



MONDAY – MARCH 20TH – ST. JOSEPH

7:30 am – Josefina Fajardo

TUESDAY – MARCH 21ST

7:30 am – Deris Giavedoni, Angie Robinson,
David Rosal, Natalio Sadsad

WEDNESDAY- MARCH 22ND

7:00 pm – Anthony Bernardi, Augusto & Angelina
Giannattasio, John Santos, Douglas
Sturtevant, Mario Vecchioni,
Domenico Visca

THURSDAY – MARCH 23RD

7:30 am – Douglas Sturtevant

FRIDAY – MARCH 24TH

7:30 am – Nikola & Agneza Trojko & Boris Karicaj,
Brend Faulman
8:00 am – Stations of the Cross
7:00-8:30 pm – Adoremus Event

**SATURDAY – MARCH 25TH – THE ANNUNCIATION
OF THE LORD**

9:00 am – Guiseppe DiPlacito

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON
PRAYER CALENDAR**

MONDAY – *St. Joseph, Patron of Canada*

TUESDAY - Rev. Laszlo Amaszka

WEDNESDAY – Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)

THURSDAY – Rev. Piotr Golinski

FRIDAY – Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki

SATURDAY – *Annunciation of the Lord*

ADOREMUS

On **Friday night, March 24th**, unlike the other Fridays of Lent in our parish, there will not be Mass and Stations of the Cross. Rather we will have our special Adoremus event from 7-8:30 PM. This candlelit evening of prayer will include beautiful sacred music, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, inspirational Scripture readings, and several priests available for confession. Stations of the Cross will take place that day after the morning Mass. Adoremus means “we adore.” Invite others to join us for this special evening!

LENTEN RESOLUTIONS: ALMSGIVING

Opportunities for charity abound. We might consider supporting some local charity, or the ShareLent campaign, with a monetary offering. Symbolically it might be \$1.00/day of Lent (\$40.00), or the offering may come from the savings of giving up meat on Fridays, or alcohol and other treats during Lent. Our small efforts can have a big impact for others and can help us experience solidarity with the poor.

CHECK THIS OUT!

Do you like to be challenged? Are you looking for something different to do? If so, we are looking for you – some one or some persons to take on the role of organizing the “White Elephant” booth at our Parish Fall Bazaar. There are many different ways to complete the task. We would very much like to hear from you with your ideas and how we can make this happen. Please call Betty at 905-383-0360.

PORKETTA ON A BUN

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Porketta on a Bun after all Masses on **SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH/26TH**. Pre-order sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex of the church or you can call Bob at 905-389-4024. Cost is \$6.00 each or three for \$15.00. Final day to order is **TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST**.

HAITI MISSION UPDATE

In 2023 we mark our 15th year of our Twinning with St. Gabriel parish in Beau Sejour, Haiti and our mission of hope and support for the education of over 800 students. Thank you for your generosity.

MISSION ON THE IVORY COAST

Dear parishioners of St. Margaret Mary: My name is Mary, and I am a high school student who regularly attends and altar serves here for Mass. Mission Youth is an international organization that focuses on Catholic youth missions. It is run by the Legionaries of Christ in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. I am planning to do a 2-week mission in the Ivory Coast through Mission Youth. The first week involves staying and spending time with the local population, along with praying, going to Mass, and helping out with projects around the town. We will visit families in their homes, do catechesis with the children in the community, and help with simple home repairs. The second week will consist of other activities including visiting the local basilica. I am fundraising to join others on this important mission trip, which requires me to fundraise between \$4000 to \$5000 for flights, medical expenses, and the actual mission. To fundraise I am running a bake sale on the weekend of March 25th-26th. I am sincerely hoping for the parish's support. I am therefore asking for donations of baked goods to be dropped off to the parish to be sold that weekend. Please accept my thanks for any baked goods, purchases, donations, and all the prayers you can provide. May God bless you.

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS:

THE CONTEMPLATIVE WAY

Come join us for a 6-week prayer encounter that feeds the longing and thirsting heart to connect with God through Jesus. The encounters use Scriptural meditation and contemplation, based on the teaching of the church and the examples of the saints, such as St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Ignatius of Loyola. In the 6 weeks you will learn more about meditative and contemplative prayer, while receiving guidance and practice to foster this form of prayer. All are welcome to join us on **Wednesday evenings after Mass** in the Hearth Room, on **March 15, 22, 29 and April 12, 19 & 26.**

“You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you ...” (Psalm 63)

This spiritual prayer encounter will be facilitated by Gerry LaPenta, a member of the parish, who has studied at The Toronto School of Theology, Regis College, receiving his Masters of Theology and Masters of Divinity and now practices as a psychotherapist. For more information call Gerry at 905-515-6292 or email g.la.p@outlook.com.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

All young adults (18-39 or so) are welcome to our upcoming event on Saturday, March 25th, beginning at 6:15 PM with adoration and confessions, followed by a pizza social, a talk on dating and marriage, and special treats in honor of the Solemnity of the Annunciation. See the poster on our parish bulletin board.

SOME ADDITIONAL ETIQUETTE REGARDING MASS

As mentioned in a previous bulletin, sometimes it can be helpful to review a little about proper etiquette for the Holy Mass. Life happens, but it is important to try to do our best to arrive on time at Mass – even early to dispose our hearts to what will be happening. This helps us do our best to engage in ‘active participation’ in the Mass. This active participation is both internal and external, with the external intended to be an expression of the active participation of the whole person in divine worship – not just part of us. Pope Pius XII said in *Mediator Dei*, “Through this active and individual participation, the members of the Mystical Body not only become daily more like to their divine Head, but the life flowing from the Head is imparted to the members, so that we can each repeat the words of St. Paul, ‘With Christ I am nailed to the cross: I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me.’” Praying the Mass should really change our lives to be more Christlike in every aspect. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) says, “For the celebration of the Eucharist is the action of the whole Church, and in it each one should carry out solely but totally that which pertains to him, in virtue of the place of each within the People of God.” (5) This means we should execute the parts that belong to us at Mass (internal and external), and not the ones that do not apply to us. As a result, on Sundays when the cantors sing the verses of the responsorial psalm, we listen and meditate on the passages being sung rather than

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singing with them. But as soon as it comes time to sing out the response we sing that as best as we can, expressing how as the body of Christ we are making this prayer our own collectively and individually.

Thank you for helping to make our worship experiences times of peace, communal love, and deeper experiences of the God who loves us!