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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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS - 12 NOON

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.



Mass Intentions

"...the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."

- 1Thessalonians 5:2

Monday November 20

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Luke 18:35-4

7 PM – Confirmation Mass

Tuesday November 21 – Presentation of the Virgin Mary

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

7 PM – Mary Kavanagh

Wednesday November 22 – St. Cecilia

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

9 AM – Larry Young

Thursday November 23

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

9 AM – Picolo Rosa

Friday November 24 – St. Andrew & Companions

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

9 AM – Rosita Rotil

Saturday November 25

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

5 PM – Joseph Bajus

Sunday November 26 – Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor. 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Joseph & Albert Yonan



C.W.L. Message

Please mark Wednesday, December 6 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.

This week, Nov. 19-26, wear a **white ribbon** as a symbol against pornography and its harms. In order to protect our children better, please sign the petition to our government requesting that legislation be enacted to ensure that adult websites verify the age of their users (similar to online gambling). Info sheets and petitions may be found at the Brant St. doors.

Join our three week parish-wide Advent Experience: ANIMA.

We are all longing for a sense of greater meaning in our lives. Discover through FORMED, an inspiring account of how God's plan for the world gives each of us great dignity and purpose. This series will instigate further meditation on how you can respond to Christ's sacrifice and continue carrying out his mission in his Church. You are invited to attend this event on Thursday, November 30, December 7 and December 14 at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

*On Monday evening at 7 p.m., the Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough, will visit St. John the Baptist Parish to administer the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Please keep these young people being confirmed in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this Sacrament.*

Children's Liturgy Announcements
A brand new communication email is now available; childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com. We welcome children from SK to grade 4 on Sundays during the 11 a.m. Mass. Email with any questions. **Save the date!** Sunday, November 26 following the 11 a.m. Mass for a Family Advent Celebration with crafts and goodies for the children and their parents.



Our Parish

Monday November 20

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday November 21

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday November 22

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday November 23

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday November 24

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



The Knights of Columbus council #5073 is holding their **Annual Turkey Roll** on Friday, December 8 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Columbus Hall, 2400 Industrial St. It will be a fun evening for everyone with a chance to win some great prizes including a turkey or a ham. Admission is free (doors open at 6 p.m.). For more information contact Michael Mark at kofc5073.turkeyroll@gmail.com.

Christmas cakes and Christmas cards will be available at the Brant Street doors after all Masses on Nov. 25/26 and Dec. 2/3. If cards are needed earlier, phone Christl at 905-639-5949.

As an extension of St. John's Bazaar, you still have time to register for a family portrait. Professional 8x10 portraits are just \$20 and sitting times are Nov. 30 or Dec. 7, 6 - 9 p.m. Sign up after each Mass. Makes a great Christmas gift for grandparents, etc.

Also, still a chance to pre-order Christmas plants after each Mass for delivery on Dec. 2. Poinsettias, Cyclamen, Mini Cypress or Rosemary trees of different sizes and colours are available.

IN THE DIOCESE

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.

The Diocese of Hamilton is looking for part-time Auditors to perform financial and administrative reviews of our parishes and cemeteries. The hours will vary depending on the number of reviews and the complexity. Renumeration will be based on the number of audits performed. If this interests you, submit a resume to careers@hamiltondiocese.com by December 15, 2017. Must have professional designation. Feel free to contact the parish office for a full list of requirements for the position.

Coping with the Holidays

when you have lost a loved one

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman at the Chancery Office, 700 King. St. W. in Hamilton. This free event takes place on Sunday, December 3 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Kindly reserve a seat at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 but non-registered participants are still free to attend.

Attend a **Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, on Friday, November 24, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a bag lunch; tea, coffee and muffins are provided. An offering of \$20 is suggested. To register please email ssspertshire@sympatico.ca or phone 905-388-3966.

Hamilton Catholic Young Adults (19-39) will meet on Saturday, November 25 at 10 a.m. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for "A Walk among the Tombstones." We will, have a walking tour, explore funerary art as well as Catholic funeral customs. For more info, contact jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Turkey Roll and Silent Auction

Join us Friday, December 1 at Holy Rosary School, 261 Plains Rd. E. for a Silent Auction and games of chance to win turkeys, hams, fruit baskets & more. You must be 19 or over. Admission is \$5 for a chance at door prizes and beef on a bun buffet at the end of the evening. This event is sponsored by the KofC Council 15920.

Catholic Singles Formal Christmas Dinner & Dance for Catholic singles only from 19-99 years, Saturday, December 9, 7:30 to 11:45 p.m. at a Toronto Church Hall. Reserve your ticket now before November 25 deadline. Cost is \$45 plus a cash bar. No tickets at the door. Phone organizer, Barb at 647-207-3162.

For information on the priesthood or religious life talk to the pastor, visit www.vocationinfo.ca, or contact Fr. King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, extension 2246. Email mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

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