

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

(FOUNDED IN 1849)

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday Closed

WEEKEND LITURGY

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon, and by appointment

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday evening Mass

SACRED HEART DEVOTION

First Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Please take a baptism package from the tables in the church entrances.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance.

PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information or assistance contact our parish priest(s) or see www.vocationinfo.ca

VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY

Email sjtbvolunteer@gmail.com with your name, phone number and ministry you are interested in. The ministry leader will contact you.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family please advise the priest immediately and they will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial, contact the cemetery office at 905-522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite you to take the time to complete a census form, located at all doors of the church. Please drop it into the collection basket.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements MUST be received by the parish office no later than Monday at 3:30 p.m. to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday Bulletin.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS - 12 NOON



Mass Intentions

“...stand secure before the Son of Man.”

- Luke 21:36

Monday December 2

Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11, 13++ – No Mass

Tuesday December 3 – St. Francis Xavier

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

7 PM – Katherine MacKenzie

Wednesday December 4

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

9 AM – Intentions of Emilio & Victoria Ramirez

Thursday December 5

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

9 AM – Dorothy Blenkarn

Friday December 6

Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

9 AM – Intentions of Josef Svoboda

Saturday December 7 – St. Ambrose

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8++

5 PM – Jack Kemp

Sunday December 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – William & Mary Lowry



Our Parish

Monday December 2

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday December 3

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday December 4

CWL Advent Reflection – 9 AM – Church

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday December 5

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Advent Bible Study – 6:30 PM – Hall

Choir Practice – 7:15 PM – Church

Friday December 6

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Saturday December 7

COV Pasta Dinner – 6 PM – Hall

Sunday December 8

Children's Liturgy Family Celebration – 12 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Messages

Please arrange for your tickets for our **Christmas Social** on December 9 at 6 p.m. by phoning Lori (905-637-8165) or Dolene (905-634-8611). Tickets will not be available at the door. Our focus this year is on women and a box labeled “Good Shepherd Women’s Shelter” is located at the Brant Street door this weekend to collect items such as body wash, shampoo, peanut-free snacks, diapers deodorant, hygiene products, etc. Thank you for your support.

CWL Advent Morning of Reflection

Please mark **Wednesday, December 4** on your calendar as our C.W.L. is hosting an Advent Morning of Reflection, facilitated by Father Bob Sims from 9 a.m. to noon. All women of the parish and beyond are invited to attend and bring a friend. Registration forms are at all the church doors. For more information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

Join us for our 2019 Advent Bible Study A Biblical Introduction to Mary

This Advent season, prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of our Saviour by getting to know more closely the woman who brought him into the world at Christmas. Thursdays: November 21, 28 and December 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the parish hall. Drinks provided but snacks are Snack-Luck (pot-luck snacks). No pre-registration required. For more information, email stjohnsformed@gmail.com.

WANTED

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of men and women to become involved with our Home Visit Program. Our St. John Conference has been actively helping people in our parish area and beyond for over five decades. However, we have reached a point where our membership has declined substantially and we find ourselves with fewer people to respond to the calls for help that we receive. If you are looking for a worthwhile, rewarding way to “pay back” by volunteering, this might be a perfect option for you. To find out more about us please visit the parish website at www.stjohnthebaptist.ca, email stvatsj@gmail.com or phone us at 905-979-6460. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is “*To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.*”



The following children were baptized on November 17, 2019.

Kara Harrison & Jordan McManus

Congratulations to their parents, Godparents and families.

Living in a Believing Community

Join the St. John's Men's Group in a reflection and group discussion on what it means to belong to the People of God, on Saturday, December 14, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. in the parish hall. No admission fee.

Extra voices are needed to sing at the 5 and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses. Please visit Leslie Polci, music director, in the choir loft after Mass for details.

The Children's Liturgy Family Celebration will be held on December 8 after the 11 a.m. Mass in the parish hall. Join us for refreshments and Christmas crafts. All families are welcome.

Also, the children will be participating this year in the Gospel on Christmas Eve at the 5 p.m. Mass. Please email us at childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com or phone Anne Marie at 905-317-3539 if you would like your child to join in.

Chalice invites you to share the blessing of Christmas with children in the developing world. A **Christmas Gift Catalogue** allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need, in honour of a friend or loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift. Please look for the gift catalogues at the church doors. Also, any gift purchased from the catalogue is tax receipted.

Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2020

**All You Can Eat Pasta Fundraiser Dinner
Saturday, December 7 after the 5 p.m. Mass
in St. John's parish hall.**

Come and eat heartily and support future pilgrims, enjoy fellowship and learn more about this annual walking pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine in Midland, Ontario. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$12/person or \$6/children under 10 years. Also, look for tickets on sale after Mass at the Brant Street doors of the church up until December 1.

New Sunday Missals are available for sale at the church doors at a cost of \$3 each if you wish to purchase one (while the supply lasts).

2020 Mission Calendars

Catholic Missions calendars are available for sale for \$3 each at the church entrance near Brant Street for as long as the supply lasts. Please leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

✠ That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

IN THE DIOCESE

Day of Prayer

Attend a Day of Prayer at St. Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site) on Friday, December 13, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. (Mass time is 9 a.m.) Bring a bag lunch - tea and coffee on arrival. To register, please phone 905-388-3966 or email ssspertshire@sympatico.ca.

Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced. Would it help to have people around you who understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. No need to register and no cost. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 if information is needed, but you may just drop in between 7-9 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Register to attend the *Fostering and Adoption Online Information Session (Webinar)* on Monday, December 2 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For information, please contact the Foster and Adoption Recruitment Coordinator, Niamh O'Flaherty at 905-525-2273 or by email at niamh.oflaherty@hamiltonccas.on.ca.

At **Project Rachel** caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please phone (905) 526-1999.

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