



Second Annual Diocesan Bible Sunday February 3, 2019

Hamilton Diocesan second Annual Bible Sunday will take place next weekend on Sunday, February 3, 2019.

The focus of this year's observance will be Listening to God's Word at Mass.

To highlight this theme Father Michael Patella, O.S.B, a monk of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, has been invited to be our guest speaker at two special celebrations to be held on February 3rd:

- **St. Michael Church, 240 Hemlock Street, Waterloo at 2:00 p.m. OR**
- **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 700 King Street West, Hamilton at 7:00 p.m.**

Father Patella will be speaking on the Gospel of Luke. In particular, Father Patella will be inviting participants to consider what to listen for as the Gospel of Luke is proclaimed at Sunday Mass during the coming year. The Gospel and Acts Volume of the Saint John's Bible will be available for viewing at each presentation. Mark your calendars now! All are welcome.

A Simple Guide to Praying with Scripture

Four Basic Questions to consider:

- 1 What does it say?**
Determine as closely as possible the literal meaning of the text. What do the words say? 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 different does this text mean for my life? What is my response to God's word?

**Within the covers of the Bible are
the answers for all the problems
men face.**



NO Mass on Mondays

Tuesday, February 5

8:00 am + MIKE O'TOOLE - Roger Nugent
+ PAT BENHAM - Phyl Arthur

Wednesday, February 6

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 pm and concludes with Benediction at 7:00 pm
7:15 pm + RUGGERO CHELLI - his family
+ DORVALINA ARAUJO - Paul and Linda Botelho
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 7

8:00 am + ELIZABETH TREMBLETT - Kitty Penney
- for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Friday, February 8

8:00 am + ROGER O'TOOLE - Teresa and Nick Cheri
+ GENEVIEVE BYRNE - Lorraine Ezekiel

Saturday, February 9

8:00 am + PATRICIA WHELAN - Linda and Paul Ezekiel
5:00 pm + FRANK SCHALLER - his parents
+ ALOYSIUS PILLAI - Sheone
+ FRANK PEREIRA - Elsa and Manuel

Sunday, February 10

9:00 am + JOHN CANTO - Mary and family
11:00 am - for the intentions of all parishioners

Monday, February 4 Webinar at 3:00 pm: Exploring the Council of Canadian Academies' Reports on Assisted Dying

Last December, the Council of Canadian Academies (CCA) released three long-awaited reports examining the future of assisted dying in Canada. The non-partisan think tank was tasked by the federal government to study three groups of suffering Canadians currently excluded from our assisted dying law. With the reports now public, two researchers at the helm of the studies have agreed to participate in a this webinar presented by Dying With Dignity Canada. They will delve into how the three teams of researchers went about their work and explain the groups' key findings — with a special emphasis on the report on advance requests for assisted dying.

Register using the following link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6690331838749012226>



**Parent Information Meeting for
First Reconciliation and
First Holy Communion
Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 pm**

Parents/guardians of Grade 2 children of our parish schools (*St. Anne, St. Vince de Paul and Holy Spirit*), and the catechism program, are asked to attend this brief meeting, which will provide information on the preparation and reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally
Saturday, March 2, 2019 9am to 5:30 pm**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre Front Street, Toronto

For tickets please phone Tina 519-222-6283

Adults rally \$25.00 ~ Youth Rally \$15.00

Cardinal Thomas Collins will be the presider for Mass.

For a complete list of this year's speakers, and all information, please visit their website at www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca



Our monthly **bridge/euchre card party** will be held **Saturday February 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm**. Cost is \$6.00 at the door.

AED Defibrillator Class

Defibrillators save lives, do you know where you could find ours at St. Ambrose in the event someone suffers a heart attack, or how to use it?

On **Saturday March 23rd**, join us from 11am to 12noon for a review of the proper use of the AED (Defibrillator). The presentation will be provided by a St. John Ambulance First Aid/CPR Instructor. All ushers, leaders of various parish ministries and anyone else who is interested are encouraged to attend.

Please contact Myra Klaassen, Parish Nurse to register 519 621-2013, or email myra@stambrosecambridge.ca

Online Giving

Parishioners are now able to donate to St. Ambrose Church through a diocesan approved program called "CanadaHelps".

How does it work??

- go to our parish webpage www.stambrosecambridge.ca
- click on the "donate now" icon
- you will be redirected to our parish page on CanadaHelps
- fill in the online form, which asks for your donation information. Click on "donate" and then within a few seconds you will be redirected back to our parish website.
- recurring monthly donations can be set-up with your credit card
- CanadaHelps is a **secure website**.
- **Important** - CanadaHelps will also provide the donation receipt by email. (not the parish)

Our monthly Mexico Mission collection, which assists the *Sisters of the Holy Trinity* missionary work in Mexico City, will be collected next weekend at all Masses, and on the second weekend of each month (except Nov.)



The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at oneheartonesoul.ca.

Are Parishes in a position to take on needed projects?

This, of course, varies from Parish to Parish, but in general most Parishes are not in a strong position to take on major projects (those of \$250,000 or more), and many projects have been delayed because of a lack of funding. One of the main reasons for the diocesan capital campaign is to assist Parishes big and small to gain more solid footing for the future – whether that's by completing an overdue project, retiring debt, building a contingency fund or looking ahead with a new ministry or new staff.

What about Parish debt and Parish reserves – in general, where do things stand?

The majority of the Diocese's Parishes can meet their operating budget and can take on small capital projects. Only a few, however, have substantial savings. Some have incurred debt, and the Diocese assists where it can with donations and loans, some of which are interest-free, to Parishes.

Will the Parishes or the Diocese take on debt because of this campaign?

It's possible for the right project and the right reasons, but that is to be determined by the Diocese and Parishes as the campaign planning moves forward.

What is the Ex Corde Foundation and how does it work?

The Ex Corde Foundation was established in 2011 with a gift of \$21.5 million from the Diocese of Hamilton and provides financial assistance to Parishes and other Catholic charities within the Diocese and across Canada. Ex Corde, which means "From the Heart," is operated by a board of directors and provides grants to repair or renovate buildings; to provide and maintain religious artifacts and works of art; and to support religious education and catechesis. As of September 2018, the foundation had donated \$5.1 million, 90 percent of which has gone to parishes or other Catholic organizations within the Diocese. The grant amounts vary widely but commonly have been in the range of \$15,000 to \$25,000. The remaining 10 percent has gone to Catholic Parishes, dioceses or other organizations from outside the Diocese of Hamilton. The foundation board selects recipients twice a year from grant applications. **For a list of all the grants awarded, see the link on the Ex Corde website, www.excordefoundation.com**