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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 contact the parish office to register for parent meeting for Baptism.

## 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](http://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

*"The Father has rescued us from the power of darkness..."*

- Colossians 1:13

Monday November 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

Revelation 14; 1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4 – *No Mass*

Tuesday November 22 – St. Cecilia

Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11

7 PM – Nancy Podrebarac

Wednesday November 23

Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19

9 AM – Vincenzo Sinaguglia

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

Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28

9 AM – John Daley

Friday November 25

Revelation 20:1-4, 11-15, 21:1-2; Luke 21:29-33

9 AM – Souls in Purgatory

Saturday November 26

Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

5 PM – Joseph Bajus

Sunday November 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Joseph Yonan



## Our Parish

Monday November 21

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday November 22

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday November 23

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday November 24

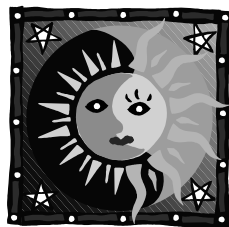
Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Choir Loft

Friday November 25

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



## C.W.L. Message

The C.W.L. is once again holding an **Advent Day of Reflection** on Wednesday, December 7. Father Bob Sims will be the facilitator. The day will start with Mass at 9 a.m. A presentation by Father Bob, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the sacrament of Reconciliation will follow with closing at noon with Benediction. Registration sheets are available at the doors of the church. The suggested registration fee is \$10 payable by cash or a cheque made payable to the C.W.L. Registration closes on December 5. All women of the parish are invited and bring a friend.

**Christmas cakes and Christmas cards** will be available to purchase at the Brant Street entrance for the next few weekends, November 20, 27 and Dec. 4.

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** is in need of volunteers to become involved with our home visit program. Our St. John Conference has been actively helping people in our parish area and beyond for over five decades. However, we have reached a point where our membership has declined substantially and we find ourselves with fewer people to respond to the calls for help that we receive. For information please visit the parish website at [www.stjohnthebaptist.ca](http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca) or email [stvatsj@gmail.com](mailto:stvatsj@gmail.com) or phone 905-979-6460.

## Confirmation on November 29



On Tuesday evening, November 29 at 7 p.m., The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, will visit St. John's to administer the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Please keep the young people being confirmed in your prayers.

**Do you have small religious articles such as rosaries to donate?** Please put them in the box marked "Religious Articles" on the shelf in the closet near the Blairholm Street entrance (the accessible door entrance). Please help by not leaving them on the tables at the doors. Thank you.

**Sunday Missals** are for sale at the Brant Street doors for \$3. Please leave your payment in the brown and white literature payment envelopes provided.



If any children would like to sing in the **Children's Choir** at the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, please come up to the loft after any Mass and visit Leslie Polci for more information.

## IN THE DIOCESE

A **Diocesan Healing Mass**, meant to bring hope to all those coping with the grief of losing a child, is planned for Sunday, November 27 at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including prior to birth and stillbirth, are invited to this Mass, celebrated by Bishop Crosby. Registration is not necessary but it would ensure we have enough spaces to reserve and enough mementos that each family will receive. Phone Lena at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 to register.

A **White Mass** is a celebration of Holy Mass where we gather to pray for health care professionals, clergy, religious, chaplains and all caregivers. We ask you to join us for this Mass to be celebrated by Fr. Ted Slaman at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 12 at St. Gabriel's Parish. All are welcome to attend. A reception will follow.

Attend a **Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, Friday, November 25, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring a bag lunch - tea and coffee are provided. An offering of \$20 is normally suggested. To register, contact Sr. Elaine Arsenault, SSS, at 905-388-3966 or email her at [sssperthshire@sympatico.ca](mailto:sssperthshire@sympatico.ca).

**Marriage Tip** - As a member of a couple it is important to decide which is more important to you: being right or being connected. When it comes to conflict, which exists in every relationship, it is important to see the other's view, decide where compromises are possible and together come up with a solution that works for both of you. With a "we" attitude in all you do, including conflict resolution, you can feel more deeply connected and content. (From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988, ext. 2250)

## IN THE COMMUNITY



The **Knights of Columbus** are holding a **Turkey Roll** on Friday, December 9 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2400 Industrial Street (off Mountainside and Guelph Line. Come for food, fun, beverages and many chances to win prizes. Proceeds help the Knights of Columbus assist the less fortunate in Burlington. The fun begins when the doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the wheel starts rolling at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For information, contact Michael Mark at 905-333-3623 or [mysmark18@sympatico.ca](mailto:mysmark18@sympatico.ca).

**Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona** Join Deacon Rob Thomas on June 11 to June 20, 2017 on a faith-filled excursion, marking the 100th anniversary of Fatima. Please visit the link, <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/764541> or phone Deacon Rob at 905-315-9443. Early booking savings deadline is fast approaching. An **Information Night** will take place on Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall

**Hamilton Catholic Young Adults** is holding a "Kickoff" event to meet other young adults (19-39) living out the faith. Pray and hang out and learn more about our Catholic faith. Meet on Sunday, December 11 at St. Thomas Parish hall (715 Centre Rd.) Holy Hour at 5:30 p.m. and Rosary at 6:15 p.m.

Join the **Baby Food Drive**. Halton Alive is collecting baby food and formula to be donated to the local food banks. Please drop off your donation at 760 Brant Street, Unit 45A, Burlington, by November 30.

### Vocation View

Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, hope and honour, the King of Love, truth and justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough? If you would like to speak to someone about the priesthood or religious life, speak to the pastor or Fr. King, the Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or visit [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca).



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