jasna Gora (Black Madonna), St. John Paul II and St. Faustina has been travelling throughout three continents: North America, Europe and Asia. Accompanying the Triptych will be the relics of St. John Paul II and St. Sister Faustina. The visit of the Triptych provides an opportunity, following the example of St. John Paul II, to entrust to the Mother of God ourselves, our families, all Parishes, the Church, and the entire world, which needs God's Mercy more than ever before. The Triptych will visit Saint Mary's on March 24, 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER-MARCH 6, 2020

**RISE! TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK!** Everyone Welcome! 1:30 pm at Salvation Army Brantford Community Church, 33 Diana Ave., 519-752-7813 and 7:30 pm at Hope Christian Reformed, at 64 Buchanan Cres., 519-759-7581.



# Lent - Time of Grace 2020

*Lent is often referred to as a holy season. It is holy because with the grace of God we are given an opportunity to repair our relationship with God, to be forgiven of our sins and to be born again in the Spirit. This is the key to happiness, and it lies ahead of us in these 40 days. Just take a chance.*

**ABSTINENCE AND FASTING**  
is required from Catholics on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. It is also recommended that we abstain from meat on Fridays.

**PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE**  
Saturday March 7/8  
At all Holy Masses

**RELIQS OF SAINTS JOHN PAUL II AND SISTER FUSTINA VISIT**  
Tuesday March 24,  
Veneration 3 pm - 6 pm  
Stations of the Cross - 6 pm  
Holy Mass 7 pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Tuesdays 6 pm, Fridays 9:30 am  
(after morning Holy Mass)

**HOLY WEEK**

**PALM SUNDAY** - April 5, **HOLY THURSDAY** - April 9, 7:00 pm,  
**GOOD FRIDAY**, April 10-3:00 pm, **EASTER VIGIL**, April 11, 8:00 pm  
**EASTER** April 12 - 9:00 am and 11:00 am

**RETREAT SUNDAY**  
with **Fr. Aleksander Mazur**

March 7/8 (All Masses)

**SCHOOL CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday March 5,  
No weekday Mass

**FIRST CONFESSIONS,**

Wednesday March 11,  
In the church, 7 pm

**JOY SUNDAY** - Grade 2, Sunday

following first confessions  
Weekend March 14/15,  
Attend any Mass

**PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

**AND CONFESSIONS**

Saint Mary's,  
- March 24, 5 - 8 pm  
Saint Pius X  
- March 31, 7 pm  
Saint Basil,  
- April 2, 7 pm  
St. Mary's weekly confessions  
extended time:  
- April 4, 2 - 5 pm

**CHRISM MASS**

Monday April 6 at 7 pm  
at Christ the King Cathedral  
Basilica in Hamilton

## 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

is available, please check the bulletin stands at the church doors. It is overall a positive statement! [...] 2019 was a demanding year considering the extra fundraiser ONE HEART ONE SOUL that we were able to close with flying colours thanks to one big donation from Mr. John Sharp. Our community response to the fundraiser was relatively low, with 27.5% of registered parishioners offering their support. Please remember ONE HEART ONE SOUL is not finished until all pledged gifts are received. Regardless, we will commence the makeover of the windows this year using available funds from the campaign and our parish savings. We were also able to complete other projects thanks to your regular Sunday generosity. We have spent over \$40K on renovations and improvements for the church and buildings. I always keep you up to date by reporting the progress of work in the bulletin. We were able to save a significant amount of money due to many hours of help through the kind assistance offered by parishioners. I want to thank you all for every monetary donation and/or free labour! [...] Even though the report is positive there is one issue that worries the members of our Parish Finance Committee and me. Our Sunday collection is down every year, not significantly, but it's becoming a pattern. This is despite the same number of parishioners attending on Sundays. There are perhaps various explanations and factors to this. [...] Perhaps it's also my fault because I don't encourage enough giving and generosity. I have never been good at this, mea culpa! We sometimes don't realize but every extra banknote placed in the collection plate makes a big difference. I understand we all have our big and small setbacks but perhaps we can afford an extra dollar or two for our beloved parish so that we can plan for the future. This year we want to do some makeovers for the parish hall facilities, if of course the funds will allow us. May God bless you all!  
/ Fr. Luke

## CONFIRMATION 2020, PRE-REGISTRATION

WHY ARE WE ASKING FOR THIS PRE-REGISTRATION FORM? We simply need to know if we have sufficient number of candidates. There are certain diocesan requirements regarding the group size. The Bishop usually comes to confirm students in our church on the 3rd Saturday of October. However, the exact date is usually confirmed before the end of the school year. Current Grade 6 students (next year Grade 7) are entitled and will be offered a preparation program provisioned by the curriculum that will culminate with a special one-day retreat organized by the parish at the beginning of the new school year. We also invite students Grade 8 and older who haven't been confirmed yet. If there will not be enough candidates, we will postpone Confirmation until next year. Anyone who would still like to receive the Sacrament in the current year is welcome to join another parish but needs to contact them in advance to make necessary arrangements. If there is a group of students interested, we will be happy to help.

## DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

11th Annual Catholic Women's Conference. Saturday, March 28 – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: Le Tre Port Banquet Hall, 1075 Queensway E, Mississauga, ON L4Y 4C1. Mississauga, Ontario 416-907-1042 /// **Speakers & Topics:** Kimberly Hahn (Scott Hahn's wife will give – 2 Talks) The Joys and Sorrows of Mary Women of Wisdom: Sharing Heart to Heart. Colleen Carroll Campbell - Award winning author, EWTN, former presidential speech writer will give one talk called: The Heart of Perfection. Dorothy Pilarski - Founder of Dynamic Women Faith One Mother's Heart. Register at [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)  
CONTACT: 416-907-1042

### +++ BABY BOTTLES FUNDRAISER

PREGNANCY AND RESOURCE CENTER (across the street from our church) would like to ask your support. They help to support LIFE, can we support them? Please pick up a baby bottle from the back of the church, fill it with change and whenever ready return the bottles to church. Please drop them in the alcove, sacristy or at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

### +++ VISIT SAINT JOSEPH ...

A good deed this Lent? You can visit one of the residents at Saint Joseph Life Care Centre. Some residents don't have close family to visit them on a regular basis. You can become a friend to chat with them and say a prayer. We will introduce you and help with formalities. You can help yourself by helping them. Please contact our parish office for more details.


### +++ JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN

Say one Rosary Prayer daily for a dedicated intention, for a specified period of time. There are many people who need our prayer support, you can be one to help. Please spare a few minutes of your time and make this spiritual commitment to enrich your Lent. It is a spiritual giving!

### C.W.L. SPRING BAZAAR

Ladies of St. Anthony Daniel in Scotland will be holding their Spring Bazaar on Saturday March 28th, 2020 from 1:00-3:00P.M. in Parish Hall 57 Simcoe Street. Cabbage rolls, baking, crafts, penny table and much more. Free admission and door prizes.

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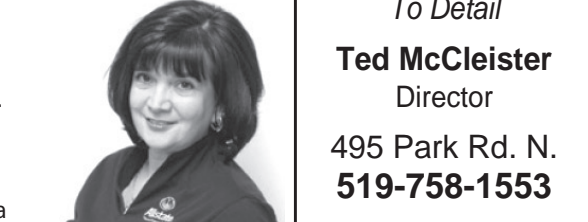
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