

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 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office to register for parent meeting for Baptism.

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.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

- Psalm 125 (126)

Monday December 7 - St. Ambrose

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

Tuesday December 8 – Immaculate Conception of Mary

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

7 PM – Lance Todd

Wednesday December 9

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

9 AM – Dr. Robert Carbin

Thursday December 10

Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15 (School Mass)

9 AM – Bernice Mattachini

Friday December 11

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

9 AM – James Murgetroyd

Saturday December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2:10-13; Luke 1:39-47

5 PM – Jim & Mary Hourigan

Sunday December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

9 AM – Joseph Smiley

11 AM – Pro Populo



Our Parish

Monday December 7

CWL Christmas Potluck – 6 PM – Hall

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday December 8

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday December 9

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday December 10

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday December 11

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

Our **CWL Christmas Pot Luck** is on Monday, December 7 at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish that will serve 4-6 people, your own plate, cutlery, and a wrapped gift worth \$5. Coffee, tea and punch will be provided. Hope to see you!

The **C.W.L. Advent Retreat** is being held on Wednesday, December 9 with Father Allen as the facilitator. The day will begin with Mass at 9 a.m. followed by a presentation by Fr. Allen, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity for Reconciliation, closing with Benediction at noon. Please register by December 7 – forms are at the doors of the church. The suggested registration fee is \$10. All women are welcome – you do not have to be a C.W.L. member.

*If any person or family in the parish is in need of assistance at Christmas, phone the **St. Vincent de Paul** at 905-979-6460. Be assured that any information you provide is kept confidential.*

Singers are needed for the 5 and 7 o'clock Christmas Eve Masses. Rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 19 at 10 a.m. in the choir loft. For more info, visit Leslie in the choir loft of leave your name and phone number with the office.

2016 Mission Calendars

Catholic Missions calendars are available for sale for \$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.

Sing Noël

Our Sing Noël will be held on Thursday, December 10 starting at 7:00 p.m. Join us for our annual celebration in the church with readings and hymns and afterwards, enjoy cookies and caroling in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome.



Christmas Mass Times

Thursday, December 24: 5 p.m., 7 p.m. & Midnight

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

Confession Schedule*

Saturday, December 12: 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 19: 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22: 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23: 5:30 to 7 p.m.

****In addition to the regular confession times.***

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

We had a great response to the sale of **Sunday Missals** to the point that they sold out. More are on order and should be arriving in a week. The amount on order is limited so contact the parish office to put one on hold if you wish or wait until they are available at the Brant St. entrance.

IN THE DIOCESE

As the **Holy Year of Mercy** begins, join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the *Door of Mercy* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on Sunday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Ordination to the Priesthood

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Deacon Scott Whitfield will be ordained a priest by Bishop Douglas Crosby on December 19 at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown. All are invited to this joyful occasion as we welcome our newest Diocesan priest.

Executive Director Position

The Board of Directors of Catholic Family Services of Hamilton is seeking the next Executive Director to lead our agency following the retirement of our current Executive Director. Detailed information on this leadership opportunity may be found at www.cfshw.com. Interested and qualified applicants may submit their letter of interest and current resume by December 16 to cfsrecruit@mccgroup.ca.

Learn more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life by joining our next monthly **Discernment Gathering**: Mass, holy hour, discussion, and lunch, on Saturday, December 12, from 9 until 12 noon at Canadian Martyrs Church, in Hamilton. Visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

The Annual White Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Matthew Ustrzycki on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, December 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Parish, Burlington. This is an opportunity to pray for our healthcare professionals. Everyone is welcome. For info: 905-335-6902.

On Friday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m., Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, 920 Fennell Avenue East in Hamilton, is hosting **An Evening in Concert with the Canadian Orpheus Male Choir**. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at the door, or by phoning 905-385-3570. Proceeds will help parish youth to participate in the 2016 World Youth Day.

Vocation View

John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today? For information on the priesthood or religious life, you are welcome to talk to the pastor or contact Rev. Wojciech Kuzma, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988, ext. 2246 or email him at wkuzma@hamiltondiocese.com.

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