3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 24

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All public celebrations of Weekday and Weekend Mass are cancelled until the end of the current lockdown.

Join us for our livestream daily Masses - Tuesday to Friday @ 9AM & Sunday @10AM

Confessions are available by appointment only. Please contact Fr. Tim or Fr. Naveed directly: ttheriault@hamiltondiocese.com narif@hamiltondiocese.com

Tuesday, January 26 - *Bernadette Bishop, Osvaldo Tome, Fred Masters Sr., Intention of Joan Masters*

Wednesday, January 27 *-Anna Rosario and Francisco Soares*

Thursday, January 28 - *Louise and Hubert Feeney, Bob Tremblay and Jim Diesbourg*

Friday, January 29 - *Deceased Members of the Da Silva and Cardoso Families*

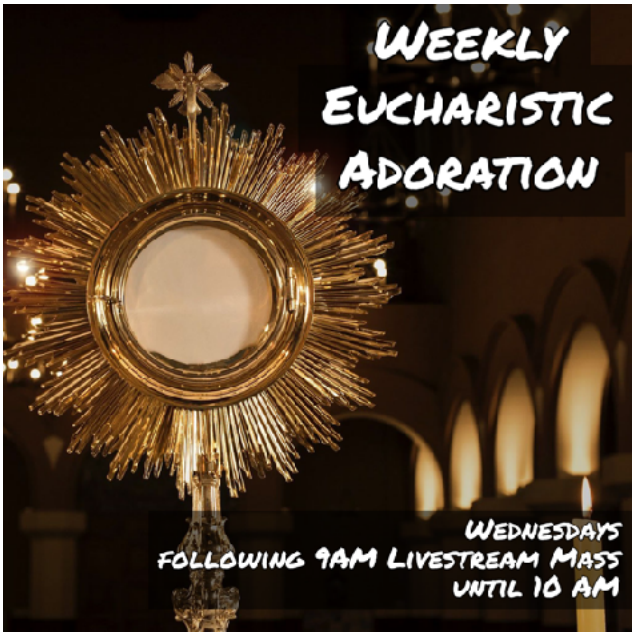
Saturday, January 30 - *May Hamilton, Lina and Narciso Milani, Elecia Walton, Bonnie Zajac, Jennifer Krusvar*

Connect with us on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter & Instagram or visit our website

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH OR SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC DEBIT DONATIONS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE or CALL THE PARISH OFFICE – 519-893-6960

News from our Parish

Thank you to those of you who reached out with suggestions for expanding our online ministry during this current lockdown. Below are two of our newest endeavours:



Beginning this Wednesday, January 27, we will end our Wednesday Weekday Masses with Eucharistic Adoration until 10AM. Please join us as we pray before our Blessed Lord. If you have a prayer request you would like the pastoral team to pray for (silently) during Adoration, please let Fr. Tim or Sarah know.

Do you miss Coffee Sunday as much as we do? We're hoping that you will consider joining us next Sunday, following our 10 AM Mass for a Virtual Coffee Sunday.

Grab a coffee or tea and join us for a chance to connect with some of our parishioners.

This is the first time we're trying this social gathering on Zoom. If you have a question or topic you would like discussed at this or following gatherings, please let us know. For this initial Coffee Sunday, we are limiting it to 50 people. Please email ***Fr. Tim*** *or* ***Sarah*** *to get the link for our Virtual Coffee Sunday on Zoom.*

Please reach out to Fr. Tim or Sarah if you have suggestions for how we might connect with St. Anthony Daniel Parishioners during this time of the pandemic.

