

# 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.

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

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca> for articles & photos of all parish activities.**

## 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)

## VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY

Email [sjtbvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## Masses of the Week

*Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.*  
- Psalm 119

### Monday February 17

James 1.1-11; Mark 8.11-13 – *No Mass*

### Tuesday February 18

James 1.12-18; Mark 8.14-21

7 PM – Donald Guerin

### Wednesday February 19

James 1.19-27; Mark 8.22-26

9 AM – Michael Blackburn

### Thursday February 20

James 2.1-9; Mark 8.27-33

9 AM – Gerald Purchase

### Friday February 21

James 2.14-24, 26; Mark 8.34-38 – 9.1

9 AM – John Mathers

### Saturday February 22 – Chair of St. Peter

1 Peter 5.1-4; Matthew 16.13-19

5 PM – Christine Bonk

### Sunday February 23 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians, 3.16-23; Matthew 5.38-48

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – John Patterson



## Our Parish

### Monday February 17

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

### Tuesday February 18

CWL Crafts – 10 AM – Hall

### Wednesday February 19

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

### Thursday February 20

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

### Friday February 21

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

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**Family Day is on Monday, February 17**  
and the parish office will be closed.

## C.W.L. Message

Many CWL members respond to the call to service. This “call” can be challenging at times, but with trust in the Lord, it can be a rewarding relationship with Him.

### The C.W.L. Lenten Day of Prayer

All women are invited to our Lenten Day of Prayer on Tuesday, March 3. The day begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and concludes with Benediction at 1:45 p.m. Our facilitator will be Father Peter Ciallella. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. Registration forms are available at all doors of the Church. All women of the parish and beyond are invited. For additional information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

### Break free from pornography

One of the biggest issues that destroys our own happiness and rips apart marriages and families is pornography. It's estimated that 60-70% of men are engaging porn with some frequency. If this is an issue that you or a loved one deals with, we have a powerful solution for you. It's called STRIVE and it's an anonymous, 21-day challenge that men all around the world are taking to break free from pornography. The normal cost is \$49, but STRIVE is being provided for FREE for a limited time for all the men at our parish. All you need to do is sign up at [strive21.com](http://strive21.com) and you can begin right away.

## Winter Escape Marketplace

**Saturday, February 29**

**10 am to 2 pm in the church hall**

Beat the winter blues! Visit our first ever **Vendor's Marketplace**. More than 20 vendors will be there. Stop in and relax in the **Tea Room** to enjoy tea and scones with preserves and Devonshire cream.

Save the date!!



**Ash Wednesday** will be here on February 26. Are you prepared? Lent is a time for repentance, change of heart and prayer. Give some thought now to prepare for your Lenten practice.

### 3rd Annual Games Night

Come and join us for games, cards, Euchre and Bridge in the parish hall on **Saturday, February 22** after the 5 p.m. Mass. Pizza and drinks will be provided and you are welcome to bring a snack or something sweet to share. Adults and families are welcome and it's a great way to meet your fellow parishioners.

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### Pancake Supper!

Mark your calendars and come and join us on Shrove Tuesday (February 25) for a Pancake Supper in the parish hall between 4 and 8 p.m. Your free-will offering is appreciated to help cover costs.

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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### UNPLANNED MOVIE

Hamilton Right to Life and the Diocese of Hamilton are partnering to bring you a complimentary showing of the eye-opening film, **UNPLANNED**. The film is based on a true story of the youngest Director of Planned Parenthood, Abby Johnson and her journey of transformation. This film viewing will be held at the Nicholas Mancini Centre, 44 Hunt Street, Hamilton, on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. For further information, phone the Hamilton Right to Life office at 905-528-3065 or the Hamilton Diocese Family Ministry office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. To register visit [www.hamiltonrighttolife.org](http://www.hamiltonrighttolife.org). While the movie showing is free, donations to Hamilton Right to Life are accepted and appreciated as we strive to educate people to recognize and affirm the sanctity of human life.

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## IN OTHER PARISHES

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**The Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally** will be held on Saturday, March 7. Tickets are \$25.00 for Adults and \$15.00 for youth. We are once again organizing a bus leaving from St. Paul the Apostle (2265 Headon Road, Burlington) parking lot at a fee of \$5.00 per person. To take the bus and/or order tickets for this event, please sign up on the sheet that is on the table by the Hearth Room. Payment for the bus and/or ticket must be made at the same time as you register. For information phone Celia Lobo at 905-319-2526.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### BIG BAND CONCERT

The Burlington Knights of Columbus are proud to sponsor an afternoon of music as we "**Relive the Swing Era**" featuring the Toronto All-Star Big Band. The concert takes place on Sunday, February 23, 2-4:30 p.m. at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. Now is a good time to reserve your seats! The price per ticket is \$45 and tickets may be reserved by phoning the box office at 905-681-6000 or visit the website: [www.burlingtonpac.ca](http://www.burlingtonpac.ca).

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### CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Learn more about fostering and adoption by registering to attend the *Fostering and Adoption Online Information Session (Webinar)* on February 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For information, please contact the Foster and Adoption Recruitment Coordinator, Niamh O'Flaherty at 905-525-2273 or by email at [niamh.oflaherty@hamiltonccas.on.ca](mailto:niamh.oflaherty@hamiltonccas.on.ca).

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### Calling All Cursillistas

If you have lost touch with the Cursillo movement and would like to meet for a coffee, a chat, and to find out how the Cursillo movement is doing in your area please phone Ray St. Cartier at 519-622-5928, or Fr. Gary Schlack at 519-364-1973, or Mary Anne Kirkonnell at 519-379-9858. Rekindle that flame in your heart! De Colores!

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**CHALICE** extends thanks to Father Bob and the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish for their support in helping a child or family in need with a gift purchased from the Christmas gift catalogue. Over 5,400 Canadian Catholics helped bring support and comfort to our Sisters and Brothers in Christ around the world. To continue your support of Chalice's mission throughout the year, visit [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca).

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**HALTON ALIVE** would like to thank the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish for the generous Respect Life Sunday collection of \$1,471.00. Your contribution will be used to further life-affirming education in Halton parishes, schools and communities. Please visit our website at [www.haltonalive.ca](http://www.haltonalive.ca) /or contact us at [info@haltonalive.com](mailto:info@haltonalive.com) /or phone 905-632-3232.



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