

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Masses of the Week

“Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.”

- James 5:7a

Monday December 16

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 – No Mass

Tuesday December 17

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

7 PM – Humbelin Rosales

Wednesday December 18

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24

9 AM – Therese Tessier

Thursday December 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

9 AM – Theresa Dupuis

Friday December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10d; Luke 1:26-38

9 AM – Intentions of Marnie Kervin

Saturday December 21

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45

5 PM – Jim & Mary Hourigan

Sunday December 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Patrick Wilson



Our Parish

Monday December 16

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday December 18

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday December 19

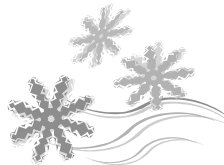
Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:15 PM – Church

Friday December 20

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



With all the extra mail at this time of year, we ask that you kindly donate your **used postage stamps** in the box provided at the Brant Street doors. They are used to support Catholic Missions and we hope to send them a big supply. Thank you very much!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24: 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 12 midnight

Wednesday, December 25: 10 a.m.

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 17: 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, December 19: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 21: 11 a.m. to noon

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.*”

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 of the **Children's Liturgy** 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. Practices take place after the 11 a.m. Mass downstairs in the parish hall.

New Sunday Missals are available for sale at the church doors at a cost of \$3 each (while the supply lasts). Kindly place your payment in the boxes on the walls located at each entrance. Thank you!

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Looking for ways your family can enter into the Advent season together?

Grow closer to Christ this season with reflections sent to you daily.



Sign up at formed.org/advent

Chalice Christmas Gift Catalogue

Chalice invites you to share the blessing of Christmas with children in the developing world. The 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.

The Cross of Victory Pilgrimage would like to thank the parishioners of St. John's for their support at the Pasta Dinner last Saturday during this busy Advent Season. We greatly appreciate your support and prayers. Thank you again.

W.R.A.P. – White Ribbon against Pornography

Thanks to everyone who participated by wearing a ribbon and by signing the letter that asks our government to enact Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms, similar to those for online gambling.

Knights of Columbus Computer Refurbish Program

We are looking for donations of any old computers, laptops, iPads/tablets and cellphones. All monies collected from the donations will buy (winter) coats for kids. If you have anything to donate, please phone Mark Herod at 365-331-0003 or send an email to recycle-tech@kofc5073.ca.

Thank you so much for your support in all the many ways you give. It's getting close to year-end and this is a reminder to all that financial donations for the 2019 tax year should be received by the parish office before 12 noon on Tuesday, December 31. At this time the parish books will be closed and all donations for 2019 will be deposited to the parish bank account. Any donations that come in after noon on December 31 will count toward 2020.

2020 Mission Calendars

Catholic Missions calendars are available for sale for \$3 each at the church entrance near Brant Street or at the parish office. Please leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes or the boxes on the walls at each of the church entrances.

2020 Offertory Envelopes are available for pick up in the church. They are arranged alphabetically on the tables toward Brant Street. Please contact the parish office if you currently don't have envelopes but would like a box.

IN THE DIOCESE

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.

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.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses are available to prepare children not in Catholic schools for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Families are encouraged to register early by visiting www.hamiltondiocese.com or phoning Monica Verin at the Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

Vocation View - "*See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.*" If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director at the Diocese of Hamilton. Phone 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



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