

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Rev. Robert R. Sims, Pastor
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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.



Our Parish

Monday January 7

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday January 8

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – WR

Wednesday January 9

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday January 10

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday January 11

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



*“The sight of the
star filled them
with delight.”*

- Matthew 2:10

Mass Intentions

Monday January 7 – St. Andre Bessette

I John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 – No Mass

Tuesday January 8

I John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

7 PM – Deceased members of the Lucas family

Wednesday January 9

I John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

9 AM – Rose Giancola

Thursday January 10

I John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a

9 AM – Patricia Coveny Foster

Friday January 11

I John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

9 AM – Intentions of the Murphy family

Saturday January 12 – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

I John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

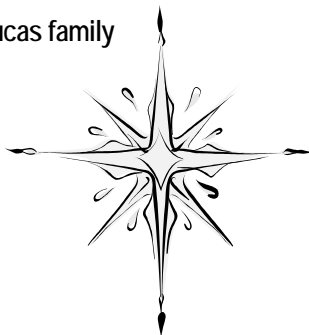
5 PM – Adriana Lesich

Sunday January 13 – Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Winnifred Pinto



CWL Message

We pray that the star that led the Magi to the stable will lead us to proclaim our love for God and each other. To assist our Executive, please complete the front of your membership envelope with your name, address and telephone number. The front of your renewal envelope must be completed in full so that we may identify you. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to the St. John Catholic Women's League. Your timely payment of annual dues is a great help. The **Craft Group** resumes on January 8.

FORMED Presents

Opening the Word – the Epiphany of the Lord

On this day we encounter the Magi coming from the East to worship the baby Jesus. What were the Magi? And why did they travel so far to find the Child King? What did these “foreigners” see that eluded the leaders and people of Israel? Find this video presentation on our St. John the Baptist page on FORMED.org in the “Community” tab. If you are not yet registered, visit saintjohnthebaptist.formed.org and follow the instructions to be registered.

Thank you!

Thanks to all of you for your kind and thoughtful Christmas cards, prayers and gifts. They were very much appreciated.

- Fr. Bob Sims & Deacon Rob

IN THE DIOCESE

The Second Annual Bible Study will be observed in Hamilton Diocese on Sunday, February 3. The focus is "*Listening to God's Word at Mass.*" Two special presentations on the Gospel of Luke will be offered by Fr. Michael Patella, O.S.B. This event will take place at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo from 2 to 3 p.m. and at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton from 7 to 8 p.m. Plan to attend one of these presentations which will outline what to listen for during this year of Luke.

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1)

This is a ten-week support program for persons experiencing difficulties through a separation or divorce. The program begins Tuesday, March 19 (7 to 9:30 p.m.) at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. To register, please phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249 or visit the website at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The cost: \$35. Already completed level 1, 2 or 3? Join the next level and continue the journey toward healing and connect with others.

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 15, phone 905-664-5212 or send an email to hamiltonretrouaille1@cogeco.ca. The website may be found at www.retrouaille.org.

Catechetical Correspondence Program

Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in a Catholic school is also available. Families work through the programs at home. Please contact Monica Verin at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238. You may also register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Friday Night Support Group

A Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced is available at the Chancery Office. Would it help to have people around you to 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 Diocese Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. and they can help you! No need to register and no cost. For more information, phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249.

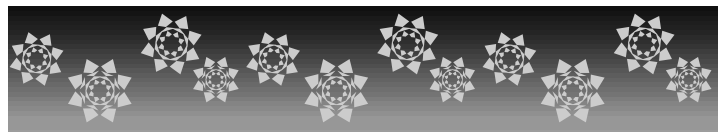
Seeking the Sacred

This is the theme for a new afternoon program for seniors starting Tuesday, January 29 at the Chancery Office. Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon will lead you through 12 practices intended to give practical ways to deepen our relationship with God. Experience guided spiritual activities such as Lectio Divina, photography, walking, writing and more. The cost for this 7-session program is \$35 and includes the book. Space is limited so please register by January 25 with Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or phone 905-528-79088, ext. 2238.

Healing after an abortion - it is possible. At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Phone us at 905-526-1999.

IN THE COMMUNITY

A Pilgrimage, to Our Lady of Guadalupe is scheduled for March 26 to April 2. There is an **information meeting** on Thursday January 3 at 7 p.m. at St Mary's Parish, 133 Murray St., Brantford. To join Father Luke Kopaniak S.A.C. and Deacon Randy Matters on this Lenten Pilgrimage, please email randalmatters@gmail.com or visit the website at www.pilgrimdeaconrandy.com



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