



## MASSSES OF THE WEEK

**Monday, February 5** – Feast: St. Agatha

**7:30a.m.** – John Joseph Seifred, Peter Bergin,  
Orfeo Franco

**Tuesday, February 6** – Feast: S. Paul Miki & Companions

**7:30a.m.** 6 Father Rick Dales, Frank Clifford

**Wednesday, February 7** – Ferial: Weekday

**7:30a.m.** – Mary Savage, Intentions of Heather Aitken &  
Paul O'Hagan

**Thursday, February 8** – Ferial: Weekday

**7:00p.m.** – Jayne Jones, Fortunata Limina, Shirley  
Mooney

**Friday, February 9** – Ferial: Weekday

**7:30a.m.** – Deceased Members of the Nunnes Family,  
Deceased Members of the Silva Family,  
Jean-Baptiste Nguyen

**Saturday, February 10** – Feast: St. Scholastica

**5:15p.m.** – Frank McDowell, Angelo Dal Bello,  
Brian Flaherty, Mary Farrell

**Sunday, February 11** – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.**

### **Stewardship of Treasure:**

Thank you for your gift of \$9,072.00 in support of your  
parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

**+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of  
Maria Embro who was called to the glory of eternal  
life. May she and all our loved ones be at peace with  
God.**

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: BIBLE SUNDAY**

*It is important for us to become more familiar with Holy Scriptures. Last week you received a bookmark to help you reflect on the scriptures. Four basic questions were presented:*

*1) What does it say? – determine as closely as possible the literal meaning of the text – what do the words say and what is the range of meaning in the words?*

*2) What does it mean? – the meaning of a text is determined not simply from the words but also from the context in which the words exist.*

*3) What does it mean to me? – how does this apply to my life? – how does this apply to the life of the Church?*

*4) What am I going to do about it? – the biblical text demands a response from us as a part of the interpretive interplay between the Bible and ourselves – what difference does this text mean for my life? what is my response to God's word?*

### **PRAYING THE BIBLE**

*Begin with a prayer to the Holy Spirit. Read through the passage once at a normal pace – digest the words – get a sense of the phrases – allow the Word to seep more deeply into your consciousness.*

*Read the passage through, section by section – how does this Word speak to me at this time, in this context? – what emotions are evoked by the Word? – how does this Word speak to me of God and how does it impact my life?*

*Conclude with a brief prayer of thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit.*

**LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>.  
BEGIN NOW TO THINK AND PREPARE FOR  
YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY. MASSES ON ASH  
WEDNESDAY – 7:30a.m. – 12:10p.m. – 7:00p.m.**

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **2017 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

Your 2017 Income Tax Receipts are available for pick up this weekend in the Basilica behind the altar in the alcove.

### **SEMINARY EDUCATION FUND**

Today we have the annual collection to support the education of future priests for our Diocese.

### **RITE OF ELECTION**

On Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> the Rite of Election for those parishes in the Bruce-Grey, Wellington and Waterloo Deaneries will take place at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Guelph at 1:30p.m. with Bishop Crosby. This is an occasion where the Church is invited to celebrate with the catechumens who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Initiation at the upcoming Easter Vigil. All are welcome.

**PARENT MEETING**

This Monday evening we invite the parents of our Grade 2 children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist to attend an information meeting at 7p.m in our Church Hall.

**FOLLOW ME SERIES – MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN**

This 8 session DVD series by Edward Sri is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Jesus calls us to be His disciples, to trust Him, to open ourselves to His merciful love and to love others as He loves us. The Basilica of Our Lady is pleased to offer this series on February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:30p.m. in the Church Hall. Cost is \$5. Bring your Bible (Catholic Edition). Homework will include reading scripture in advance of class. For the first session please read John 1:2-25. Please register by calling the parish office at 519-824-3951. Space is limited to 30 participants.

**PORNOGRAPHY ADDICTION: 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](http://www.over18doc.com). Take the time - this matters to our children. The documentary Over 18 will be shown at the Basilica of Our Lady on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7p.m. The mature content (be assured there are no graphic visuals) means that only those age 18 and over should attend.

**OTHER NEWS****HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. Project Rachel offers a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 1-905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850 and let us help you through the healing process.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE**

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store has an opening for a Full Time Senior Clerk. Interested applicants should send their resume, in a sealed envelope, to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located at 74 Elizabeth Street, Guelph, ON, N1E 2X2.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Theology on Tap event on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00p.m. at the Albion Hotel. Guelph residents Luciano and Rosetta Del Monte will be speaking on the topic of *Going the Distance in Marriage* on the eve of Valentine's Day. House of Good Cheer will be playing and food will be provided. A special invite goes out to young adults between the ages of 19 and 40.

**RIGHT TO LIFE FUND-RAISING DINNER**

On Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. at the Mandarin Restaurant Guelph. This evening will feature updates about their pro-life work, a complimentary dinner and opportunities to donate. Please RSVP by January 31<sup>st</sup> at 519-836-6311.

**AMORIS LAETITIA**

This 5 week study session will give you an opportunity to study carefully Pope Francis' encyclical. The course consists of a series of well made videos and discussion facilitated by Mr. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship and Parish Life. Pope Francis invites us to study this document carefully when he says, "do not recommend a rushed reading of the text. The greatest benefit will come if each part is read patiently and carefully." Join us as we explore this important text for adult Faith Formation at the Chancery Office Mondays from 1:30 to 3:30p.m. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>; March 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$35. To register contact Monica at [mverinhamiltondiocese.com](http://mverinhamiltondiocese.com) or phone 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- Watoto Children's Choir will perform a free concert at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic School, 251 Colonial Drive, Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. Free will donation. This choir has toured six continents and offers hope for Africa's orphans and widows.

- Maryhill Knights of Columbus and CWL Valentine Supper at Maryhill Heritage Park & Community Centre Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. Two seatings 5p.m. and 7p.m. Tickets \$20 adult and \$10 children 7-12. Six and younger . free. Contact Doug Zinger at 519-648-2939 or Mary Campagnaro at 519-822-9287 ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY.

**STEOBENVILLE TORONTO YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018**

Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference will be held July 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Steubenville Toronto takes place on campus at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa. All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to attend with our CAST Youth Group. Parish discounted price of \$130 per person includes: Conference, 2 night accommodations, meals, transportation and t-shirt. To sign up or for further details contact Wendy Obbema at [hrprimary\\_youthministry@rogers.com](mailto:hrprimary_youthministry@rogers.com) or phone 519-822-4701. Deadline is Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**VOCATION VIEW:**

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in the priesthood, religious life and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).