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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.

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

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

MINISTRY TO SICK/SHUT-INS

Please notify the Rectory Office and arrange Communion.

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

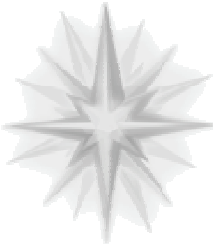
All bulletin announcements MUST be received by the parish office no later than Monday at 3:30 p.m. to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday Bulletin.



Mass Intentions

“My soul shall exult in my God!”

Monday December 12 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
 Zechariah 2:10-13; Luke 1:39-47 – *No Mass*
Tuesday December 13 – *St. Lucy*
 Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32
 7 PM – Aileen Cawthorne
Wednesday December 14 – *St. John of the Cross*
 Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:19-23
 9 AM – Giuseppe Di’lorio
Thursday December 15 (School Mass)
 Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30
 9 AM – Nassouri Sabbagh
Friday December 16
 Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8; John 5:16-17, 33-36++
 9 AM – Marie Semeniuk
Saturday December 17
 Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
 5 PM – Jim & Mary Hourigan
Sunday December 18 – *4th Sunday of Advent*
 Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24
 9 AM – Pro Populo
 11 AM – Ludwika Gawlik



Our Parish

Monday December 12
 Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR
Tuesday December 13
 CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall
 RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR
Wednesday December 14
 Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR
 Women’s AA – 6:15 PM – Hall
Thursday December 15
 Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR
 Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR
 Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Choir Loft
Friday December 16
 AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall
Sunday December 18
 Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church



C.W.L. Message

Our **C.W.L. Christmas Potluck** will be held on Monday, December 12 at **6 p.m.** (please note the earlier time). Please bring a dish to share with others and your own plate and cutlery. Tea, coffee and punch will be provided. Come and enjoy fine food, friendship and a few games of BINGO. You may even win a prize!!! Hope to see you.

Thank you to all the women who attended our Advent Reflection. A special thank you is extended to Father Bob, who facilitated the event. We appreciated the chance to attend Mass, to reflect on Father’s inspirational presentation, pray, read and to have the opportunity for Reconciliation and Benediction. Thank you, also, to Marie Arponen and Dolene Vanderlelie for all their hard work.

WEEKEND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

October 2, 2016.....	\$5,372
# of envelopes.....	276
October 9, 2016.....	\$5,746.50
# of envelopes.....	276

Thank you so much!

Christmas Mass Schedule

*Saturday, December 24: 5 p.m.,
 7 p.m. & 12 Midnight*

Sunday, December 25: 9 & 11 a.m.

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 20: 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, December 22: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 24: 11 a.m. to noon

THE 2017 ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the church, close to the Brant Street entrance. If you have any difficulty finding your envelopes, please contact the office at 905-634-2485 during office hours and you will receive assistance. THANK YOU so much for supporting St. John’s parish with your contributions. If you are new to our parish, please complete a registration form and drop it into the collection basket.



MEN'S GROUP ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

The Men's Group of the parish, in cooperation with St. John's School, is again sponsoring and hosting the Annual Talent Show on **Saturday, April 1, 2017** after the 5 PM Mass. All students at the school are eligible to participate. If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument or have some other talent, we encourage students to sign up in the school office right after the Christmas holidays by the end of January. We look forward to another great show!

If any children would like to sing in the **Children's Choir** at the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, please visit Leslie Polci, our Music Director, in the choir loft after Mass.

Also, **Singers are needed** for the 5 and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses. If you can help out, you are most welcome. Please visit Leslie in the choir loft after Mass.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers 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. For information please visit the parish website at www.stjohnthebaptist.ca or email stvatsj@gmail.com or phone 905-979-6460.

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then **the Knights of Columbus** is for you. For info, contact Michael Enright at 905-315-1744.

IN OTHER PARISHES

St. Paul's New Year's Eve

Enjoy an evening of dining and dancing on Saturday, December 31 at St. Paul's Church, 2265 Headon Rd. Enjoy catered dinner followed by dancing, midnight buffet and champagne. For further information, please email stpaulsocial2011@gmail.com or phone the parish office at 905-332-5115.

IN THE COMMUNITY

This Christmas, give the gift of swing!

The Burlington Knights of Columbus are presenting a tribute to Dean Martin and Ella Fitzgerald with the **Toronto All-Star Big Band**. Come and enjoy a terrific afternoon of swing music with your friends. You may reserve your "Gift of Swing" by phoning the box office at 905-681-6000. The cost is \$45. This great event is taking place on Sunday, January 29 with the 2 p.m. matinee at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre at the corner of 440 Locust St. in downtown Burlington.

Join Halton Alive in viewing a film, *The Euthanasia Deception*, and learn more about this issue that is affecting Canadians. A short presentation and question period will follow after the 54-minute film. This event is taking place at the Oakville Banquet Hall on Tuesday, January 31 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 at the door. Popcorn and drinks are included. Please RSVP to reserve a seat by visiting haltonalive.com/film-nights or phone Halton Alive at 905-632-3232.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona

Join Deacon Rob Thomas on June 11 to June 20, 2017 on a faith-filled excursion, marking the 100th anniversary of Fatima. Please visit the link, <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/764541> or phone Deacon Rob at 905-315-9443. Early booking savings deadline is fast approaching.

Join the **Baby Food Drive**. Halton Alive is collecting baby food and formula to be donated to the local food banks. Please drop off your donation at 760 Brant Street, Unit 45A, Burlington, by November 30.

Vocation View

"See, I am sending a messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, speak to the pastor or Fr. King, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton, by phone at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or email him at mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

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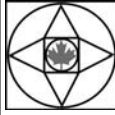


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