

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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February 1, 2015

Mass Intentions this week

Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

February 3 to February 8th.

Tuesday 6:30 pm †Stella Nevin
Wednesday 12 noon Intentions of Dian Smith
Thursday 12 noon †Arthur Smith, Intentions of Theresa Neary
Friday 12:noon †Deceased members of McAllindon Family
Saturday 5:00 pm †Gerard Spelier, Allan McDonald, Cesar Medeiros, Italia Paladinesse, Eudilce Obili, Intentions of: Ray Smtih

MEDITATION

When it comes to connecting our lives with the texts assigned to any given Sunday, I am not sure “ordinary” as in the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time fits. I understand we cannot always be in the high holidays of the liturgical year; Ordinary Time makes holidays holier. But the readings this week are extraordinary in their message.

The Israelites wanted a prophet: everyone else had one! I can almost hear my Grade 6 catechism class’s sometimes whiny tone. God says okay, but they have to listen. Ha! Really? In this day and age when everyone wants to be an expert (or worse still, thinks they are an expert), to listen to one of their own? An act of faith, for certain.

Bring in the Gospel. Here is one of their own, Jesus. God is trying again to get the point across to a stubborn people - LISTEN! When Jesus speaks with authority, bring back my Grade 6s. Who does he think he is? Some ask. We “the faithful” can be a tough crowd.

But some of them did get it, they did listen. A new teaching, perhaps a new evangelization. Is this not the invitation for our times, Paul’s “unhindered devotion to the Lord”? Concerns about peace, the environment, the family, respect for life, human trafficking and unjust distribution of the earth’s goods persist. Who speaks with authority and who listens?

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – with Bishop Crosby at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton on **Sunday June 7th, 2015 at 1:30 pm**; for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years in the calendar year 2015. Registration forms are available on the poster on the bulletin board at the back of the Church.

PRIEST, PROPHET, KING

....Lenten Reflection Evenings
6 Thursdays beginning February 12, 2015 7-9 pm
Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton

Through this presentation of *Priest, Prophet, King*, you will better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, we come to see Jesus more clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. The cost for this series is \$25. Contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988, x 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information.



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of : Roy Ferraccioli 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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, February 2	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Tuesday, February 3	Rev. Mike Francis
Wednesday, February 4	Soeurs du Sacre-Coeur de Jesus (S.S.C.J.)
Thursday, February 5	Rev. Moon Kab Shin
Friday, February 6	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
Saturday, February 7	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.

OFFERTORY. Last week was \$3082.10 and our budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on **Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

Classes will be after the 9:30 am Mass on February 8 and March 8, 2015, in the Hall.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST will be celebrated during Sunday Masses on **April 18, 19 and April 25, 26, 2015.**

Parent meeting Feb. 5, at 7 pm in the hall. **Reconciliation Liturgy is February 26, or March 12 at 7 pm.** Parent Meeting **March 26** at 7 pm in the Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday February 03, 2015

7:00 PM in the Rectory

Guest Speaker:

Marcel Dion (Magnificat Ministries)
Mass at 6:30 PM in the Rectory Chapel

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday February 17, 2015

Church Hall 5:00 – 7:30 PM

Adults -- \$7.00

Youth (13 – 18) --\$6.00

Children (6 --12) -- \$4:00

Children 5 and under – free

It is the Mission of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul "To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy". The members of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wish to thank Parishioners throughout Brantford and Brant County for your continued support with donations of food, clothing, household items, grocery gift cards and cash throughout 2014. Our partnership between the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board and our organization continues to grow. Thank you particularly to the principals, teachers, students and parents for assistance with drives for food, clothing, linens, toys, etc. Through this relationship we have developed a fund with which to purchase new beds for children. We are especially excited about the visits with students, either at their schools or at the Valu Shoppe, where they have learned about, and helped with, our work. We would also like to extend our gratitude for the ongoing support of the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus. Thank you to our parish priests and their support staff as well as all parish volunteers who assist in getting our message out and recruiting new volunteers. It is because of the generosity and efforts of all those mentioned above, that our members are able to continue to assist our neighbours in need.
Best wishes to everyone for a Blessed New Year!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016, KRAKOW, POLAND

Join us July 19 – August 2, 2016 as we participate in World Youth Day activities both in Days in the diocese and in Krakow, Poland. The pilgrimage includes return flight, 14 days in Poland, accommodation, busing and most meals. 5 "Days in the Diocese", 7 days World Youth Day, 2 days sightseeing. Space is limited book today! Participants must be 18 – 35 yrs of age at time of travel. Contact David Dayler at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988 x 2226,

ddayler@hamiltondiocese.com or visit our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information and registration forms.

Pope Francis has called a Synod of Marriage and Family to be held in October of 2015 which is to include Bishops from around the world. – **this is your invitation to participate** in the gathering of information from the Hamilton Diocese. There are two ways that you may submit your responses:

1. Fill in the questionnaire which can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan web site at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The questionnaire seeks information from the faithful on the content of the Lineamenta, which is the working document for the upcoming Synod. It can be completed on line, or printed and faxed or mailed to the Family Ministry Office. **The deadline for submission is Feb. 27, 2015.**
2. **Attend one of two focus group gatherings** where the questionnaire will be discussed and responses collected to include in the final report. **Both gatherings will occur from 7:00 - 9:00 pm** and you are asked to RRSF by phone (905-528-7988 ext. 2249) or e-mail (familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com) if you plan to attend. You may join in a focus group at **St. Michael Parish** (240 Hemlock Street, Waterloo) on **Tuesday, Feb. 17th** or at the **Chancery Office** (700 King Street West, Hamilton) on **Thursday, Feb. 19th**.

The information being gathered will provide essential input to the Bishops as they prepare for the Synod. Please consider engaging in this process in one or both of the ways provided. For further information contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com.

Day of Reflection

Take some time to prepare spiritually for Easter. St. Gabriel's Parish in Burlington invites you to participate in a Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 9 a.m. (Mass) to 3 p.m. We will be led by Father Dominic Borg, a Carmelite priest, who is a highly sought after Retreat Master, Speaker and Biblical Scholar. The theme of the day is "Living Lent in Preparation for the Great Passover". Ticket is \$20 and includes coffee break and lunch. Buy your ticket before Feb. 6, 2015 Call Maria 905-319-3528 or Sandra 905-334-4155.