

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

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

- Matthew 4:19

Monday January 27

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 – *No Mass*

Tuesday January 28 – *St. Thomas Aquinas*

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35

7 PM – Intentions of Gaby Westwinkel

Wednesday January 29

2 Samuel 7:1-17+; Mark 4:1-20

9 AM – Vicki Vancas

Thursday January 30

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25

9 AM – Leona Belle Guise

Friday January 31 – *St. John Bosco*

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34

9 AM – Verna Smith

Saturday February 1

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41

5 PM – Lillian & Edward Scime

Sunday February 2 – *Presentation of the Lord*

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:10-11, 13b-18+; Luke 2:22-40

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Jonathan Welsh



C.W.L. Message

Your membership in St. John's CWL recognizes you also as a member of a greater national organization, dedicated to faith, service and social justice.

Jesus Stories – Sunday, February 9

Save the Date: Join us in the parish hall on Sunday, February 9 after the 11 o'clock Mass for pizza, popcorn and Jesus stories – The Little Lost Sheep, The Good Samaritan and The Unforgiving Servant. Let us know if you can help with this event, whether you have children or not, we'd love to have you. Email us at stjohnsformed@gmail.com.

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 and you can begin right away.



Our Parish

Monday January 27

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday January 28

CWL Crafts – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday January 29

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday January 30

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday January 31

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

<http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca>

For articles & photos of all parish activities.

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.

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.



JANUARY 26, 2020

Meet up with men of this parish at the **St. John's Men's Group** for an exploration of our faith. "*What Catholics Believe 6: Examining the Sacraments of Initiation, Part 1*" will be the topic of our meeting on Saturday, February 8 from 8-10 a.m. in the Warren Room of the parish hall. All are welcome and the event, coffee and snacks are free.

The **Children's Liturgy** (for children in JK to Grade 4) takes place throughout the school year during the 11 o'clock Mass. There is no need to pre-register. We are always looking for extra teachers or grade 7/8 students to volunteer. Our email is childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com.

IN THE DIOCESE

Attend a **Day of Prayer** at St. Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site) on Friday, February 14, 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. (Mass at 9 a.m.) Bring a bag lunch - tea and coffee on arrival. To register, please phone 905-388-3966 or email sssperthshire@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.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses are available to prepare children not in Catholic schools for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Families are encouraged to register early by visiting www.hamiltondiocese.com or phoning Monica Verin at the Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For information or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, phone 905-664-5211, send an email to hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

IN OTHER PARISHES

St. Paul's CWL is hosting a *Morning of Spirituality* on Saturday, February 1 following the 9 a.m. Mass. Registrations accepted at the parish office and at the doors on February 1 before and after Mass. The cost is \$15 including a light breakfast and lunch. St. Paul's is located at 2265 Headon Rd., Burlington.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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 Saturday, 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.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Learn more about fostering and adoption by registering to attend the *Fostering and Adoption Online Information Session (Webinar)* on either Tuesday, February 11 or Monday, 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.

Christopher Leadership Courses in Effective Speaking can help if you need to improve your public speaking. The next course begins Wednesday, January 29 at McMaster University in Hamilton. To register or for more information, please visit www.clchamilton.com or phone Frank at 905-662-4076.

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