

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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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

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

- Luke 2:19

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

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

Tuesday January 3

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

7 PM – Martin O’Boyle

Wednesday January 4

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

9 AM – John Katerenchuk

Thursday January 5

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

9 AM – Donald Moore

Friday January 6

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

9 AM – Harcourt Villeneuve

Saturday January 7 – St. Andre Bessette

1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-12

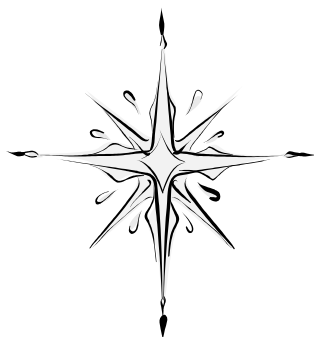
5 PM – Andre Dupuis

Sunday January 8 – Epiphany of the Lord

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

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Bernice Corbett



The office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd.



Our Parish

Monday January 2

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday January 4

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women’s AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday January 5

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday January 6

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

There will be no monthly meeting in January. A Fashion Show is planned for our meeting on February 13 with refreshments and prizes. For tickets see or phone Lori at 905-637-8165 or Dolene at 905-634-8611.

We wish all the parishioners good health, happiness and many blessings for the New Year.

THE 2017 ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the church, close to the Brant Street entrance. If you have any difficulty finding your envelopes, please contact the office at 905-634-2485 during office hours and you will receive assistance. THANK YOU so much for supporting St. John’s parish with your contributions. Kindly make all cheques payable to St. John’s Parish.

I would like to thank the CWL for their generous donation and everyone for the kind and thoughtful Christmas cards, prayers and gifts.

- Fr. Bob

Together at Baptism



*Welcomed into our parish community through
Baptism on December 18, 2016:*

Sofia Buckrell & Kai Matulic

*Congratulations to their parents,
Godparents and families.*

JANUARY 1, 2017

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.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of January:

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

IN THE DIOCESE

Project Rachel

Healing after an abortion is possible. Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. We offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please phone (905) 526-1999.

IN THE COMMUNITY

This Christmas, give the gift of swing!

The Burlington Knights of Columbus are presenting a tribute to Dean Martin and Ella Fitzgerald with the **Toronto All-Star Big Band**. Come and enjoy a terrific afternoon of swing music with your friends. You may reserve your "Gift of Swing" by phoning the box office at 905-681-6000. The cost is \$45. This great event is taking place on Sunday, January 29 with the 2 p.m. matinee at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre at 440 Locust St. in downtown Burlington.

In the *Stop Censorship Tour*, you may learn how the Government of Ontario is alleged to be hiding abortion statistics in order to frustrate the ongoing work of advancing pre-born human rights. Hear speakers, John Sikkema, a lawyer with ARPA Canada, Mike Schouten, Director of WeNeedaLAW.ca and Pat Maloney a pro-life blogger from Ottawa, speak on this topic. Hosted by Halton Alive, this event takes place at the Oakville Banquet Hall, 1494 Wallace Road, on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free but accepting free-will offerings for the ongoing efforts of WeNeedaLAW.ca.

Join Halton Alive in viewing a film, *The Euthanasia Deception*, and learn more about this issue that is affecting Canadians. A short presentation and question period will follow after the 54-minute film. This event is taking place at the Oakville Banquet Hall on Tuesday, January 31 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 at the door. Popcorn and drinks are included. Please RSVP to reserve a seat by visiting haltonalive.com/film-nights or phone Halton Alive at 905-632-3232.

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.

Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you, speak to the pastor or contact Fr. King, Vocation Director for the Diocese, at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or email him at mking@hamiltondiocese.com.



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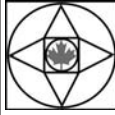
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