

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:00pm

+ Francisco Resendes
+ Conceicao Goncalves
Intentions of Kathie Ellis
In honour of St. Anthony

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00am

+ Gerald Doyle

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:00pm

+ Joe Figueiredo & Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00am

In honour of St. Peter

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:00pm

Intentions of Dick & Lorene Wildeman
+ Judy Fox
+ Antonio Vicente
+ Theodore Silva

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00am

+ Giuseppina & Luigi Gioffre

11:00am

Mass for the People - *Pro populo*

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Luc Payette
Tuesday	Rev. Anthony Azzopardi
Wednesday	Disalced Carmelite Sisters
Thursday	Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
Friday	Rev. Paul Vellimoozhayil, S.J.
Saturday	Rev. Scott Whitfield

For information about diocesan workshops
and events, visit:

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If you are visiting today,

**ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
WELCOMES YOU!**



PLEASE observe a reverent silence: talk to God before Mass and to each other after Mass.

PLEASE ensure that all mobile devices are switched off or silenced to avoid distracting others in prayer.

CHILDREN are very welcome. The narthex (lobby) or the parish hall can be used as a crying room if need. Thank you!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

FEBRUARY 22 & 23

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	D. Dal Bello <i>Vol. Needed</i>	<i>Vol. Needed</i> <i>Vol. Needed</i>	D. Kennedy S. Bolger
Lectors L1 L2	N. Applebee M. Applebee	B. McIsaac J. Streppel	B. Miller J. Frias
Communion	H. Lombardi L. Lombardi	S. Braga J. Bui	T. Cabral A. Miller

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Wednesday, February 19

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. – Confessions (Church)

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

Friday, February 21

8:30 a.m. - Adoration (Benediction 9:30 a.m.)

Saturday, February 22

10:00 a.m. - Baptism Preparation (Church)

3:45 - 4:30 p.m. – Confessions (Church)

Sunday, February 23

12:15 p.m. - Baptisms (Church)

OFFERTORY

Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$4,355.45
Loose Collection	\$ 520.60
Total Collection – Thank you	\$4,876.05

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

HEARING A CALL TO A VOCATION

TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

Contact Fr. Mike King at mking@hamiltondiocese.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

This meeting will take place at St. Patrick Church on **Tuesday, February 25 at 7 pm** for parents of those students of our four parish schools who are expecting to receive their First Holy Communion during this academic year.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Through prayer, music and scripture, the *Way of the Cross* allows us to join Our Lord on His journey to Calvary - each Friday evening during Lent at 7 pm in the Church beginning Friday, February 28. Please join us.

DESTINATION WEDDING?



Newly engaged? Some Catholic couples dream of saying "I do", surrounded by family and friends in an exotic location: perhaps a sandy beach or beautiful old-world church, either in another city or even another country.

However, Canon Law (1118.1) states that a Catholic marriage is to be celebrated in a church or chapel. Why? It helps to look at marriage as what it truly is: a *sacrament*. It is the tradition of the church that - with some rare and specific exceptions - sacraments are received in a church. Which means, among other things, the ritual takes place in the presence of Jesus Christ, in the Blessed Sacrament. Although as Catholics we believe that God is present in all of creation, we also have set aside special places for community worship - church buildings. The bride and groom may say "I do" to the wedding vows, but all those present are presumed to be saying to the couple "**We do.**" We do witness, confirm, and support your marriage. It unfolds before the people of God, the community of faith. And, for marriage, although ministered by the bride and groom, it is witnessed by the church through a priest or deacon. Since sacraments belong to the entire church - not just the bride and groom - they are normally celebrated in the place that the church gathers. This unites the couple with the universal church throughout the ages and puts the ceremony in the common gathering place where other sacred celebrations occur.

Do not despair. Many exotic resorts offer these amenities for Catholic couples. It just takes a little planning. Ask Fr. Ross first.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon, Feb 17: James 1: 1 - 11 ; Ps 119 ; Mark 8: 11 - 13

Tues, Feb 18: James 1: 12 - 18 ; Ps 94 ; Mark 8: 14 - 21

Wed, Feb 19: James 1: 19 - 27 ; Ps 15 ; Mark 8: 22 - 26

Thurs, Feb 20: James 2: 1 - 9 ; Ps 34 ; Mark 8: 27 - 33

Fri, Feb 21: James 2: 14 - 24, 26 ; Ps 112 ; Mark 8: 34 - 38 - 9:1

Sat, Feb 22: 1 Peter 5: 1 - 4 ; Ps 23 ; Matthew 16: 13 - 19

Sun, Feb 16: Lev 19: 1 - 2, 17 - 18 ; Ps 103 ; 1 Cor 3: 16 - 23 ; Matt 5: 38 - 48

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 26

Mass, with the imposition of ashes, will be celebrated at **8 am and again at 7 pm** at St. Patrick Church.

Celebrations of God's Word will also be offered in each of our four parish elementary schools and at Riverbend Place Retirement Home. Contact the individual schools for times. The imposition of ashes will take place at all of these liturgies.

THE PATRON SAINT OF ENGAGED COUPLES & MARRIAGES

Saint Valentine is a 3rd Century saint whose feast is celebrated on February 14. While there is some confusion as to which of three possible martyrs named Valentine is the saint that is celebrated on that day, it's known that he was either a priest or a bishop in Terni, Italy, and that his love for God and his faithfulness was all-encompassing. Following Jesus' teachings closely, he also had a great love for mankind. It's believed that he committed the crimes of marrying Christians and helping Christians who were being persecuted by Claudius II, the emperor of Rome. Because he wouldn't renounce his faith and because he tried to convert the emperor, he was sentenced to and suffered a brutal death.

Among other things, he's known as the patron saint of love, young people, engaged couples and happy marriages. Although people can pray to St. Valentine at any stage in their relationship, he seems to be an ideal saint to turn to for young people in love and engaged couples.

