

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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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



Mass Intentions

“By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

- Luke 21:19

Monday November 18

1 Maccabees 11:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Luke 18:35-43 – No Mass

Tuesday November 19

2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10

7 PM – Susan Granger

Wednesday November 20

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28

9 AM – Bernadette Hession

Thursday November 21 – Presentation of Mary

1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44

9 AM – Intentions of Darlene Logue

Friday November 22 – St. Cecilia

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48

9 AM – Michele Butera

Saturday November 23

1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

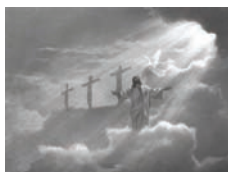
5 PM – Guy McCarthy

Sunday November 24 – Christ the King

2 Samuel 5 :1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Victoria Hernandez



Our Parish

Monday November 18

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday November 19

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday November 20

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday November 21

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Advent Bible Study – 6:30 PM – Hall

Choir Practice – 7:15 PM – Church

Friday November 22

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

Tickets for our **Christmas Social** on December 9 at 6 p.m. can be obtained through Lori (905-637-8165) or Dolene (905-634-8611). Our focus this year is on women and a box labeled “Good Shepherd Women’s Shelter” will be at the Brant Street doors the next two weekends to collect items such as body wash, shampoo, peanut-free snacks, diapers deodorant, hygiene products, etc. Thank you for your support.

Please mark **Wednesday, December 4** on your calendar as our C.W.L. is hosting an **Advent Morning of Reflection**, facilitated by Father Bob Sims from 9 a.m. to noon. All women of the parish and beyond are invited to attend and bring a friend. Registration forms are at all the church doors. For more information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar continues on Sunday, November 17 (after both Masses)

Enjoy the Bake Sale, Café and shopping!

Bake Sale, New & New-To-You, Christmas, Jewellery, Books, Antiques & Collectibles.

Thank you to our generous donors for their support:

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- *Dodsworth & Brown Funeral
- *Hamilton Farmer's Market
- *Holland Park (Dundas)
- *JayDee Accounting
- *Longo's (Plains)
- *Mandarin Restaurant
- *Milestones
- *Moskal Hair Experts
- *Pizza Nova (Brant)
- *Rosehill Liquidators
- *Sotiris Shish Kebob
- *Splitsville Burlington
- *Swiss Chalet
- *The Works Restaurant
- *Walking on a Cloud
- *Ye Olde Squire Restaurant
- *Aladdin's Adventure Playland
- *Anna Powell, Apex Realtor
- *Bob's No Frills
- *Brant Arts IDA Pharmacy
- *Burlington Symphony Orchestra
- *Bush's Men's Wear
- *Concept Air Systems
- *Crosswinds Golf & Country
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- *Hidden Lake Golf
- *Jacksons Landing
- *Lil' Monkeys Indoor Playground
- *Lowville Golf Club
- *Mercer & Mercer CPA
- *Mirella's Ladies Wear
- *Pinedale Barber Shop
- *Rockin Jump Trampoline Park
- *Smith's Funeral Home
- *Spencer's On The Waterfront
- *Sunset Grill
- *The Pulse Hair Design
- *Verwey Automotive
- *Within Range Golf

Thank you, as well, to our parishioners for their generosity.



**Join us for our 2019 Advent Bible Study
A Biblical Introduction to Mary**

This Advent season, prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of our Saviour by getting to know more closely the woman who brought him into the world at Christmas. Thursdays: November 21, 28 and December 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the parish hall. Drinks provided but snacks are Snack-Luck (pot-luck snacks). No pre-registration required. For more information, email stjohnsformed@gmail.com.

**W.R.A.P. (White Ribbons Against Pornography)
November 17-24**

Research shows how devastating and addictive exposure to pornography is. Porn steals innocence, destroys relationships, leads to violence, abuse, abortion and fuels human trafficking. Porn is often misleadingly defined as fun or fantasy when in reality it is a predatory billion dollar industry designed to attract increasingly younger viewers. In order to raise awareness and to protect children, please take part and pray, wear a white ribbon, pick up info and sign a letter at the church doors during W.R.A.P. week.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking men and women from the parish to help us with some of our programs. The opportunity comes about due to the retirement of a few members at the end of December. If you have recently retired and are looking for a worthwhile, rewarding way to “pay back” by volunteering, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul might be your perfect option for 2020. Our St. John Conference has been actively helping those in need for over five decades and our dedicated members continue to respond to calls for help. To find out more about us please visit www.stjohnthebaptist.ca, email us at 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.”*

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. For further information, email us at childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com.

**Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2020
All You Can Eat Pasta Fundraiser Dinner
Saturday, December 7 after the 5 p.m. Mass
in St. John`s parish hall.**

Come and eat heartily and support future pilgrims, enjoy fellowship and learn more about this annual walking pilgrimage to the Martyr`s Shrine in Midland, Ontario. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$12/person or \$6/children under 10 years. Also, look for tickets on sale after Mass at the Brant Street doors of the church up until December 1.

New Altar Servers

This notice is for any students in grade 4 and up attending public schools or Catholic elementary schools who are interested in becoming Altar Servers. Please speak to Fr. Bob and pick up an application form from him in the priest`s sacristy at weekend Masses.

Apologies!! The fruitcake sale announced in last week`s bulletin has been cancelled due to a problem with the supply.

IN THE DIOCESE

Healing Mass for those who have lost a child

Have you experienced the death of a child at any time in your life, including before birth or a still birth? Come to the Healing Mass for those mourning the loss of a child – the Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, December 1 at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Mass is intended for parents, grandparents and other family members who have been impacted by such a loss. Registration will allow us to know how many spaces to reserve but is not absolutely necessary. To register, phone Lena at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. God is close to those who mourn, come and experience his healing presence.

Coping with the holidays when you have lost a loved one – join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas. The session is being held at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W. in Hamilton on Sunday, December 1 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The event is free of charge but please phone to reserve a seat at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249.

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