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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

MINISTRY TO SICK/SHUT-INS

Please notify the Rectory Office and arrange Communion.

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

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday November 12 – St. Josaphat

Titus 1.1-9; Luke 17.1-6 – No Mass

Tuesday November 13

Titus 2.1-8, 11-14; Luke 17.7-10

7 PM – Linas Balaisis

Wednesday November 14

Titus 3.1-7; Luke 17.11-19

9 AM – Rudy Polci

Thursday November 15

Philemon 7-20; Luke 17.20-25

9 AM – Intentions of Tony Ippolito

Friday November 16

2 John 4-9; Luke 17.26-37

9 AM – Bill Curtin

Saturday November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

3 John 5-8; Luke 18.1-8

5 PM – Ed and Ida Badger

Sunday November 18 – 33^d Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12.1-3; Hebrews 10.11-14, 18; Mark 13.24-32

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Jeff Arison



Our Parish

Monday November 12

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday November 13

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday November 14

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday November 15

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

Friday November 16

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday November 18

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church

A big **THANK YOU** to: An anonymous donor, for providing our Parish Hall Kitchen with two brand new stoves. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated and will benefit many.

Fr. Bob Sims

CWL Message

Some dates to take note of.

- **CWL General Meeting:** Monday, November 12 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
 - **Parish Bazaar:** Saturday November 17 and Sunday, November 18.
 - **The Giving Tree:** November 4 to December 9.
 - **CWL Advent Retreat:** Wednesday December 12.
- Your support is greatly appreciated.



Come out to the St. John's ...

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
and **Sunday, November 18**, after each Mass.

(Saturday only: Silent Auction and Vendors)

Start your Christmas shopping

Take a selfie with Santa

Enjoy some treats

Buy your Christmas plants

Enter your name to win a door prize

See this week's bulletin insert for the full list of Silent Auction donors and some of the great items up for bid!

FORMED Presents; Invited to Courageous Love. Largely hidden from the cultural, religious, and political turmoil surrounding homosexuality, the wisdom and truth of the Catholic Church stands ageless. This five-part film series and study guide explores Catholic teaching on a wide range of questions connected to same-sex attraction. The series begins with a look at the lived reality of women and men who experience same-sex attractions, who are ultimately drawn to the power and interior peace found in the virtue of chastity and are willing to share their stories with us. Find this [video presentation](#) on our St. John the Baptist page on FORMED.org in the "Community" tab. Not registered on FORMED yet? Register for free using our parish code: RHTGK2.

IN THE DIOCESE

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton offer a wide range of workshops and educational opportunities throughout the year. To subscribe to a weekly online newsletter visit www.hamiltondiocese.com and click the "Subscribe to our Newsletter" button on the right side of the homepage. Your email will be used solely to provide you with the Diocesan Newsletter.

The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the **One Heart, One Soul Campaign** to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in Parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at oneheartonesoul.ca.

What are the parishes' responsibilities in the campaign?

Every Parish will first assess its needs and determine the projects to which the funds raised for the Parish will be directed. Each pastor will appoint key volunteers who will work with the Diocese and the Steier Group to form a campaign team. That Parish team will help with campaign events and make personal visits to other parishioners to solicit gifts. Priests also will be asked to help with solicitations of some prospective donors.

How will the funds that are raised be split up?

This is a Parish-focused campaign, and 75 percent of the funds raised by each Parish will stay with that Parish for the goals and projects of its choosing. An additional 10 percent will be directed toward assisting parishes most in need of support. The remaining 15 percent will be dedicated to shared Diocesan ministries.

Where will donors send their gifts, and where will the money be kept?

Donors' gifts and pledges will be held in trust for the Parish and initially kept in a dedicated Diocesan account. The Diocese will disburse the Parishes' funds to them after the payments have been received and the Parish is ready to undertake their projects. The campaign's Clergy Committee has worked with the Diocese to outline when the funds will be distributed to the Parishes.

Why can't I just support my parish directly?

Frankly, we hope you continue to support your Parish directly through your regular Sunday giving. This campaign is not intended to divert funds that go toward normal operating needs. The campaign is a special effort to meet needs that go beyond the routine and that can help to set up Parishes (and the Diocese) to thrive for years to come. In short, supporting this campaign is supporting your Parish directly – as well as other Parishes in need and various Diocesan ministries.

Catholic-Meet-Up

A way for Catholic Young Adults ages 19-39 to meet and connect. Come spend time with new friends and enjoy a meal on Saturday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m., at Spring Sushi, 1508 Upper James Street, Hamilton. For information, contact jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com.

The Impact of Addiction on Friends and Family Members

On Friday, November 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton, will be offering a workshop designed to provide you with the tools for providing help. This workshop is for Priests, Deacons, Ministry Leaders and anyone offering support to those impacted by addictions. The cost of \$40.00 includes lunch. To register, phone Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Dying Healed Program, a program that seeks to assist people to die healed, not physically, but mentally, emotionally and spiritually. The program is designed to train and prepare the average person to visit and provide companionship to vulnerable people experiencing loneliness due to illness, disability or end of life issues. The course takes place at the Chancery Office in Hamilton, on Tuesday, November 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost of \$50.00 includes lunch. Register on line at www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone Lena at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249.

IN OTHER PARISHES

St. Ann's Annual Christmas Bazaar

Join us on Saturday November 17 from 2 to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mammoth Penny Sale, Café, Baked Goods, Major Raffle items and 50/50. Hall is wheelchair accessible.

IN THE COMMUNITY

WRAP (*white ribbons for pornography*). Pornography is the new free drug of choice. The connection between domestic violence, woman and child abuse, marriage break-ups, sex trafficking and abortion is a fact shown by numerous surveys. Children as young as 8 to 10 years old accidentally or knowingly access pornography on all kinds of devices. Canada does not have an age verification requirement to access pornographic websites. Therefore we are urging the federal government again to create laws requiring a mandatory age verification mechanism for accessing adult pornographic websites. Pick up a sample letter at all church entrances and send it to PM Justin Trudeau, your MPP, and Minister of Justice. No postage required.

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