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The Nativity of the Lord

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

| Readings | Liturgy | Intention | Please Pray for |
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| Sunday, December 25 Solemnity of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-6 John 1.1-18 | Masses 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12 noon | Deacon Joe Di Grado Our Parish Community Special Intentions of Jasmine Segismundo | |
| Monday, December 26 St. Stephen Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59 Matthew 10.17-22 | NO MASS | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday, December 27 St. John the Apostle 1 John 1.1-4 John 20.2-8 | Mass 9:00 a.m. | Special Intentions of Carlene & Fabian Louis | Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I. |
| Wednesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents 1 John 1.5-2.2 Matthew 2.13-18 | Mass 9:00 a.m. | Chris Gillis | Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.) |
| Thursday, December 29 The Fifth day within the Octave of Nativity St. Thomas Becket 1 John 2.3-11 Luke 2.22-35 | Mass 9:00 a.m. | Intentions of Thomas Boruss | Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I. |
| Friday, December 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23 | Mass 9:00 a.m. | Erlinda Belen | Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D. |
| Saturday, December 31 Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity St. Sylvester 1 John 2.18-21 John 1.1-18 | Mass 5:00 p.m. | Erlinda Rodriguez Joseph Gomes Elizabeth Alman | Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, E.V. |

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER:



FIRST COMMUNION

OR visit the Parish website to access the link
(Deadline April 17th, 2023)



CONFIRMATION

OR visit the Parish website to access the link
(Deadline January 9th, 2023)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31st
***5pm (LIVESTREAMED)**
Sunday, January 1st
9am | 1030am | 12pm

MASS INTENTIONS

As we have suspended our 7pm Monday mass, please note that starting January 2023, booked Monday mass intentions will be offered on the Tuesday of the same week.

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

FROM DECEMBER 26TH TO DECEMBER 30TH.
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 3RD, 2023*



2023 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

We thank those who have picked up their 2023 envelopes. A reminder that if you haven't done so, please pick-up your envelopes at the church entrance. To make sure that your donation is posted to your name accurately, we appreciate that you indicate your name outside the envelope on the first month of January 2023. Also, if you still have old envelopes from previous years, we kindly ask you not to use them. Thank you.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM
HIS EXCELLENCY
BISHOP DOUGLAS CROSBY**
Christmas 2022

*"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."
Luke, Chapter 2*

Dear Friends,

Christmas is a time of familiarity. We sing familiar songs, share familiar greetings, we pray and gather and celebrate in all those ways to which we are accustomed. Yet does this familiarity numb us to the awe-inspiring reality of the Lord's Nativity? Look into the Christmas crèche: what do we see here? The King of the Universe - lying helpless in a manger. The Lord God Almighty - wrapped in swaddling clothes. The Eternal Word - an infant, unable even to speak!

The Creator of Heaven and Earth is held in the arms of one he has created, and upon opening his eyes looks up at his mother - and so looks up at each of us. God so loves us that *he comes to us*, he lowers himself for us, he refuses to be distanced from us and so becomes one of us - taking on the frailty of the human form, yet losing nothing of the greatness of his Divine power.

May we never grow tired of discovering anew these jarring truths, which turn upside-down our expectations of power, greatness, kingship, and so much else. May we renew with fervour our adoration of the God who has become a child, who for love of each one of us has inserted his very self into our human story. This is the blessing of Christmas - may it fill our hearts during these holy days!

*May God, who by the Incarnation
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,
fill you with the gift of his peace and favor
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven!
(From the solemn blessing of Midnight Mass)*

Merry Christmas!
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your generous support of the angel program. You were part of a larger effort that gave 25 neighbours in need a sense of being loved by their community. Through the generous financial support of our parishioners and sponsors we were able to provide each family with gift cards for them to purchase Christmas dinner and a few presents for under the tree.

Your support means so much to these families and to all of us at the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. We are always looking for people to walk alongside our neighbours in need to help them move towards a brighter future. If you are interested in joining SSVP please contact ssvp.stbenedictsconference@gmail.com

Thank you again for helping us help our neighbours celebrate Christmas.

*"For it is in giving, that we receive"
We wish you all a healthy and happy new year!*



The Catholic Community of St. Benedict Parish welcomes the following children who were baptized in **December**. We support them with our prayers and ask that their parents nurture them so they can grow up to be faith filled people of God and our Parish Community.

Kikiayoyimika Adeaga, Senna Grey Busuttill, Daniel Coby Cappello, Madison Carinelli, Crezia Henriques Ribeiro Cresnik, Katelynn Jennifer Efthimiou, Mason Carter Hegg, Maya Jay Lacroix, Gabriella Christine Laskaris, Liam Kyle Mariano, Malcolm Henry Maye, Mya Rose Maye, Mikaela Rose Swidzinski, Taylor Quinn Tell



**REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR
KINDERGARTEN AT HCDSB!**

Kindergarten registration at the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) for the 2023-2024 school year is now open! Parents and guardians who are interested in registering their child for Kindergarten are invited to visit the HCDSB website for more information: <https://hcdsb.info/KindergartenRegistration>



A HUGE THANK YOU to all the wonderful priests who came to help at our **Advent Evening of Reconciliation** last December 14th



**CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS
CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING,
HAMILTON**

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass on Sunday, December 25th at 12:00 a.m. The celebration will be livestreamed and can be accessed by visiting the Cathedral's website: www.ctkbasilica.ca

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