

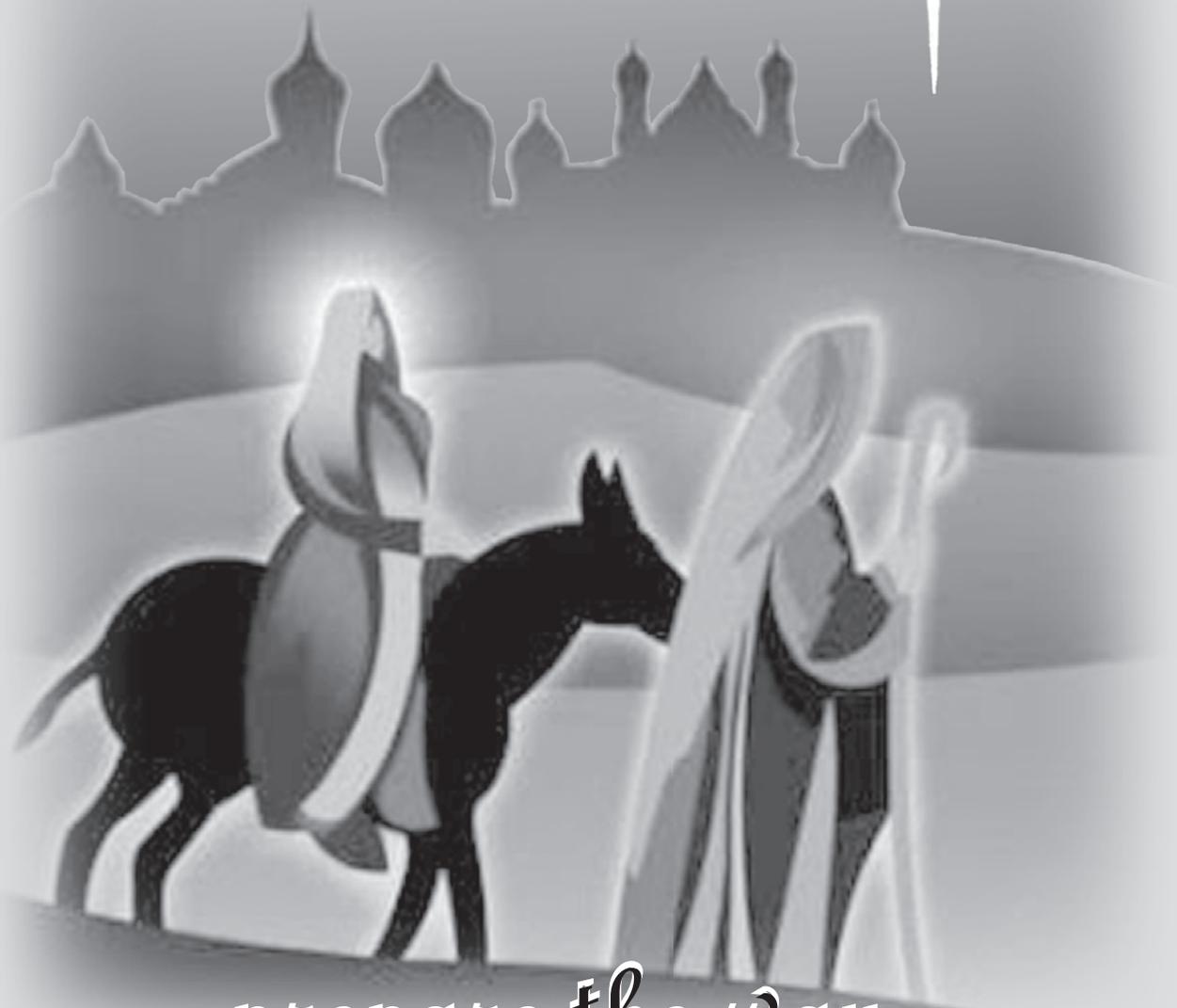
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*prepare the way...*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. Robert R. Sims, Pastor  
Deacon Rob Thomas  
S. Suzanne Medley, Office Manager  
Leslie Polci, Director of Music  
Victor Liskauskas, Custodian

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday-Thursday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday: Closed

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.  
Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & by appointment

### BAPTISMS

Please take a baptism package from a table in the church.

### MARRIAGES

Please contact the pastor at least nine months in advance.



### Our Parish

#### Monday December 19

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

#### Tuesday December 20

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

#### Wednesday December 21

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

#### Thursday December 22

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Choir Loft

#### Friday December 23

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



## Mass Intentions

*"...an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife...'"*

Matthew 1:20b-21

#### Monday December 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 – *No Mass*

#### Tuesday December 20

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

7 PM – Intentions of the Lopes family

#### Wednesday December 21

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

9 AM – Rose Orzal

#### Thursday December 22

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

9 AM – Intentions of Pat McFarlane

#### Friday December 23

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

9 AM – Donald Gibson

#### Saturday December 24 – Christmas Vigil

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-16++

5 PM – Brent Banyard

7 PM – Fran Walsh

12 AM – Antonietta Mauro

#### Sunday December 25 – Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Rev. Leonard Strohmeier



### 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

### WEEKEND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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### C.W.L. Message

The Catholic Women's League would like to take this opportunity to ask God's blessings for Father Bob Sims, the St. John's staff and all St. John's parishioners during this Holy Season.

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## 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](http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca) or email [stvatsj@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## 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](mailto:stpaulsocial2011@gmail.com) or phone the parish office at 905-332-5115.

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## 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 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](http://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.

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### Vocation View

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him. Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If you think God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, speak to the pastor or contact Fr. King, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton, by phone at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or email him at [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).

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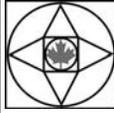


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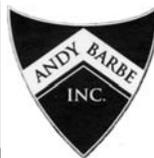
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