

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

(FOUNDED IN 1849)

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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.

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

VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY

Email sjtbvolunteer@gmail.com with your name, phone number and ministry you are interested in. The ministry leader will contact you.

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



Masses of the Week

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

- Matthew 3:3b

Monday December 9 – *Immaculate Conception*
Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38 – No Mass

Tuesday December 10

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

7 PM – Catherine Roche

Wednesday December 11

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

9 AM – Intentions of Marnie Kervin

Thursday December 12 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Zechariah 2:10-13; Luke 1:39-47 (School Mass)

9 AM – Jacqueline Beaudoin

Friday December 13 – *St. Lucy*

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

9 AM – Therese Tessier

Saturday December 14 – *St. John of the Cross*

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

5 PM – Intentions of Fernando Lopes Jr.

Sunday December 15 – *3rd Sunday of Advent*

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

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Bernadette Hession



C.W.L. Messages

As usual, parishioners have responded most generously to our collection for the *Good Shepherd Women's Shelter*. Thank you. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the women who attended our **Advent Morning of Reflection**. A special thank you goes to Father Bob for facilitating the event. We appreciated the chance to reflect on his presentation. Thank you also to Marie Arponen and Dolene Vanderlelie and all who helped to make this event a success. May you all have a very prayerful Advent.

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.”*



Our Parish

Monday December 9

CWL Christmas Social – 6 PM – Hall

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday December 11

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday December 12

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Advent Bible Study – 6:30 PM – Hall

Choir Practice – 7:15 PM – Church

Friday December 13

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Saturday December 14

Men's Group Meeting – 8 AM – Hall

Sunday December 15

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church



Living in a Believing Community

Join the St. John's Men's Group in a reflection and group discussion on what it means to belong to the People of God, on Saturday, December 14, from 8 to 10 a.m. in the parish hall. No admission fee.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Looking for ways your family can enter into the Advent season together?

Grow closer to Christ this season with reflections sent to you daily.

Sign up at formed.org/advent



Extra voices are needed to sing at the 5 and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses. Please visit Leslie Polci, music director, in the choir loft after Mass for details.

The Children's Liturgy Family Celebration will be held on December 8 after the 11 a.m. Mass in the parish hall. Join us for refreshments and Christmas crafts. All families are welcome.

Also, the children will be participating this year in the **Gospel on Christmas Eve** at the 5 p.m. Mass. Please email us at childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com or phone Anne Marie at 905-317-3539 if you would like your child to join in.

Chalice invites you to share the blessing of Christmas with children in the developing world. A **Christmas Gift Catalogue** allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need, in honour of a friend or loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift. Please look for the gift catalogues at the church doors. Also, any gift purchased from the catalogue is tax receipted.

Kindly donate your **used postage stamps** in the box provided at the Brant Street doors. They are used to support Catholic Missions. Thank you!

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.

New Sunday Missals are available for sale at the church doors at a cost of \$3 each (while the supply lasts). Kindly place your payment in the boxes on the walls located at each entrance. Thank you!

IN THE DIOCESE

Day of Prayer

Attend a Day of Prayer at St. Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site) on Friday, December 13, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. (Mass time is 9 a.m.) Bring a bag lunch - tea and coffee on arrival. To register, please phone 905-388-3966 or email ssspertshire@sympatico.ca.

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.

IN OTHER PARISHES

2019 White Mass

Join in the celebration of a White Mass on Monday, December 9 at St. Gabriel Church, 2261 Parkway Drive, Burlington. The White Mass is celebrated annually for the spiritual support of healthcare professionals, clergy, chaplains and all caregivers. Refreshments and video of Our Lady of Guadalupe will follow and good will offerings are appreciated. For more information you may phone 905-335-6902.

Vocation View - "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." 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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