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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

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.



Mass Intentions

“He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms.”

Monday December 5

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26 – *No Mass*

Tuesday December 6

Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

7 PM – Deceased members of the Piccoli family

Wednesday December 7 – St. Ambrose

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

9 AM – Martin O’Boyle

Thursday December 8 – Immaculate Conception of Mary

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

9 AM – Intentions of Darlene Logue

Friday December 9

Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

9 AM – Victor Pires

Saturday December 10

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:10-13

5 PM – Marjorie Lavery

Sunday December 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Mary Langford



Our Parish

Monday December 5

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday December 6

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday December 7

CWL Advent Retreat – 9 AM – Church

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women’s AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday December 8

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Pilgrimage with Deacon Rob Info Night – 7 PM – Hal

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Choir Loft

Friday December 9

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

Our **C.W.L. Christmas Potluck** will be held on Monday, December 12 at **6 p.m.** (please note the earlier time). Please bring a dish to share with others and your own plate and cutlery. Tea, coffee and punch will be provided. Come and enjoy fine food, friendship and a few games of BINGO. You may even win a prize!!! Hope to see you.

The C.W.L. is once again holding an **Advent Day of Reflection** on Wednesday, December 7. Father Bob Sims will be the facilitator. The day will start with Mass at 9 a.m. A presentation by Father Bob, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the sacrament of Reconciliation will follow with closing at noon with Benediction. Registration sheets are available at the doors of the church. The suggested registration fee is \$10 payable by cash or a cheque made payable to the C.W.L. Registration closes on December 5. All women of the parish are invited and bring a friend.

Christmas cakes and Christmas cards will be available to purchase at the Brant Street entrance today.

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 or email stvatsj@gmail.com or phone 905-979-6460.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24: 5 p.m.,

7 p.m. & 12 Midnight

Sunday, December 25: 9 & 11 a.m.

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 20: 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, December 22: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 24: 11 a.m. to noon

If any children would like to sing in the **Children's Choir** at the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, please visit Leslie Polci, our Music Director, in the choir loft after Mass.

Also, **Singers are needed** for the 5 and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses. If you can help out, you are most welcome. Please visit Leslie in the choir loft after Mass.

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then **the Knights of Columbus** is for you. For info, contact Michael Enright at 905-315-1744.

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IN THE DIOCESE

Embracing the Wisdom of Monks and Mystics A Senior Adult Workshop Series

This 6-part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks and mystics from the Christian tradition in new and creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine Valters Paintner. It will be held 6 Wednesday afternoons starting January 11, 2017 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. Please register by December 22. For further information, please contact Monica by e-mail at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2238. Also more information is on the website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

IN OTHER PARISHES

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 or phone the parish office at 905-332-5115.

There is a **Healing Mass** and Anointing with Holy Oil on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8 at Charles Garnier Church, 129 Hughson St. S., Hamilton. Adoration begins at 6 pm and Healing Mass at 7 pm. Confessions from 10 am to 6 pm. For more details, phone 905-528-0074.

IN THE COMMUNITY



The **Knights of Columbus** are holding a **Turkey Roll** on Friday, December 9 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2400 Industrial Street (off Mountainside and Guelph Line. Come for food, fun, beverages and many chances to win prizes. Proceeds help the Knights of Columbus assist the less fortunate in Burlington. The fun begins when the doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the wheel starts rolling at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For information, contact Michael Mark at 905-333-3623 or mysmark18@sympatico.ca.

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. An **Information Night** will take place on Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

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.

Vocation View

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, brother or sister? If you would like to speak to someone about the priesthood or religious life, speak to the pastor or Fr. King, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton, at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or visit the Diocesan website at www.vocationinfo.ca.

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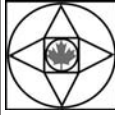


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