

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

(FOUNDED IN 1849)

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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

*“The child grew filled with wisdom,
and the favour of God
was upon him.”*

- Luke 2:40b

Monday January 1 – Solemnity of Mary

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

9 AM – Fred Walmsley

11 AM – Bertha McCarthy

Tuesday January 2 – St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen

I John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 – No Mass

Wednesday January 3

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

9 AM – Intentions of the Davies Family

Thursday January 4

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

9 AM – Roy Hughes

Friday January 5

I John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

9 AM – Virginia Mesina

Saturday January 6

I John 5:5-13; Mark 1:4-5, 7-11++

5 PM – Wilbur Elhatton

Sunday January 7 – Epiphany of the Lord

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

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Rhoda McCarthy



*The parish office will be closed on January 1st .
Happy New Year!!!*



Our Parish

Monday January 1

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday January 3

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday January 4

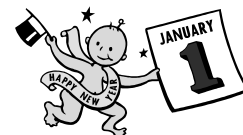
Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday January 5

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



CWL Message

The C.W.L. wishes all the parishioners good health, happiness and many blessings for the New Year. Please note that there will be no monthly meetings in January and February. See you in March 2018!

If you weren't able to participate in our parish Advent bible study, it's not too late. The parish-wide Advent program is still available on FORMED. Download the participant guides and follow along with the videos in the comfort of your home. In the ANIMA series, Bishop Donald Hying leads us through an inspiring account of how God's plan for the world gives each of us great dignity and purpose and that, through Christ's Incarnation, Resurrection and the institution of the Church, God reveals the meaning of all life. This 3-part series will instigate further meditation on how you can respond to Christ's sacrifice and continue carrying out his mission in his Church. You can find this content under the "Study" tab on the home page of FORMED under "Faith Formation" in the "Discover the Catholic Faith" 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. 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 a Happy New Year... we pray it will be good to all of you and your extended families.

If you would like to start the New Year in the spirit of doing good deeds for your fellow parishioners, we sometimes have requests for volunteers to give someone a ride to and from church. Usually these people live close by but experience difficulty getting here and home again. Please phone the parish office if you are interested in giving someone a ride. The number is 905-634-2485. Phone during office hours if you can, or leave a message for Suzanne including your name and telephone number for a call back.

Thank you all very much for the thoughtful Christmas cards, generous gifts and prayers that you were kind enough to send my way for Christmas. They were all very much appreciated.

- Fr. Bob and Deacon Rob

Year End Donations

Please note: This is the last day to make a donation to St. John's for 2017. Donations received at the Masses on December 30 and December 31 will be receipted for 2017. Donations received on or after Monday, 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.

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 for instructions on how to make a financial contribution to this Relief Fund.

Join the Serra Club of Hamilton in honouring and celebrating milestone years of service of our priests and consecrated brothers and sisters. This event will take place on May 2 at Liuna Station, Hamilton, beginning with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$65 and can be obtained through Margaret by phoning 905-628-5682 or celebrationprl@gmail.com.

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

The old law said that every first born male shall be dedicated to the Lord. Is there a priest, deacon, sister or brother from your family? Now is the time for families to encourage a vocation. 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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