



Monday, March 1, 2010
Ferial

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, March 2, 2010
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8:00 a.m. Kathleen Purcell - Emma Babmar

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
Ferial

8:00 a.m. Joseph Gregorcic & Deceased parents - Theresa

Thursday, March 4, 2010
Ferial

8:00 a.m. Anna VandenBoom - Bob & Carol Moser

Friday, March 5, 2010
Ferial

8:00 a.m. Doug Foley - Carol & Dave Cowan

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 6, 2010
Third Sunday in Lent

5:00 p.m. Giuseppe Martone - Family; Bea Thomas - Steve & Velma Furik; Maria Zita - Philip & Family; George Cottier - Ericka; Jody Oswald - Katherine Wilhelm; Maria Crisci - Carmelina Sedita & Family; William Clinning - Georgina Clinning; Luigi Antonucci - Family; The Lowrey Family - Esther Carroll.

Sanctuary Lamp

In loving memory of Luigi Antonucci - Family

Readings for Next Sunday

Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12
Luke 13.1-9



Thanks to all for your support of our parish community!

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS DURING LENT
ON FRIDAY EVENINGS**

We pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 on Friday evenings during the Season of Lent. This devotion is followed by an hour of meditation and prayer. (You are welcome to leave after praying the Stations of the Cross if you wish). It is our hope that many of our parishioners will participate in this devotion which is meant to unite us more fully to the sufferings of Christ and his divine presence in the Eucharist.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation at
Holy Rosary Church
7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, March 25, 2010

We are called to live blameless lives as God's holy people, the Church. Our God wants us to turn away from our sins, our failings, our laziness in prayer, our unwillingness to do better. Lent reminds us that God is gracious and merciful to those who come to him with contrite hearts.

This season of Lent is one of penance, reflection, prayer, almsgiving and fasting in order that we can prepare ourselves to better celebrate and live Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday and beyond. God's divine mercy is a central theme of Lent. The priceless gift of God's mercy is highlighted and celebrated by the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I urge you to be open to God's love and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. Please mark your calendar and encourage family members and friends to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. Guest confessors are available!

May the power of God's grace and mercy bless us in abundance this Lent.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. Each year it recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. This day of prayer is sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world. It is celebrated in approximately 165 countries. In Canada, Catholics are member of the national council of the WICC as well as of many local councils across the country.

This day is an opportunity for moving toward a more important role for prayer in the life of our Christian community. It is fitting to have such a day of prayer in Lent, when we are called to more fervent prayer for others.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Last week we celebrated the Rite of Calling Candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist to Lenten Renewal and the Rite of Election for those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

The candidates for full reception are:

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| Maria Brosseau | Lisa Sambleson |
| Dara Boudreau | Heather Christine Stoll |
| Angela Strazzeri | Helen Lweyeman |
| Kelly Tribe | Michael Marshall |
| Bruce Tribe | |

Those to be fully initiated (known as the Elect) are:

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| Paul Morgan | Mandy Rooke |
| Sandy Mohan | Robin Rooke |
| Gerry Riolo | Yun Zhang |

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

We wish to encourage everyone to pray for these individuals and their sponsors.

Please pray the RCIA team leaders - Fr. Peter, Fr. Jason, Pat and Suzanne Prentice, Sonia Nelson, Ron Marleau, Daniel Beaton, Joachim Menezes, Clare Cutrara and May Furlan. May God continue to guide them in their role of Christian educators.

MASS FOR THE SICK

On March 13, 2010 at 11 a.m. we will celebrate a Mass for the sick. During this Mass we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for any parishioner in need. The Sacrament of Anointing is for all who are suffering due to a serious illness or advanced age. It is also customary to receive this Sacrament before undergoing surgery. The Sacrament of Anointing offers the consolation and strength of the Holy Spirit, to assist us in our sufferings. It joins us to Jesus Christ so that we can offer the sufferings of our illness in union with his sacrifice on the cross for the salvation of the world. Finally, it offers physical and spiritual healing whenever this will be beneficial to the salvation of the recipient. We invite all parishioners to join us for this Mass, to pray for the sick, and to support our brothers and sisters who are suffering at this time.

