

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

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



Mass Intentions

Learn a lesson from the fig tree."

- Mark 13:28

Monday November 19

Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5a; Luke 18:35-43 – No Mass

Tuesday November 20

Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22, Luke 19:1-10

7 PM – Earl Lamore

Wednesday November 21 – Presentation of the Virgin Mary

Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28

9 AM – John O'Boyle

Thursday November 22 – St. Cecilia

Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44

9 AM – Intentions of Sr. Sheila Fortune

Friday November 23

Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48

9 AM – Stephen Stokyl

Saturday November 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40

5 PM – Joan Smith

Sunday November 25 – Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Stella Breau



Our Parish

Monday November 19

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday November 20

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday November 21

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday November 22

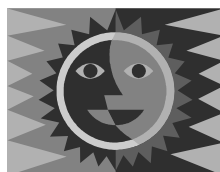
Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7 PM – Church

Friday November 23

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



CWL Message

Please mark Wednesday, December 12 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. The morning will begin with Mass at 9, followed by Fr. Bob's talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and closes at noon with Benediction. For information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677. *The efforts of the CWL support our parish and community. Thanks to those who serve the League. Our work is a source of joy, hope and love for all.*



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Bazaar continues after each Mass on Sunday

Pick up something from the bake sale

Find Christmas gifts and decorations

Buy your Christmas plants

A **big thank you** is extended to all the businesses, ministries and parishioners who contributed to the Bazaar!! Special thanks go out to the volunteers who helped make the event a huge success!!

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.

Christmas cakes and Christmas cards will be available at the Brant Street entrance after all Masses for the next 2 weekends, (November 24/25 and December 1/2). If cards are needed sooner, phone Christl at 905-639-5949.

New Sunday Missals are available for sale at the church doors at a cost of \$3 each for anyone wishing to purchase one.

Children's Liturgy News

Our Children's Liturgy teachers are looking for Grade 7 or 8 students to assist them with the program during the 11 a.m. Sunday Masses. Preparation for the Christmas Gospel will be starting at the end of the month and all children are welcome. More information will follow. Our email address is childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com or contact Anne Marie at 905-317-3539.

2019 Mission Calendars

Catholic Missions calendars are available for sale for \$3 each at the church entrance near Brant Street for as long as the supply lasts. Please leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes.

IN THE DIOCESE

Dying Healed Program

"Dying Healed" is 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 includes lunch. To register, phone Lena at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 or visit 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. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 if information is needed, but you may just drop in between 7 and 9 p.m.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through high school who are not currently receiving religious instruction (i.e. in a public or private school). These instructions prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation**. Visit www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

IN OTHER PARISHES

The **St. Paul the Apostle Christmas Bazaar** is on November 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Home baked goods, silent auction, Victorian tea room, Christmas gift selections, penny sale, wine baskets, attic treasures, face painting, Santa letters, 20 vendors and lunch bistro serving homemade food and more. St. Paul's is located at 2265 Headon Rd. in Burlington.

IN THE COMMUNITY

WRAP (*White Ribbon Against Pornography*). The connection between domestic violence, woman and child abuse, marriage break-ups, sex trafficking and abortion is shown in 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 Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, your MPP, and Minister of Justice. No postage is required.

You are invited to join a **Lenten Pilgrimage** from March 26 to April 2, 2019 to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, the Unborn and the New Evangelization. Join Father Luke Kopaniak, SAC and Deacon Randy Matters on this pilgrimage. For more information, email randalmatters@gmail.com.



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