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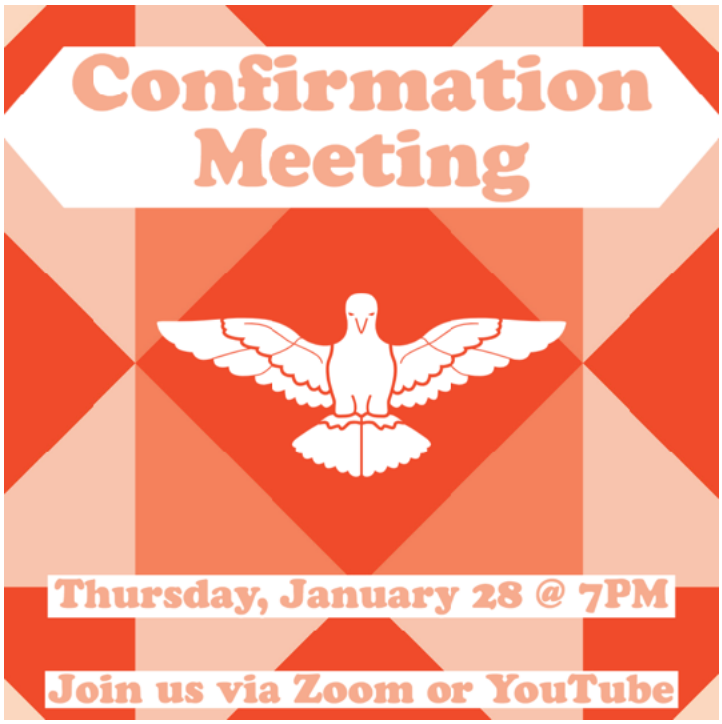
Next Meetings for Sacramental Preparation:



Please speak with Fr. Tim or Sarah with any questions, concerns or comments

BISHOP OF HAMILTON

FOR THE COMMON GOOD

On the Pandemic Sacrifices

My dear friends,

The decision to close our churches and suspend public celebrations of the Mass has been a painful one for our clergy, religious, and all the lay faithful in the Diocese. While the sadness of our inability to gather to celebrate the Eucharist is profound, some of the responses to this closure – in addition to falling short of the demands of charity – betray a fundamental lack of understanding not only of why this great sacrifice is being made, but also whose example we follow in so doing.

We know that Holy Communion is the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ, the source and summit of the Christian life. His death is the ultimate sacrifice of love for us – to which we are joined when we participate in the Mass and receive Communion. When we eat His Body and drink His Blood, we say that "*we become what we eat*", the Body of Christ.

During these pandemic days we are uniting ourselves closely to Christ by making serious sacrifice for the health and well-being of others. This is not a matter of weakness. In fact, during these days of sacrifice, we live selflessly, as we profess – much as Jesus Christ urges us to live – for the common good. By definition, sacrifice is never easy – and during these days and weeks and months of sacrifice we come closer to Him – we are more like Him – because our sacrifice emulates His! Our children are learning a very important lesson during these difficult days: sometimes we have to give up our freedoms, privileges and pleasures in order care for others – so they might live!

Over the past 22 years, I have been blessed to have served three Dioceses as Bishop: the Diocese of Labrador City-Schefferville, St. George's Diocese, (the boundaries of which were extended prior to being renamed the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador,) and the Diocese of Hamilton. In the first two Dioceses there were remote communities of Catholic faithful who rarely had the opportunity to celebrate Mass, because there were few Priests. The people longed for Holy Communion and gathered and rejoiced when a Priest visited and celebrated Mass with them so they were able to receive the Body of the Lord. This experience of a long wait between Masses will continue for them into an unknown future.

The fact that they cannot receive Holy Communion, however, does not stop them from praying and nurturing a relationship of love with the Lord: the Rosary is still a staple for prayer, reading the Sacred Scriptures prescribed for the day or for the coming Sunday, sharing reflections and praying with neighbours, saying familiar prayers with family and friends. The faithful in these communities will continue to make this sacrifice for months and years to come. In contrast, in Southern Ontario, where we are privileged to have many parishes and priests to serve them, our pandemic sacrifice will last for a few more months, or for as long as it takes to curb the high numbers of citizens – our brothers and sisters – who contract the dreaded virus.

