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Advent



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. Robert R. Sims, Pastor
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.



*"He will be great
and will be called
the Son of the
Most High..."*

- Luke 1:32a

Monday December 22

I Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 – No Mass

Tuesday December 23

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

9 AM – Guy Juneau

Wednesday December 24 – Christmas Vigil

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

5 PM – Michele Coruso

7 PM – Ted Bryan

12 AM – Jose Buenvideas

Thursday December 25 – Christmas Day

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

9 AM – Ewa Pawlak

11 AM – Rose Lawlor

Friday December 26 – St. Stephen

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

9 AM – Don Carroll

Saturday December 27 – St. John

I John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8

5 PM – Samuel Greco

Sunday December 28 – the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Julia Klassovska

*The parish office will be closed from December 24 at
noon until 9 a.m. on Monday, December 29.*



Our Parish

Monday December 22

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday December 24

Legion of Mary – 1 PM – WR

Friday December 26

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



Christmas Mass Schedule

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

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

C.W.L. Message

The C.W.L. Executive and its members wish Father Bob Sims, Fr. Strohmeier, Deacon Rob, Suzanne, Leslie, Victor, Ana and all the parishioners of St. John the Baptist all the blessings of this Holy Season of Christmas.

All donations for 2014 should be received by the parish office no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, December 31 at which time the parish books and the office will be closed. Any and all donations left after noon on that day will be applied to the 2015 tax year. The parish office will also be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2015.

The Children's Choir rehearses every Sunday in the Warren Room at 10:30 a.m. for 20 minutes.



Baptisms

*Welcomed into our parish community through Baptism
on Saturday, November 29, 2014:*

Charlee O'Brien

Congratulations to her parents, Godparents and family.

Childrens' Liturgy News

The Children's Liturgy will be taking a break during the Christmas holidays. We will start up again on January 11. Children's liturgy welcomes children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 and we thank our teachers, Claudette, Crista and Rosanna for their devotion to this important ministry.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for January

- ✠ That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.
- ✠ That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

IN THE DIOCESE

World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis will attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia – The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip, departing September 22 and returning September 28, 2015. Both Bishop Crosby and Bishop Miehm will be attending. The theme is *Love is our Mission – the Family Fully Alive*, with every keynote address and workshop based on the concepts of marriage, family and relationship. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6-12 years and day care for those 5 years and younger. The first 100 people to register for the Hamilton Diocese trip will have both their registration and transportation (by bus) paid by the Diocese, leaving only the cost of hotel and food. For details and to register, phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2250. Or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Project Rachel

Healing after an abortion is possible. At Project Rachel, caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that may follow an abortion. We offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please phone (905) 526-1999.



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. This is the 60th year that CHCH-TV has televised the Midnight Mass which is broadcast live and then repeated at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. The televising of this celebration is made possible by the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton.

IN OTHER PARISHES

The 5th Annual Women's Day of Reflection, "Nurturing the Nurturer" will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Raphael's Parish Centre, 4072 New Street, Burlington. Tickets are \$30 and will go on sale January 17, 2015. For tickets and information, phone Charlie at 905-681-6221.

IN THE COMMUNITY

BIG BAND CONCERT

The Burlington Knights of Columbus, in support of their many activities, are proud to sponsor the Toronto All-Star Big Band Concert on Saturday, January 25, 2015 for an afternoon performance. Come and enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing with your friends. The price per ticket is \$38.50 plus applicable taxes and fees. For tickets, phone the box office at 905-681-6000.

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Vocation View – Every person who has ever born a child, and every person who has freely vowed away this honour, helps in some mysterious way to bring Jesus Christ into this world again. To speak to someone about the priesthood or religious life, contact Rev. Kuzma, Vocation Director, at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or visit www.vocationinfo.ca.

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