

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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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.



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

- Luke 1:32a

Monday December 25 – Christmas Day

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

9 AM – Czeslawa Vostrez

11 AM – Rudy Florio

Tuesday December 26 – St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 – No Mass

Wednesday December 27 – St. John

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

9 AM – Miriam Dubois

Thursday December 28 – Holy Innocents

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

9 AM – Intentions of Luke Dunn

Friday December 29

1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

9 AM – John Foster

Saturday December 30

1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

5 PM – Theo DaCosta

Sunday December 31 – Holy Family

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

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Jim Roche

5 PM – Con McGillicuddy



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

*The parish office will be closed on December 25 and
December 26 and will re-open on Wednesday,
December 27 at 9 a.m.*



Our Parish

Monday December 25

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday December 27

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday December 28

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday December 29

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



CWL Message

The C.W.L. wishes Father Bob Sims, the St. John's staff, our CWL members and their families and all the parishioners a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

FORMED Presents – O Holy Night

Are you looking for a good Catholic animated program to watch as a family over the Christmas break? Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son. Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph and others as they make way for our Saviour. You can stream this video from the "Watch" tab on the home page of FORMED and click on the "Youth" section and find the video under the "Brother Francis" ribbon. Register for free using our parish code RHTGK2 at FORMED.org.

Children's Liturgy will be on a short break now until Sunday, January 7 at 11 a.m. Mass. If you wish to register or contact the Children's Liturgy group at any time phone Anne Marie at 905-317-3539 or email childrensliturgy@gmail.com.

Parish Offering Envelopes

Our parish's 2018 boxed sets of offering envelopes are available for pick up in the church. **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.



Welcome to all who are visiting St. John's parish during this season of Christmas. We hope 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. If you are a parishioner bringing someone, please let your visitors know to feel free to make use of the Christmas Visitors envelopes provided for their convenience if anyone would like to leave something. We thank you all and wish you a very Merry Christmas and blessings for the coming year... we pray it will be good to all of you and your extended families.



Baptisms

Welcomed into our parish community through Baptism on Sunday, December 17, 2017:

Asher Cabahug

Congratulations to his parents, Godparents and family.

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.

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.



IN THE DIOCESE

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 or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

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.

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.

IN OTHER PARISHES

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

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, please contact Fr. King at mking@hamiltondiocese.com or phone 905-528-7988, extension 2246.

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