



# Sursum Corda

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Issue 368– Ascension of Our Lord



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**Lord's Day Mass** – Saturday at 5:00pm,  
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:30am

**Children's Ministry**

## **This Lord's Day.....**

We mark the Ascension of the Lord. As Jesus is 'lifted up' today, we lift up and celebrate **Mother's Day** the gift of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and all who have nurtured us in love and faith. It will be a beautiful time to celebrate and honouring them for the way God created them to nurture, care, and lovingly protect us as we grow.

**Children's Ministry** at 9:30am and 11:30am on Sunday will have a special gift for all moms - always a highlight.

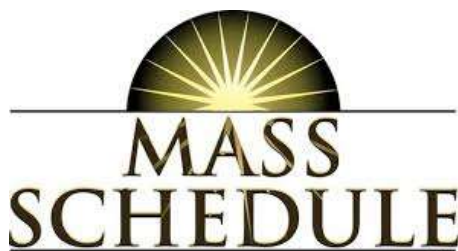
Plus we are remembering "moms to be" with our annual **Baby Shower for Michael House in Guelph.....** bring along some of the items listed on our **website** and help a "future mom" be a difference maker too. *Presentation of items to Michael House will take place during CWL Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00p.m.*

But that is not all.....our **Catholic Café** will have a unique Mother's Day flare to it and a few extra surprises too and Knights of Columbus will be having their annual "Roses for Life" Appeal which assists Pro-Life Causes.

Men, don't forget that this is an important weekend for you as we are giving you a layup to honor the women in your life – so bring mom and come join us!

## **Confirmation**

Congratulations to the young people from our parish who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. May the Holy Spirit be a familiar friend to them and may we frequently welcome them into our midst on the Lord's Day.



Our Lord's Day attendance continues to increase. While some week's attendance fluctuates, a recent survey by the Diocese of Hamilton (which included an actual head count over three different weekends) found that on average we welcome over 1900 people during a weekend to our campus, as a result, it has become apparent that transitioning to a summer schedule may no longer be a possibility.

Therefore, *our Mass Schedule will now be year-round – Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:30am.* We will also be maintaining our **Children's Ministry** year-round. All summer long children from age 2 to Grade 4 and their entire families can live, love and learn while attending Mass together.



## **VBS is HERE!!!!**

**JULY 9-13, 2018- 8:45 AM – 12 NOON**  
**ST MARY'S PARISH CENTRE**

Children JK through Grade 4! (as of June 2018) join us for awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and saints to *discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God.* VBS Hero Central uses epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible and saint stories to help kids (and leaders) discover their strength in God! **Registration forms** are available in the Parish Centre. Registration deadline is **June 15, 2018.** Join us for our summer adventure!

## **FAST FACTS**

- **Diocesan Activities**

## **Check out "Next Gen"-Youth & Young Adults Events**

- **Adult Sports (Bowling/Volleyball)**
- **Iron Men on Saturday – 7:00am**

May Our Lady of the Visitation continue to be our inspiration, model and guide



Get a copy of our Weekly Devotional!  
- [Sign up here](#)



Steubenville Conference provides high school aged young people, amazing talks, small group discussions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and the celebration of Mass. *Spots are filling up.* [See our youth display for more details.](#)



Check out our [Small Groups](#) display in the Parish Centre and [watch this video!](#)  
 †Mother's Group – Tuesday at 7:30pm  
 †Grief Relief – Wednesday at 7:00pm  
 †Heart to Home – Thursday at 1:00pm  
 †Souls Sisters – Thursday at 7:00pm  
 † Iron Men – Saturday at 7:00am  
 † Crossroads – Sunday – after 12:30pm  
 † Act 2 – meets monthly (see website)  
[Dinner for 8](#) Couples Groups meet on various nights – there is a group for you!  
[Join us – something for everyone!](#)



Our [Haiti and Kenya Missions](#) continue to be important parts of our parish life. We are entering the final stages of planning for our Mission Trips in 2018-2019 – [if you are interested in details](#)

Young Adults



**SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018 - "VERITAS (TRUTH)"**

**AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS**

So is there really a God? Come on out for a discussion of the question of God's existence with some excellent videos from the Catholicism series - we will discover the riches of our faith. Friendship and food as always. New Members welcome!

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The Gift of Marriage is one to be cherished and celebrated. Join us on **Sunday, May 27th, at the 11:30am. Mass** for the celebration of Marriage Jubilees in our parish for those celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th ... anniversaries. If you would like to participate in this celebration, please call the parish office with your name, phone number and the number of years you are celebrating - [Please call early.](#)



**Startingpoint**

**THERE IS MORE TO OUR STORY**  
 Why God? Why Jesus?  
 Why the Church?

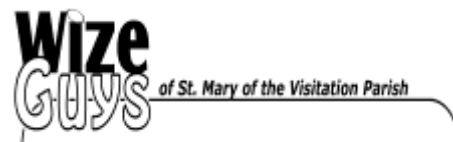
**Sign up - New sessions start soon**  
[check out our website and some videos too](#)



**May 26, 2018**

We are hosting our annual *parish-wide* **"Service Saturday"** There are various opportunities to help painting, serving a meal to the homeless, and helping shut-ins and just lend a hand to those in need. All hands are needed ... Sign-ups are in the Parish Centre - use our Kiosks at the Welcome Desk, our website or call the parish office - Lend a hand!

We will be hosting a **"Green Bag Saturday"** *from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in our Parish Centre.* Bag all the clothes, shoes, hats, belts, household items, etc., that you no longer want and bring them to the Parish Centre. These will be sorted by parish volunteers and distributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store and Bridges Shelter. Join us as we go out to the community to be hands and feet for Christ to our neighbour. **Sign up [here](#)**



**HELP THE CARMELITE SISTERS**  
**MAY 26, 2018 -9:00AM - 2:00PM**

The Sisters dedicate their life to praying for us, they need our help with some painting, landscaping, and giving a few things a good cleaning. We meet at the Parish Centre Parking Lot and travel together. Come Lend a Hand! [Sign up Here.](#) *By the way Wize Guys- don't forget Iron Men every Saturday at 7:00am-you can be both Wize and Strong!*



**New Dinner for 8 Couples**  
**Small Groups are forming.**  
[Check out details and Sign up today](#)