

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday Closed

## WEEKEND LITURGY

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

## WEEKDAY LITURGY

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.  
Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon, and by appointment

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday evening Mass

## SACRED HEART DEVOTION

First Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS - 12 NOON**

## BAPTISMS

Please take a baptism package from the tables in the church entrances.

## MARRIAGES

Please contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance.

## PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information or assistance contact our parish priest(s) or see [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)

## MINISTRY TO SICK/SHUT-INS

Please notify the Rectory Office and arrange Communion.

## CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family please advise the priest immediately and they will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial, contact the cemetery office at (905) 522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite you to take the time to complete a census form, located at all doors of the church. Please drop it into the collection basket.

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements MUST be received by the parish office no later than Monday at 3:30 p.m. to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday Bulletin.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# Mass Intentions

“...keep alert; for you know not when the time will come.”

- Mark 13:33

### Monday December 4

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11, 13++ – No Mass

### Tuesday December 5

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

7 PM – Joan Green

### Wednesday December 6

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

9 AM – Intentions of Marnie Kervin

### Thursday December 7 – St. Ambrose

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

9 AM – Deceased members of the Bozzo Family

### Friday December 8 – Immaculate Conception (School Mass)

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

9 AM – Mary Scheer

### Saturday December 9

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8++

5 PM – Joseph & Mary Ciarlo

### Sunday December 10 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Paul Beaudoin



## *Christmas Mass Schedule*

*Saturday, December 23: 5 p.m.,*

*Sunday December 24: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.,*

*5 p.m., 7 p.m., 12 midnight*

*Monday, December 25: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.*

## *Confession Schedule*

*Tuesday, December 19: 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.*

*Wednesday, December 20: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.*

*Thursday, December 21: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.*

*Saturday, December 23: 11 a.m. to noon*

## CWL Message

On Wednesday, December 6, our C.W.L. is hosting an **Advent Morning of Reflection** from 9 a.m. to noon. All women of the parish and beyond are invited to attend and bring a friend. Registration forms are at all the church doors. The morning will begin with Mass at 9, followed by Fr. Bob's talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and closes at noon with Benediction. For information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

Our **CWL Christmas Potluck** will be held on Monday, December 11 at 6 p.m. (note earlier time). Please bring a dish to share with others, your own plate, cutlery and a \$5 gift for a fun gift exchange. Tea, coffee and punch provided. Come enjoy fine food, friendship, Bingo and you may even win a prize. Hope to see you there!



## Our Parish

### Monday December 4

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

### Tuesday December 5

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

### Wednesday December 6

CWL Advent Reflection – 9 AM – Church

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

### Thursday December 7

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

### Friday December 8

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

### Saturday December 9

Men's Group Breakfast Meeting – 8 AM – Hall



## Join our three-week parish-wide Advent Experience: ANIMA.

We are all longing for a sense of greater meaning in our lives. Discover through FORMED, an inspiring account of how God's plan for the world gives each of us great dignity and purpose. This 3-week series will instigate further meditation on how you can respond to Christ's sacrifice and continue carrying out his mission in his Church.

### Week 2 – Kenosis (Film Two)

On Thursday, December 7, explore the Person of Jesus who emptied himself to become human. Come to either our afternoon session at 2 p.m. or in the evening at 7 p.m., both in the parish hall.

### Advent Adoration Evening

All are invited to attend Advent Adoration on Monday, December 18. The evening will begin with Evening Prayer at 5:45 followed by Adoration from 6 to 7:45 p.m. and concludes with Benediction, 7:45 to 8 p.m.

### Children's Liturgy Announcement

All children, JK – Grade 4, are invited to join in the parish **Christmas Eve Gospel** on December 24 during the 5 p.m. Mass. Please drop in before an 11 a.m. Mass downstairs in the Warren Room, phone Anne Marie at 905-317-3539 or email [childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com](mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com) to register.

**SINGERS NEEDED** for Christmas Eve Masses, especially at 5 and 7 p.m. Children/youth and adults welcome! Can you help out? Please visit Leslie in the loft after Mass for details.

The Knights of Columbus council #5073 is holding their **Annual Turkey Roll** on Friday, December 8 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Columbus Hall, 2400 Industrial St. It will be a fun evening for everyone with a chance to win some great prizes including a turkey or ham. Admission is free (doors open at 6 p.m.). For more information contact Michael Mark at [kofc5073.turkeyroll@gmail.com](mailto:kofc5073.turkeyroll@gmail.com).

The 2017 St. John's Christmas Bazaar was very successful. A huge thank you goes to all our volunteers, donors and patrons. The Bazaar was able to raise just over \$10,000 which will help us support the National Catholic Broadcasting televised Mass and the Good Shepherd. We have also used some of the funds to purchase a defibrillator for the church.

**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.

You may also purchase a **Sunday Missal** – they are provided at the entrances of the church for as long as the limited supply lasts. The cost will be \$3 which covers our cost. Please do not remove Missals from the pews. Kindly leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes provided.

## 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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

In response to the Rohingya persecution in Myanmar, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is working with Caritas Bangladesh to support a food distribution program along the border with Myanmar. Visit the D&P website: [www.dev.org/en/emergencies/bangladesh](http://www.dev.org/en/emergencies/bangladesh) for instructions on how to make a financial contribution to this Relief Fund.

### Coping with the Holidays

Join us for reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas after the loss of a loved one. Come to the Chancery Office, 700 King. St. W., Hamilton. This free event takes place on Sunday, December 3 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Kindly reserve a seat at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 (non-registered participants are welcome).

## IN THE COMMUNITY

Catholic Singles Formal Christmas Dinner & Dance for Catholic singles only from 19-39 years, Saturday, December 9, 7:30 to 11:45 p.m. at a Toronto Church Hall. Reserve your ticket now before December 25 deadline. Cost is \$45 plus a cash bar. No tickets at the door. Phone organizer, Barb at 647-207-3162.

### Vocation View

*Be watchful. Be alert. The call towards a vocation can come at an unexpected day and hour. Prepare your heart to say "yes" to God. For any information at all on the priesthood or religious life, please visit [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca), or contact Fr. King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, extension 2246. Email [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).*



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