

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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Feast of the Holy Family

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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

"...love one another, just as he has commanded us."

- 1 John 3:23b

Monday December 28 – *The Holy Innocents*

1 John 1:5 - 2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 – No Mass

Tuesday December 29

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

7 PM – Rosina Pavelka

Wednesday December 30

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

9 AM – Cathy Milne

Thursday December 31

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

5 PM – Intentions of Sophia & Jim Elve

Friday January 1 – *Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

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

9 AM – Curtis Newport

11 AM – Bill Kennaley

Saturday January 2 – *St. Basil and St. Gregory Nazianzen*

1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

5 PM – Mary & Alex Aitchison

Sunday January 3 – *Epiphany of the Lord*

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Deceased members of the Korkis, Yonan & Sasha families



Our Parish

Monday December 28

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday December 29

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday December 30

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

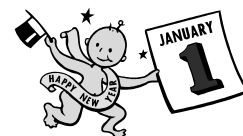
Thursday December 31

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 – WR

Friday January 1

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

We wish everyone good health and happiness in this coming New Year.

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.

Papal Prayer Intentions for January

- ✠ That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.
- ✠ That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

WEEKEND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 15, 2015.....	\$5,532.95
# of envelopes.....	297
November 22, 2015.....	\$5,018.50
# of envelopes.....	281
November 29, 2015.....	\$5,147.50
# of envelopes.....	284

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

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 Strohmeier after Mass in the priest's sacristy with your contact information.

All donations for the 2015 tax year must be received in the parish office 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 handed in after noon on December 31 will count toward 2016.

Sunday Missals are available for \$3 at the Brant Street doors. Literature payment envelopes are provided. Please drop the payment into the collection basket. Thank you.

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 or phone the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. The cost is \$35 including material.

Marriage Tip

Life sometimes throws so much “stuff” at us that we feel we are running on a treadmill that just won't stop. Down time seems non-existent, and experts tell us that most adults are not at their best because they are constantly sleep-deprived. If you see yourself in that statement, then it may be time to stop for a moment and ask how this busy life is impacting your married relationship. Do you make your spouse a priority, or do they get the leftovers, of which there are often none? Do you find yourself impatient with the one you love because you are stressed and tired? Marriage is a commitment to the other made in love – are you putting your spouse first or last? This is an important question to resolve if you want a connected, loving, joyful marriage.

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.

IN OTHER PARISHES

ProLife Rosary, Adoration & Mass

Please come to St. Gabriel's Parish for the Pro Life Rosary, Adoration and Mass taking place on Saturday, December 26. We pray the Rosary for the intentions of pro life from 3:45 to 4:45. There will be silent adoration followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome.

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.

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