

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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Feast of the Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY

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 Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you..."

Matthew 2:13

Monday December 30

1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 – *No Mass*

Tuesday December 31

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

5 PM – Ruth McKiel

Wednesday January 1 – Mary the Holy Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luk 3:21-22

9 AM – Intentions of Kay Cutler

11 AM – Marcel David

Thursday January 2 – St. Basil

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

9 AM – Paul Beaudoin

Friday January 3

1 John 2:29, 3:1-6; John 1:29-34

9 AM – Patrick O'Meara

Saturday January 4

1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

5 PM – Henrick & Jawiga Fabsik

Sunday January 5 – Epiphany of the Lord

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

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Shelley Thompson



The parish office will close on Tuesday, December 31 at noon and will reopen on Monday, January 6 at 9 AM. Please have a safe and Happy New Year.



Our Parish

Monday December 30

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday January 1

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday January 2

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday January 3

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

Let us begin the new year with faith, love and peace. The CWL wishes you all the best. Happy New Year. There are no general meetings in January and February. We will continue in March (weather permitting).

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.

Thank you!

Thanks to all of you for your kind and thoughtful Christmas cards, prayers and gifts. They were very much appreciated.

- Fr. Bob Sims & Deacon Rob

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.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for January

✠ Promotion of World Peace: we pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Knights of Columbus Computer Refurbish Program

We are looking for donations of any old computers, laptops, iPads/tablets and cellphones. 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 during this holy season. 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 you are welcome to contact the office to obtain a personal set of church envelopes if you would like one.

IN THE DIOCESE

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For information or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, phone 905-664-5211, send an email to hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

Bible Sunday will be observed on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time, this year on January 26. Help yourself to a prayer card available on that weekend at all Masses.

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 – By baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation. 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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