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# ADVENT

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. Robert R. Sims, Pastor  
Rev. Allen Varlaki, Administrator  
Rev. Leonard Strohmeier, In Residence  
Deacon Rob Thomas  
Suzanne Medley, Office Manager  
Leslie Polci, Director of Music  
Victor Liskauskas, Custodian

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m. (3:30 Mon.)  
Friday: 9 am - 12 noon

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

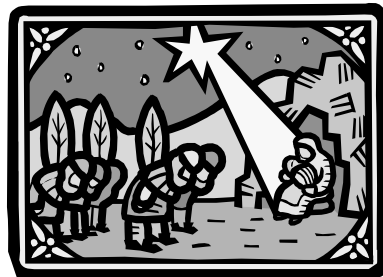
Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.  
Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & by appointment

### BAPTISMS

Please contact the office.

### MARRIAGES

Please contact the pastor at least nine months in advance.



## Mass Intentions

*"And blessed is she who believed...what was spoken to her by the Lord."*

- Luke 1:45

### Monday December 21

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 - No Mass

### Tuesday December 22

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

7 PM - Mary Borg

### Wednesday December 23

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

9 AM - Intentions of Martha Devlin

### Thursday December 24 - Christmas Vigil

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

5 PM - Hank Kotlarz

7 PM - Victoria Elve

12 AM - Dr. Karol O'Reilly

### Friday December 25 - Christmas Day

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

9 AM - Vince Alessi

11 AM - Bobby Doyle

### Saturday December 26 - St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

5 PM - Nancy Podrebarac

### Sunday December 27 - Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

9 AM - Gina Paparo

11 AM - Pro Populo



## Our Parish

### Monday December 21

Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR

### Tuesday December 22

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - Hall

### Wednesday December 23

Legion of Mary - 9:30 AM - WR

Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall

### Thursday December 24

Cenacle Group - 9:30 AM - WR

Christian Meditation - 12:30 - WR

### Friday December 25

AA Meeting - 9 PM - Hall



## C.W.L. Message

We wish everyone peace and joy as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

We would like to invite all women of the parish who are members, and those who wish to become members to a **Membership Tea** on Sunday, January 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your membership dues - the names of all who pay their dues on or before January 10 will be entered into a draw for one person to receive free membership for the year. Please RSVP to Dolene at 905-634-8611 or Lori at 905-637-8165. We hope you will attend.

## Christmas Mass Times

Thursday, December 24: 5 p.m., 7 p.m. & Midnight

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

## Confession Schedule\*

Tuesday, December 22: 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23: 5:30 to 7 p.m.

\*In addition to the regular confession times.





*Welcome to all who are visiting St. John the Baptist Church during this Christmas Season.*

*We pray that you will be nourished by our liturgy and enjoy this special time of year as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. May every one of you be blessed with the Peace of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, today and throughout the coming year. Many blessings to you and we wish you a safe, joyful and Merry Christmas.*

*Merry Christmas and peace to everyone,  
Fr. Bob, Fr. Allen, Fr. Strohmeyer and the staff*

### **Not Catholic But Curious?**

This series is being presented especially for those who might be non-Catholic, yet attend Mass with their Catholic spouse. In a series of 6 Thursday evenings in the New Year, it will focus on the Scriptures as well as the various sacraments and is designed to impart knowledge about the Catholic faith. It is not a series which expects one to become Catholic. Those who are already Catholic are welcome to attend as well and perhaps have some questions answered. If interested please leave your name and phone number at the rectory office or see Father Strohmeyer after Mass in the priest's sacristy with your contact information.

**All donations for the 2015 tax year** must be received by the parish no later than 12 noon on Thursday, December 31 at which time the parish books and the parish office will be closed. Please note that any donations left after noon on December 31 will count toward 2016.

### **2016 Church Envelopes**

The 2016 Envelopes are available for pick up in the church (near the Brant Street exit). Look for your envelopes alphabetically by surname and please let the office know if there is any change to your name or address or if you cannot locate your envelopes.

## **IN THE DIOCESE**

### **Heal Your Heart**

Are you dealing with a loss in your life such as the death of a spouse, child or miscarriage, divorce, job loss, loss of home, health, pet, culture, infertility, romantic relationship, ailing parents? There is help – you are invited to join a series of Group Bereavement Workshops aiming at mending conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. This is a 6-week course on Wednesdays at 7 to 9 p.m. starting January 20 and each Wednesday until February 24 at St. Michael's Church, 181 Sewell Dr., Oakville. To register, go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or phone the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. The cost is \$35 including material.

### **Mercy: a study in Scripture**

Attend a senior adult workshop on 7 Wednesdays starting January 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. By exploring the theme of mercy in the Old Testament we hope to understand better why Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of mercy in our lives today. This course will be facilitated by Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND & David Dayler. The cost will be \$75 which includes the textbook and other resources. Kindly register by December 18. For information, phone Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

### **Televised Christmas Midnight Mass**

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass and re-broadcast at 8 a.m. Christmas morning. Thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

### **Vocation View**

If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, talk to the pastor or contact Rev. Wojciech Kuzma, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988, ext. 2246 or [wkuzma@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:wkuzma@hamiltondiocese.com).

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