

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, January 30

No Mass

### Tuesday, January 31

7:00 p.m. Intention of Tony Kreze and Family  
Shirley Stemmler

### Wednesday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Intention of David Kreze and Family

### Thursday, February 2

8:00 a.m. Larry McCallum  
6:30 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the  
CWL

### Friday, February 3

8:00 a.m. Reverend Bob Walz  
Joyce Shewchuk  
Special Intention

### Saturday, February 4

5:00 p.m. Anne Lindsay  
Catherine Martin  
Marie and Waldemar Wagner  
Ed Cerant  
Intention of the Callan Family

## PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, January 29

11:30 a.m. Journey of Decision Meeting  
12:30 p.m. Baptisms  
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass  
6:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Social

### Wednesday, February 1

7:00 p.m. RCIA  
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir  
7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

### Thursday, February 2

7:00 p.m. CWL Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Sunday Choir

### Saturday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Cursillo  
8:45 a.m. Ministry Retreat

### Sunday, February 5

Coffee Sunday following 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses  
St. Daniel School Sharing the Spirit at 10:30 a.m. Mass  
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 29, 2017

*Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12*

### WORDS FROM THE HEART

The Beatitudes extol values that most of us try hard to avoid: poverty, sorrow, hunger, thirst and persecution. All of these things represent powerlessness, weakness, lack of control. Our whole society looks down its nose at people who are "out of control"; the bag lady rummaging through a dumpster, the grieving widow making a scene, the unemployed worker who can't put food on his or her family's table, the person who ends up in jail over a question of conscience. And yet, Jesus tells us that there is great value in the lives of those who stop trying to control their destinies and who place them in God's hand: the people who possess little of the world's things and yet possess a joyful spirit; the people who recognize the need to grieve over the state of the world and to call the rest of us to account for it; the people who suffer for their beliefs but are not marked by bitterness. The Beatitudes speak right to the heart. They don't so much challenge our material well-being as our spiritual outlook. They challenge us to have hospitable hearts, joyful spirits. At first blush, it is no great boost to the ego to think of ourselves as powerless. Certainly, it is nothing to get excited about. But, Jesus constantly reminds us to become "last", to recognize that we are "servants". Jesus seems to go out of his way to gather the weak to himself. In this gathering, we come to understand we are indeed gifted. We really are in good company.



### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

*This week we especially pray for:*

Monday	Reverend Thomas Vermiglio, M.C.C.J.
Tuesday	Reverend Francisco Cruz
Wednesday	Society of the Catholic Apostolate
Thursday	Reverend Gabriel Morais Catarino
Friday	Reverend Jose Moreira
Saturday	Reverend Octavio Cidadao

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**WE ARE HOSTING**  
**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER –**  
**MARCH 3, 2017**

It is our parish's privilege to welcome members of neighboring Christian churches as host of this year's local

World Day of Prayer celebration Friday, March 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Our prayer service, "Am I Being Unfair to You?" was prepared by women from the Philippines. Our pastor, Father Allen Varlaki, will preach as we join Christians around the world in prayer.

We warmly invite all to join us in prayer.

*Prayer and action are inseparable. Both have immeasurable influence on the world!*



"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do

not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or [email mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com)

**VOLUNTEERS' RETREAT REMINDER**



We are looking forward to seeing you **next Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Theme: The Good Shepherd**

with Father Allan Varlaki and special guest speaker Father Michael King. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.

**CWL MEETING**



Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> begins with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Our meeting will commence with tea and entertainment provided by the Buddy Choir, a choir sponsored by Bridges to

Belonging and the Waterloo Region Down Syndrome Society. Come on out to welcome them and enjoy their performance. Let's make them feel our warmth and caring as they share their talents with us. Our business meeting will follow. There are motions to be passed so we hope you will plan to stay for this important meeting.

**CWL VALENTINE**  
**CUPCAKE SALE**

The CWL Valentine Cupcake Sale takes place on Sat. & Sun. Feb. 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> after all the weekend Masses. You are more than welcome to pick up some goodies for your Valentine. We would appreciate cupcakes, packaged in groups of six. These can be dropped off in the Parish Life Centre on Saturday after 1 p.m. on February 11 or before weekend Masses.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR  
**Development and Peace**

An information meeting regarding the Share Lent campaign will be held on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church Hall, 85 Strange Street, Kitchener. Parish representatives and others interested in the work of Development and Peace are encouraged to attend.

**ALPHA**  
**YOUTH FILM SERIES**

Young people in Grades 7 through 12 are invited to take part in our parish Alpha Youth Programme. No registration is required, and Alpha Youth is open to all (Catholic, non-Catholic, non-Christian, undecided, questioning, etc.) so students are encouraged to bring their friends.

Young people will enjoy some good food, great fellowship, and the fourth of twelve topics they will discuss over the course of the year. We will meet again on **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Young people who missed the first sessions are more than welcome to join. You can catch up, if you wish, by viewing the first few videos on YouTube.

Please keep praying for the success of this exciting new programme.



## PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Spending quality time together will pay great dividends to all involved, especially our children. Time together allows for positive interaction, the ability to learn about each other and the chance to build strong bonds and memories. A great starting point is a shared family meal, but reading together, playing a board game, or working on a puzzle together are but a few of the many ways we can build connections. The result will be higher self-esteem for children, a greater cohesiveness in the family unit and the desire for more time as a family. Try it, you won't regret it!

## MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

The gift of self promised during our wedding vows is essential to put into action during moments of struggle. When a spouse's actions cause anger, sadness or disappointment, we must try to look past the action or words and see the person you love. Instead of responding negatively in the moment, try to understand what has caused this situation and propose a resolution that will work for both of you and for your relationship. In our most vulnerable moments we have a chance to show our greatest love by responding as we should, as opposed to how we feel.



## "JOURNEY OF DECISION"

### CALLING ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12

On Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. we would like to offer our Parish Family a unique devotional Way of the Cross, called "*Journey of Decision*".

This Journey is presented in silhouette form, while narrators read thoughts of biblical characters who met Jesus along his way to Calvary (e.g. Herod, Mary his mother, Veronica, Good Thief).

In order to offer this, we need students who will take the parts of the biblical characters, narrators, and silhouettes. We also need older students/adults to serve as directors and assist with the production.

***Our organizing meeting will be this Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 Mass, until 1:30 p.m. in the Raphael Room.*** Join us to find out more about this venture. We will decide at this meeting whether there is sufficient interest and support to proceed.

## Prayer Vigil

A Prayer Vigil will take place on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street. East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is available across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)

## 2016-2017 LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE AT ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY



Join us on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, when Mary Hynes, the host of Tapestry, CBC-Radio's program about spirituality and the search for meaning, will reflect on the relationship between religion and the media. Drawing on 14 years with Tapestry, Ms. Hynes will talk about how the religion beat can be the most rewarding — and the most frustrating — subject matter in journalism. The conversations can be profound, provocative, hilarious, heart-breaking. But how do you write headlines for the inexpressible?

**Location:** Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University  
**Time:** 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45p.m.  
Free of Charge | Free Parking | Wheelchair Accessible | Refreshments Served



## SHARING THE SPIRIT

St. Anthony Daniel Parish has dedicated a "Sharing the Spirit" Mass on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. for families of St. Daniel School. Join us and see the special symbols of life at St. Daniel School!

## MINISTRY PREFERENCE FORMS

Ministry Preference forms are now available in the Church and PLC foyer for those who did not receive them by email. ***Please return by Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.***



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

***"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us."***

***Pope Francis***