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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](http://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 18

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24 – No Mass

Tuesday December 19

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

7 PM – Intentions of Fernando A. Lopes

Wednesday December 20

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

9 AM – Rodrigo Zomil

Thursday December 21

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

9 AM – Intentions of Carlos Zoratti

Friday December 22

I Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

9 AM – John Campbell

Saturday December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 5-6; Luke 1:57-66

5 PM – Deceased members of the Davies family

Sunday December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

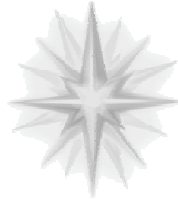
9 AM – George Sabine

11 AM – Pro Populo

5 PM – Mary Tilden

7 PM – Rev. Leonard Strohmeier

12 AM – Peace in the World



Please take note that there will be no 7 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, December 26.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23: 5 p.m.,

Sunday December 24: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.,

5 p.m., 7 p.m., 12 midnight

Monday, December 25: 9 a.m., 11a.m.

## Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 19: 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Saturday, December 23: 11 a.m. to noon

## CWL Message

The C.W.L. would like to take this opportunity to ask God’s blessings for Father Bob Sims, the staff of St. John’s and all the parishioners during this Holy Season.

## FORMED PRESENTS

Can’t get enough of Advent and Christmas? Listen as today’s top Catholic speakers get to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and help us to better appreciate the immensity of God’s love for us as his children. A special “Advent and Christmas” section in the “Listen” category has been added to FORMED with talks by Father Larry Richards, Dr. Scott Hahn and Bishop Robert Barron just to name a few. Register for free using our parish code RHTGK2 at FORMED.org.



## Our Parish

Monday December 11

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday December 12

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday December 13

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women’s AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday December 14

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday December 15

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



## Advent Adoration Evening

All are invited to attend Advent Adoration on Monday, December 18. The evening will begin with Evening Prayer at 5:45 followed by Adoration from 6 to 7:45 p.m. and concludes with Benediction, 7:45 to 8 p.m.

## Children’s Liturgy Announcement

All children, JK – Grade 4, are invited to join in the parish **Christmas Eve Gospel** on December 24 during the 5 p.m. Mass. Please drop in before an 11 a.m. Mass downstairs in the Warren Room, phone Anne Marie at 905-317-3539 or email [childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com](mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com) to register.

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The Knights of Columbus Monsignor James Corbett Warren Memorial Council #5073 would like to thank you for your support over the past year and wish you and your family "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

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**SINGERS NEEDED** for Christmas Eve Masses, especially at 5 and 7 p.m. Children/youth and adults welcome! Can you help out? Please visit Leslie in the loft after Mass for details.

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**Catholic Missions calendars** are available to purchase for only \$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 that are provided.

You may also purchase a **Sunday Missal** – they are provided at the entrances of the church for as long as the limited supply lasts. The cost will be \$3 which covers our cost. Please do not remove Missals from the pews. Kindly leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes provided.

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### Parish Offering Envelopes

Our parish's 2018 boxed sets of offering envelopes are available for pick up beginning today. **Please do not begin using the new envelopes until January.** If you would like to support our parish financially with a set of envelopes please contact Suzanne in the office.

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### Year End Donations

Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a donation to St. John's for 2017 should do so on or before December 31, 2017. Donations received by this date will be receipted for 2017. Donations received on or after January 1, 2018 can only be receipted for 2018 (even though they may be marked as being for 2017). As a Registered Charitable Organization, the parish is bound to comply with these CRA rules.

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### A Brief History of Medicine

"Doctor, I have an ear ache."

2000 BC - "Here, eat this root."

1000 BC - "That root is heathen; say this prayer."

1850 AD - "That prayer is superstition; drink this potion."

1940 AD - "That potion is snake oil; swallow this pill."

1985 AD - "That pill is ineffective; take this antibiotic."

2014 AD - "That antibiotic is artificial. Here, eat this root."

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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### PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Programs are available for **children** from Kindergarten through high school who are not currently receiving religious instruction (i.e. in a public or private school). These instructions prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.** Visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

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### Televised Christmas Midnight Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service begins at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. Salt & Light Television will air the celebration live on TV and on their website. CHTV Hamilton will also carry the telecast.

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For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic community this Christmas. Watch the Christmas Mass on TV, Christmas Eve at 9 p.m. on Vision TV, 10 p.m. on yesTV and Christmas Day at 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Vision TV, 11 a.m. on Salt + Light and 1 p.m. on yesTV.

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## IN OTHER PARISHES

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### New Year's Eve Party

Mark your calendars for an evening of dining, dancing and friendship at St. Paul's, 2265 Headon Rd., on Sunday, December 31. Enjoy a catered dinner followed by dancing with a midnight buffet and champagne. Please phone Doris at 905-541-4486 or Rita at 905-332-9254 for information.

### Vocation View

*There was a man, \_\_\_\_\_, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light so that through this person all people might believe. Is your name in the Gospel today? To speak to someone about the priesthood or religious life, contact Fr. King at [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com) or phone 905-528-7988, extension 2246.*



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