Since the Ontario Government declared a lockdown in the Province of Ontario effective December 26, 2020, the decision was made, once again, to close our Parish churches in the Diocese of Hamilton. While the current government and public health regulations permit gatherings of no more than ten people for worship (including funerals and scheduled weddings), we are asked to limit all gatherings outside of our homes in order to limit the spread of COVID in the community. In compliance with government and public health directives and out of an abundance of charity, gatherings for Masses in our churches, with the exception of funerals and weddings (up to ten people), even in small numbers are suspended for the period of the lockdown.

The decision to close our churches has not been taken lightly and in no way should it be understood as undermining the central place which the celebration of the Eucharist and the other Sacraments hold for us as Catholics. Our need to gather to give thanks to God remains "*our duty and our salvation*"; our need for true nourishment, which the Eucharist alone provides, continues. Now, however, we unite ourselves spiritually with our priests who are celebrating Mass daily and we rely on the infinite fruits of the Mass to sustain us.

We continue to pray for one another, for those who are suffering in any way during this pandemic and for those who have died. Let us pray with confidence in God's mercy, that the promise of an effective vaccine will be realized and we will soon be able to return to gather again in our churches to give God thanks, to worship with the sacred assembly, and to be nourished with the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+*Douglas Crosby*, OMI

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Bishop of Hamilton

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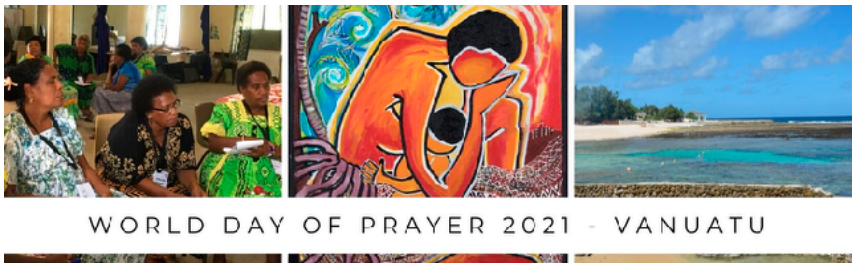
Community News

Click HERE to learn more about WHY@Breakfast



The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. World Day of Prayer meetings are held on the first Friday in March around the world.If the churches are open the World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 5, 2021. Locations are yet to be decided. If we are still in lockdown a one hour presentation will be available from the middle of February on Youtube. The website for World Day of prayer is: worlddayofprayer.net/vanuatu-2021.html

Let Us Pray...

Prayer based on this Sunday's Gospel:

Gracious Christ,

you came to the fishermen

when the prophet John was taken away.

Come to us now,

as we fear losses of our own.

Grant us courage to cast aside

the nets that bind us,

to follow you into true freedom

and newness of life.

Help us to be faithful disciples,

that we might inspire others

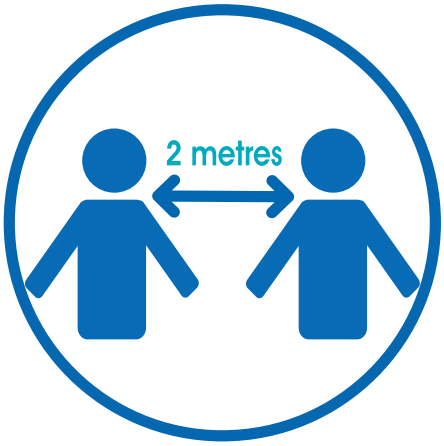
to follow in your ways.

Amen.

- B.J. Beu ministrymatters.com

Protect each other

Slow the spread of COVID-19



Keep 2 metres between yourself and others

Wear a face covering in enclosed public places and on transit

Wash your hands often, with warm water and soap or use alcohol based hand sanitizer

Stay home if you're sick and get tested!

We all have a role to play.

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