

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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prepare the way...



ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. Robert R. Sims, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Rob Thomas, Deacon
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.



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 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6; Luke 1:57-66 – *No Mass*

Tuesday December 24 – *Christmas Vigil*

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

5 PM – Augustina Rico

7 PM – Kelly McBane-Bertin

12 AM – Michael Burke-Gaffney

Wednesday December 25 – *Christmas Day*

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

10 AM – Eileen Forsyth

Thursday December 26 – *No Mass*

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

Friday December 27 – *No Mass*

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

Saturday December 28

1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

5 PM – Phillip Piccolo

Sunday December 29 – *Holy Family*

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Cissie Woods



Our Parish

Monday December 23

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday December 25

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday December 26

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday December 27

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

The Catholic Women's League send the parishioners and their families warm wishes and an extra measure of comfort, joy and hope this Christmas. Bless you all.

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."

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.



Renzyl Roperez

*received the sacrament of baptism
on Sunday, December 15, 2019:*

Congratulations to his parents, Godparents and family.

Knights of Columbus Computer Refurbish Program

We are looking for donations of any old computers, laptops, iPads/tablets and cell phones. 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.

Welcome to all who are visiting our parish today. We pray that you are nourished by our Liturgy. If you are new to our community, please fill out a registration form and return it to the office or place in it the collection basket. Registration forms are located at all doors of the church and we are happy to assist you in obtaining a personal set of church envelopes if you would like them.

Best wishes and a very Blessed Christmas!



IN THE DIOCESE

Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica on December 24, 2019

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 will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 12 AM. All are welcome to attend or watch via live stream or television on Salt & Light channel or on CHTV.

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 - "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... when Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? 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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