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The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM & 7:15 PM

Daily Mass Schedule

- Listed Inside -

Door to God never closed

In today's gospel we find that the access to Jesus was apparently blocked because of the crowd. The friends of the paralytic might have thought for a moment that they were at the end of their wits. However, they teach us a lesson, that is, when you find one door closed against you just look around and keep your mind open and you find an opening. Look at the ingenuity of these four people: they go on top of the house, move the tiles and let the paralytic down on ropes from the roof. It is just unbelievable! However, they also teach a lesson on faith; faith can move mountains; that's what Jesus said. These four people manifested their faith, which was strong enough to move a mountain. Their faith was abundantly rewarded. In this healing there was a process involved: first Jesus forgives the sins of the paralytic. It was an act of liberating the person from his inner bonds and from his inner slavery to sin.

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Parish Staff

Rev. George Palamattam, CMI	Pastor
Rev. Vincent Panikulam, CMI	Associate Pastor
Mrs. Rita Kara	Office Administrator
Mrs. Doris Ippolito	Bookkeeper
Mr. Alphonso Ippolito	Maintenance

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday	905-522-9828
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	

Parish Schools

St. Patrick	905-529-1069
St. Columba	905-544-9495
St. Brigid	905-529-2848
Cathedral High School	905-522-3581

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Monday-Friday	905-524-0431
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please register by calling the Parish Office.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 19, 2012



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

For any true healing this is a must: we must first be free from our sins, which in turn strengthens our mind to fight against our bodily infirmities. Sin inflicts on us inner wounds, which is not visible to the outsiders. The initiative for getting rid of these bonds should begin with us. Once we initiate this process then Grace of God supplies whatever is required after and that is what we see Jesus doing today to this paralytic. As soon as we come into the presence of God, we definitely will realize that God has seen our heart and our hearts move towards God. At the sight of Jesus this paralytic might have experienced the touch of God and God's penetrating look into his heart, which might have prompted him to repent over his sins. When he became free from sins, the paralysis was gone and he got the strength to get up and take his coat and walk! Such miracles can happen to us even today, provided we allow ourselves to be touched by God just like the paralytic did. Our way to God is always open. We need the will to take the first step, first inner healing and then healing of the body. The Great Lent is just around the corner and it is a right time to make a new beginning. Let us get prepared for the take-off.

Fr. George

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK'S READING

Sunday, February 26, 2012

First Reading: Genesis 9.8-15

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22

Gospel: Mark 1.12-15

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Prayer for Vocations

Loving Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those whom You are calling to the married state and those You are choosing to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all the likeness of Your son so that through Him, with Him, and in Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Monday – Rev. Charles Charlose, C.M.I.

Tuesday – Rev. Leszek Szczygiel

Wednesday – Lay Parish Ministers

Thursday – Rev. David Lewis

Friday – Rev. Rafal Tomon

Saturday – Rev. Joseph Kelly, C.S.Sp.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession)

Saturday at 8:30 AM – 8:50 AM & 4:00PM – 4:45 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

3rd Sunday of the month by appointment only. One month notice required. Please call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please make arrangements at least one year in advance.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in the family, please contact the parish office and we will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial, please contact the cemetery office at 905-522-7727 or 1-800-861-5985 or visit their website at www.thecatholicceteries.ca

Billy Graham's Prayer for Our Nation (USA)

'Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable... We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from sin and Set us free. Amen!'

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:15 A.M. ALEJANDRO PABLO

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:15 A.M. SPECIAL INT. – RODOLFO & MERCY HERNANDEZ

12:15 P.M. JOSE FARIA

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:15 A.M. ARMONDO DE SANTIS

9:30 A.M. ST. PATRICK & ST. BRIGID SCHOOLS MASS

10:00 A.M. MASS AT VICTORIA GARDENS – DORIS PORTER

12:15 P.M. IRENE BRITTON

7:00 P.M. LUIS RAPOSO & FAMILY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:15 A.M. JOSE & CONCORDINA

12:15 P.M. FEDELE VARIO

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:15 A.M. ANA PIMENTEL & GENTIL JANICAS

12:15 P.M. ANTONIO GENNACCARO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 A.M. MARISSA CABALLERO PINEDA

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AFTER 9:00 A.M. MASS UNTIL 10:00 A.M.

5:00 p.m. JAN ZEGLINSKI

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 A.M. ST. PATRICK'S PARISHIONERS

11:30 A.M. EMMA GOLINO

7:15 P.M. SPECIAL INT. – RODOLFO & MERCY HERNANDEZ



ST. PATRICK COFFEE HOUR

Next Week

In the school gym

After the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

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The Spiritual Care Department at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton is in need of additional ministers of the Eucharist to offer Communion to Catholic patients while in hospital. If you are a Eucharistic Minister commissioned in our parish, you are invited to prayerfully consider this opportunity to extend your ministry to those who may experience spiritual strength and healing through receiving Communion during a time of illness or uncertainty. Please call the hospital's Spiritual Care Department directly by dialing 905 522-1155 ext. 33263.

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SOLOMON, ONE OF DAVID'S SONS, HAD 300 WIVES AND 700 PORCUPINES.