TRIP TO THE SEMINARY

The Conquest boys club is inviting all boys ages 8-16 to join them and Fr. Jason Kuntz for a trip to St. Philip's Seminary in Toronto, on Saturday, March 6th, meeting at the church at 8:30 a.m. We will attend Mass at the seminary, tour the Church and seminary and meet with men studying to be priests. A pizza lunch will be provided. We plan to return to the parish by 2:00 p.m. Fathers are encouraged to attend with their sons. Please contact Carl Pinto at cpinto1@cogeco.ca or 647-693-1814.

CATHOLIC LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA

We here at Holy Rosary Parish are proud to present a new educational opportunity: Lighthouse Catholic Media. A practical and effective program to help Catholics know their faith...to keep their faith!

On the way into the church you will see a stand offering nine different CD's and three different brochures. These feature some of the most inspiring Catholic speakers -bishops, priests, deacons and eminent Catholic lay men and women. The CD's and brochures will be available after every Mass. We ask for a donation of \$5.00 per CD and \$.50 per brochure so that we may continue this program. When these are gone-they're gone. And a new set with different titles and speakers will be ordered in. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

URGENT NOTICE - PARKING

In order for emergency vehicles to enter the Marian Courtyard, the **Parish Rectory** or Holy Rosary School, we **must** keep the main routes open at all times, including during Mass. There is additional parking behind the Courtyard, in the school yard and at Martin St. Public School. Please respect the **No Parking** and **Fire Route** signs. This violation is serious! **Vehicles blocking fire routes will be ticketed and towed!**

7th Annual Priesthood and religious Life Dinner

During this specially proclaimed "Year for Priests", on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, the **Serra Club of Hamilton** will be sponsoring the 7th Annual Celebration of Priesthood and Religious Life Dinner. The purpose of this special event is to provide the Roman Catholic community throughout the Diocese of Hamilton an opportunity to show its appreciation to those Priests and Religious celebrating their 50th Anniversary and to honour the candidates being ordained to the priesthood in 2010. The Reception and Dinner will be held at LIUNA Station, 360 James St. North, Hamilton, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 each. Tables of 8 or 10 can be arranged. For tickets or further information please contact either Mrs. Ann Dunn at (905) 383-9772 or Mr. Gerry O'Reilly at (905) 304-0514.

AN EVENING WITH BISHOP TONNOS - A LENTEN REFLECTION FOR MEN

Join Bishop Anthony Tonnos for an evening of worship, fellowship, good food and reflection on the spirituality of Catholic men in today's Church and world, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Ave., Dundas, ON. The Reflection evening is Tuesday, March 16th, 2010 starting with registration at 5 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by a roast beef dinner and presentation. Tickets \$25. Must be purchased in advance. Call John Towler at 905-639-5949, or Tom Mancini 905-632-4692 to reserve your spot. Spaces are limited so tickets must be purchased in advance.

PRAYER CALENDAR WEEKLY INTENTIONS

March 1, 2010 - Fr. James McSharry
March 2, 2010 - Fr. Mark Sullivan
March 3, 2010 - Basilian Fathers, (C.S.B.)
March 4, 2010 - Fr. Earl Talbot
March 5, 2010 - Fr. Joseph deViveiros, C.R.
March 6, 2010 - Fr. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.

HAITI RELIEF COLLECTION

Letter from Most Reverend A.F. Tonnos D.D.

February 24, 2010

Please extend congratulations and thanks to your parishioners for their very generous Christian support for the people of Haiti. The results of the Haiti appeal are truly wonderful with a total of \$1,315,797.63. Of this total, \$1,035,570.01 is for the work of the St. Joseph's Health System in Haiti and \$280,167.62 is for Haiti relief work of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

Thank you all. May God bless you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Bishop of Hamilton

