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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday	9:00 am to Noon 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am and 11:00 am

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday	6:00 to 6:30 pm
Saturday	4:00 to 4:30 pm

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday	6:00 to 6:45 pm
Friday	9:00 am to Noon

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated once a month on Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass. Preparation is provided. Kindly contact the Parish office at least 2 months before the desired date.

The blessing of expectant parents takes place after each Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The sacrament of Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday afternoon. Preparation is provided. Please contact the parish office 1 year before the desired date.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Dominic	905-827-4401
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## PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE

For assistance in discerning God's call to Priesthood or Consecrated Life, please contact Reverend Michael King, Vocations Director at 905-528-7988 or Reverend Ranjan D'Sa at the Parish Office or email [rdsa@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:rdsa@hamiltondiocese.com)

## PLANNED GIVING

Continue to help your Parish and the mission of your Church. For more details, please go to [www.saintdominic.ca/support-us](http://www.saintdominic.ca/support-us)

**PARISH LITURGIES  
SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**

**LITURGIES**

**December 9 – December 15**

**Tuesday, December 10**

**Adoration**

6:00 pm

**Reconciliation**

7:00 pm

+Earl Downey

**Wednesday, December 11**

8:30 am

+Jack, Helen & Frank  
Thornton

**4:00 pm-6:00 pm**

**Advent Reconciliation**

**Thursday, December 12**

8:30 am

+Maria Mastrella

**Friday, December 13 - Adoration**

8:30 am

Marino & Alessandra  
Simonetti

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday, December 14**

4:00 pm

Reconciliation

5:00 pm

+Jose & Maria Gomes

+Elva Gosselin

+Monica Lim

+Collette & Patrice

Livingstone

+Manuel & Maria Silva

**Sunday, December 15**

9:00 am

- For our

11:00 am

Parish



**MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS THIS WEEK**

Wed. Dec. 11	7:00 pm	Youth Choir	Church
	7:30 pm	Zumba classes	Auditorium
Thurs. Dec. 12	7:30 pm	Choir	Church
Fri. Dec. 13	9:00 am	Mens' Group Regnum Christi	RMR PC-2
Sat. Dec. 14	9:30 am	Zumba classes	Auditorium
Sun. Dec. 15	3:00 pm	Canara Inc.	Auditorium

**CHRISTMAS LITURGIES**

As you make your plans to celebrate the great Feast of the Birth of Christ, please note the date and time for celebrations in our parish.

**Tuesday, December 24 – 5:00; 7:30; 11:30 pm**

**Wednesday, December 25 – 9:00 & 11:00 am**

**The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

**Tuesday, December 31 – 5:00 pm and**

**Wednesday, January 1 – 10:00 am**

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines to the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 15 to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day – as you lay Jesus in the manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessing we receive at Christmas.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
CANDLE LIGHTERS**

**December 14-15**

- **5 pm Catholic Women's League**  
Social/service group
- **9 am – Seniors Ministry**  
8 parishioner teams lead Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
- **11am – Senior Choir**  
16 members

*"In his days may righteousness flourish,  
and peace abound forever."*

## SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday offering envelopes for 2020 are available in the Parish Centre for all who are currently using envelopes. As we approach a new fiscal in January we ought to consider our individual and collective responsibility for the upkeep in our parish facilities, the support of our parish staff and the promotion of God's reign through the many educational outreach activities of our parish. Parishioners who are not currently using envelopes but wish to do so, please contact the parish secretary during office hours.

## C.W.L. NEWS

Your 2019 CWL membership of \$30., if paid before December 2 entitles you to a ballot to participate in a draw for a free membership. You may also write a cheque to Saint Dominic CWL in the amount of \$30.00 and place it in the blue CWL envelope included in your parish envelopes to put in the collection. Please write your name, address, telephone number and email.

## FOOD BANK

As usual you are invited to bring non-perishable food for the needy and place that food in our bin in the Parish Centre Narthex throughout the holy season of Advent. Items required: Baby food and baby formula, canned fish, canned meats, pasta sauces, soups, peanut butter, jam, cookies, juice, sugar, tea, coffee, cereal, powdered milk. Thank you on behalf of those who will benefit.

## CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church Bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2020 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the Bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at (905) 624-4422.



## HAMILTON DIOCESE NEWS

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 9	Very Rev. Con O'Mahony
Tuesday, Dec. 10	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wed. Dec. 11	Sisters of St. John the Baptist
Thurs, Dec. 12	Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa
Friday, Dec. 13	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Saturday, Dec. 14	Rev. Louis Lenssen

## WHITE MASS

Consistent with the white coats and uniforms formerly worn by physicians and nurses, the WHITE MASS is celebrated annually for the spiritual support of healthcare professionals, clergy, chaplains and all caregivers.

Join us as we welcome Fr. Terrance McKenna who will celebrate this year's WHITE MASS on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and St. Juan Diego, **Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm at St. Gabriel Church, 2261 Parkway Drive, Burlington.**

Refreshments and video of Our Lady of Guadalupe to follow. A good will offering would be appreciated to help cover expenses. For more information please call (905) 335-6902.

## VOCATIONS

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## Parenting Tip of the Month

For Catholics, Christmas is about so much more than gifts; it is the promise, through the birth of Jesus, of goodness and light coming into our lives. Do your children know this is the focus of Christmas? Advent and Christmas are perfect times to highlight the "reason for the season". Read stories about the Advent wreath so they understand what each candle symbolizes; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!); be sure the tree is adorned with symbols of the faith; read family Advent reflections daily during Advent; attend Mass and reflect on the reading each week, including Christmas Day. Faith sets a foundation on which to stand and Christmas is a perfect time to bring Christ into your family activities!

*"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near"*

Let us prepare our hearts

To receive God's son.

As we light the second candle, we pray:

**"Lord thank you for the gift of hope in faith.  
We give you all our struggles this day.  
May we always find hope and help  
in your son, Jesus. Amen"**







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