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# CHRISTMAS DAY

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.



## Mass Intentions

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

- Luke 1:45

Monday December 26 - St. Stephen  
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 - *No Mass*

Tuesday December 27 - St. John  
I John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8 - *No Mass*

Wednesday December 28 - Holy Innocents  
I John 1:5 - 2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

9 AM - Intentions of Marnie Kervin

Thursday December 29

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

9 AM - Miriam Dubois

Friday December 30 - Holy Family

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

9 AM - Thomas Paiement

Saturday December 31

I John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

5 PM - Jackie Wilson

Sunday January 1 - Mary Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

9 AM - Pro Populo

11 AM - Kathy Zamora



*Please note there is no Mass on Tuesday, December 27.  
The office will close on Thursday, December 29 at 4 p.m.  
and will not re-open until Tuesday, January 3 at 9 a.m.*



## Our Parish

Monday December 26

Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR

Wednesday December 28

Legion of Mary - 9:30 AM - WR

Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall

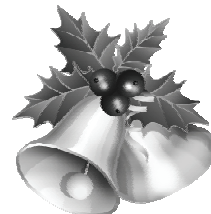
Thursday December 29

Cenacle Group - 9:30 AM - WR

Christian Meditation - 1 PM - WR

Friday December 30

AA Meeting - 9 PM - Hall



**THE 2017 ENVELOPES** are available for pick-up in the church, close to the Brant Street entrance. If you have any difficulty finding your envelopes, please contact the office at 905-634-2485 during office hours and you will receive assistance. THANK YOU so much for supporting St. John's parish with your contributions. Kindly make all cheques payable to St. John's Parish.

## C.W.L. Message

There will be no monthly meeting in January. A Fashion Show is planned for our meeting on February 13 with refreshments and prizes. For tickets see or phone Lori at 905-637-8165 or Dolene at 905-634-8611.

The Catholic Women's League wishes Father Bob Sims, the St. John's staff, our members and all St. John's parishioners a *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year*.

## Credit for 2016 Contributions

Kindly have your 2016 donations in to the office before 4 p.m. closing on Thursday, December 29 or push them through the mail slot on Friday, December 30 (office closed on Fridays) or in the collection at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 31. The parish books for 2016 must then be closed. *Thank you for your generosity and support through the year. It's been a pleasure to serve you. The staff wishes each and every one of you wonderful people a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

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**WEEKEND OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

October 23, 2016.....	\$4,683
# of envelopes.....	273
October 30, 2016.....	\$6,188.10
# of envelopes.....	306

Thank you so much for your support.

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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!

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**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.

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**IN OTHER PARISHES**

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**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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**Special Day of Prayer**

St. Charles Garnier Church, 129 Hughson St. S. in Hamilton invites everyone to a special day of prayer on Saturday, December 31. You will have an opportunity to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9 a.m., stay for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, available all day, and attend 5 p.m. Mass for the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

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**IN THE COMMUNITY**

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**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.

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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.

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**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.

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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**

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into the world. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you, speak to the pastor or contact Fr. King, Vocation Director for the Diocese, at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or email him at [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).



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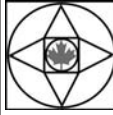


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