

Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.

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OFFICE HOURS

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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

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star." - Matthew 2:10

Monday January 6

1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 - No Mass Tuesday January 7 – St. André Bessette I John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 7 PM – Kenneth Glofcheskie Wednesday January 8 I John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 9 AM – Thomas Rubinic Thursday January 9 I John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a 9 AM – Giovana Butera Friday January 10 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 9 AM - Carole Desiardins Saturday January 11 I John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 5 PM – Gertrude Kane Sunday January 12 - Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17 9 AM – Pro Populo 11 AM – Rose Williams



Our Parish

Monday January 6 Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR Wednesday January 8 Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall Thursday January 9 Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR Friday January 10 AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

The objectives of the CWL are rooted in love and Our mission is to grow in faith and to service. witness God's love through ministry and service. This is the journey we travel as members of the Catholic Women's League.

To assist our executive, please complete the front of your membership envelope with your name, address and phone number. The front of the renewal envelope should be **completed in full** so that we may identify you. Thank you for taking the time to do this. If paying your dues by cheque, please make your cheque payable to St. John's Catholic Women's League. Thank you.

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."

Confused by technology? There's help at hand!

Got a new cell phone for Christmas and can't figure out how to make it work? Stumped by your laptop? Confused by the latest app? Bring your gizmos and questions to a *Technology Workshop* sponsored by the St. John's Men's Group at the parish hall on Saturday, January 11, from 10 a.m. until noon. We'll have a group of techno-savvy students on hand to give you personal attention with your digital problems. No charge and refreshments are free.

<u>Knights of Columbus Computer Refurbish Program</u> We are looking for donations of any old computers, laptops, iPads/tablets and cellphones. All monies collected from the donations will buy (winter) coats for kids. If you have anything to donate, please phone Mark Herod at 365-331-0003 or send an email to recycle-tech@kofc5073.ca.

IN THE DIOCESE

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 <u>www.hamiltondiocese.com</u> 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.

Learning to Cope (Level 1)

Has separation or divorce caused you to feel upset, or like you are on a roller coaster? Would you like to minimize the impct on yourself and feel stronger? **Learning to Cope** is a ten-week support program offered in Hamilton starting Tuesday, March 24 from 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West. A newly written Level 2 program will be offered for the first time on the same evening (past participants are welcome) and Level 3 and 4 will run at the same time and location on Wednesday evenings. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. Come on your own or bring a friend and find your strength.

Marriage Tip – New Year's resolutions are often lofty goals that don't last too long after they are made, but even thinking about them reminds us that there is room for change. This year, skip the resolutions and plan for a specific change in your couple relationship: a date night once a month (weekly if that is realistic), holding hands on walks or while shopping, sharing a coffee before the kids wake up, finding one thing to thank your spouse for daily – look for moments to compliment. There are so many possibilities so take the time to do something. At the end of 2020, you will feel a renewed sense of connection and love.

Parenting Tip – Colder days in January can mean more time indoors, a perfect time to connect as a family. Board games, movie night, baking or cooking a meal together – these are great ways to interact. Children need to feel they are valued and nothing speaks to their hearts more than time spent together.

Vocation View – By baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation. 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 <u>vocations@hamiltondiocese.com</u>.

