

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 4, 2018

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Mass Intentions this week



February 10 – 11, 2018

Saturday 5:00 pm † Cecil & Anne Fulcher,
Intentions of: Fr. Earl Talbot, Joyce Sanvido, Dalbert & Aldona Dawson.



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Joseph Hynes 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	
Monday, February 5	Rev. Jozo Grubisic, O.F.M.
Tuesday, February 6	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
Wednesday, February 7	Disalced Carmelite Fathers (O.C.D.)
Thursday, February 8	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Friday, February 9	Very Rev. John Van Hees
Saturday, February 10	Rev. Ilija Petkovic

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, Envelopes	\$3,244.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 511.65
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00

Total Weekly Offering Jan. 28, 2018 \$3,760.50

Budget expenses for the week \$4,265.00

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. 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 –

MEDITATION

This year we listen to the Evangelist Mark. His is the shortest of the four Gospels. In today's few verses, Mark reveals the intensity and urgency of Jesus.

Jesus was compelled to share the Good News as deeply and broadly as possible. Look at the work he accomplishes in one day. First, he teaches in the synagogue and frees a man from an unclean spirit. Then, in Simon's home, he heals Simon's mother-in-law of a serious fever. And then, he spends the evening healing the sick and casting out demons. Mark tells us that the whole city was gathered at the door.

After all that intense effort, Jesus is up the next morning before sunrise and goes away to pray alone. His energy is renewed in prayer with his Father and then he sets out again, moving from one town to the next, proclaiming the loving mercy of God. Let us remember, he walked everywhere he went.

Jesus knew his mission. He had no time to waste. Do we dare ask for that grace of urgency? We can try. Start each day in prayer, deliberately treat everyone we meet as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, and stay alert for God's invitations to live ever more deeply in his love and mercy.

Marilyn Sweet, Falmouth, NS
Novalis, Living with Christ

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, February 4 and Sunday 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

First Reconciliation: either

- **Thursday, March 1st.** OR
- **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.
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Lenten Retreat for Women: Hosted by the CWL of Blessed Sacrament and St. Anthony Daniel at Blessed Sacrament Church (183 King Street in Burford). The retreat will be led by Fr. Al McMillan on Wednesday, **February 28 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**, including pot luck lunch. Cost: free will offering. To sign up or for more information: 519-449-5143 or parishoffice@blessedsacramentparish.ca

PARENTING TIP

Parents often ask their children what they would like to be when they grow up, but the better question to reflect on is “who” you want to be when you grow up. Lessons learned in childhood, along with the modelling from significant adults in their lives set a foundation for the adults our children become. Do you expect respect, the use of manners, that your children treat others with caring and compassion? Are you modelling the traits of a good parent and spouse? Do you help them to see how God can and does support them as they grow to develop the gifts they have been given to use in our world? Good people are happier and healthier people, so help your child develop the “who” part of themselves and what they will be will take care of itself!

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND - AT Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, **February 16-18**. The retreat will be preached by the Centre team – Oblate Father Pawel Ratajczak and Mrs. Anne Hales. A beautiful way to begin the season of Lent. For information or registration please call 905-278-5229.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

After ten years of mobilizing, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada celebrates the creation of an ombudsperson for mining and other sectors.

January 17, 2018 Montreal Development and Peace – Caritas Canada welcomes the announcement by the Canadian government to create a human rights ombudsperson to oversee Canadian mining, oil and gas operations around the world after ten years of campaigning on this issue. Since 2006, its campaigns for greater accountability in the Canadian extractives sector have garnered the support of 500,000 Canadians.

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. No other country or province in Canada does this. Ontario, however, 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 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 31st.

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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.