

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (BIBLE SUNDAY) – JANUARY 28, 2018

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 30th	
Wednesday, January 31st, St. John Bosco (Obl Mem)	
Thursday, February 1st, Conversion of St. Paul (Feast)	
Friday, February 2nd The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)	
9:00 a.m.	+Fred Masters (Rosemary Downey)
Saturday, February 3rd, St. Angela Merici (Opt Mem)	
5:00 p.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday February 4th, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
St. Mary's	+Al Boyd
9:00 a.m.	(His Family)
St. Martin's	+Father Paul & Agnes Ruest
11:00 a.m.	(Ruest Family)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR OFFERINGS – January 20th & 21st

65 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,749.00
Weekly Loose	38.00
4 Initial Offering	95.00
2 Building Maintenance	10.00
Religious Articles	<u>102.95</u>
Total	\$ 1,994.95

St. Martin's – January 20th

Weekly Offerings	\$ 270.00
Building Maintenance	<u>35.00</u>
Total	\$ 305.00

YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE:
 Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246**
 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.HamiltonVocations.com

POPE FRANCIS' WISHES FOR BIBLE SUNDAY:
 "...that God's word be increasingly celebrated, known and disseminated, so that the mystery of love steaming from this font of mercy may be ever better understood" (Apostolic Letter *Misericordia et misera*, n. 7).

BULLETIN ADVERTISING: We are in the process of updating the advertising on the back of our bulletin. Letters of renewal have been sent to our current advertisers. This advertising helps defray the cost of printing the weekly bulletin. If you are interested in placing a business-sized ad for \$200.00 please contact Mary at stmelbadmin@wightman.ca or 519-846-9541

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES: Please pick up 2018 offertory envelope packets from the back of the church if you haven't already done so.
During the month of January, it is asked that you please fill out all contact details on the back of each envelope so that any changes may be made and accurate records kept.

CWL MEMBERSHIPS: Your yearly \$20 Membership fee helps the CWL support so many worthy causes locally, nationally and abroad. If you haven't already, please place \$20 in the collection basket in an envelope marked with your name and contact details. **Note:** We recognize that not everyone is able to attend meetings and functions. Your non-active membership is valued and much appreciated as it supports and gives weight to the efforts of those who can.

PORNOGRAPHY ADDICTION AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS...IT'S TIME TO TALK:
 By the age of 18, 90% of young people have viewed pornography on the internet, many on a daily basis. What they see are violent and degrading images; many are becoming addicted. **By attending this showing of the documentary Over 18 you will learn more about the issue, its impact on our children and how to protect your children, grandchildren, or students.** See the trailer at

www.over18doc.com/). **Take the time - this matters to our children. To be shown at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate on Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 7 P.M.** The mature content (be assured there are no graphic visuals) means that only those age 18 or over should attend. For more information contact the CWL from the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish.

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 invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 10, 2018** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. Refer to the poster in the church or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

JOIN THE “CALL FOR CONSCIENCE” IN THE HAMILTON DIOCESE:

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. **The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers.** 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 February 6 and March 31st.

CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION DONATIONS:

In cooperation with the sponsors from the last several breakfasts, the Knights of Columbus have donated funds to purchase 3 wheelchairs through

the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation. The wheelchairs are provided through their global network to individuals in need.

PARENTING TIP 103

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!

LOVE, HENRI - Letters on the Spiritual Life February 3 @ 7:30pm

Holy Rosary Parish, 175 Emma St., Guelph
Join us for this rendition of **Henri Nouwen's** letters and an introduction to the celebrated author and pastor by archivist Gabrielle Earnshaw. This is a presentation with musical accompaniment and is sponsored by The Henri Nouwen Society, Loyola House, and Holy Rosary Parish (Guelph). Freewill offering.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH	
Jan 29	Scripture Study Group – St. Mary’s Rectory Meeting Room – 9:30 a.m.
Feb 4	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast – St. Joseph’s Parish Hall- 10 am till 12:30
Feb 12	CWL Meeting – St. Mary’s Rectory Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.
Feb 27	Knights of Columbus Meeting – St. Joseph’s Parish Hall, Fergus – 7:30 p.m.
Feb 28	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – St. Joseph’s Parish Hall – After 8:30 a.m. Mass