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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

*"...stand secure before the Son of Man."*

- Luke 21:36

## Monday November 28

Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11, 13++ - *No Mass*

## Tuesday November 29

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

7 PM - Confirmation Mass

## Wednesday November 30 - *St. Andrew*

Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

9 AM - Dan Savelli

## Thursday December 1

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

9 AM - Norma Walsh

## Friday December 2

Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

9 AM - Victoria Mathews

## Saturday December 3 - *St. Francis Xavier*

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8++

5 PM - Beatrice David

## Sunday December 4 - *2nd Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

9 AM - Pro Populo

11 AM - Cologera & Eduardo Scime



## 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 today and next weekend.

**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.*

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** sends sincere thanks to the women of the C.W.L. Craft Group for their gifts of handcrafted articles and bedding. We appreciate your support. Thank you very much.

**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.



## Our Parish

### Monday November 28

Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR

### Tuesday November 29

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - Hall

RCIA - 7:30 PM - WR

### Wednesday November 30

Legion of Mary - 9:30 AM - WR

Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall

### Thursday December 1

Cenacle Group - 9:30 AM - WR

Christian Meditation - 1 PM - WR

Choir Practice - 7:30 PM - Choir Loft

### Friday December 2

AA Meeting - 9 PM - Hall



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.



*The following children were baptized on  
November 20, 2016*

*Nikos Anastasiou, Annika Del Giudice  
& Kaleb Lombardini  
Congratulations to their parents,  
Godparents and families.*

## IN THE DIOCESE

**Parenting Tip** – Parents can help their children develop emotional and mental well-being by assisting them to develop strategies and skills for coping with stress. Parents can do so by allowing their children to experience a little stress, so they will learn to cope with bigger stresses. Teach them how to handle stress; breathe deeply, talk in a self-calming way, discuss their feelings with friends and family, actively work at problem solving, talk to God and listen in their hearts for his response. With their parents help, children can learn the skills needed to ensure resiliency in the inevitable ups and downs of life. *(From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988, ext. 2250)*

**Marriage Tip** – New love spurs us on to spend as much time as possible with each other. Once we marry we can get so caught up in the demands of work, home and family that we can lose the sense of connection that pulled us toward each other at the start. Things like preparing and eating dinner together, sharing a walk, enjoying a good movie are all great examples of ways to create a stronger couple connection. Building this connection is an important way to form a strong and lasting relationship. Spend time together and see where it takes you. *(From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988, ext. 2250).*

## IN OTHER PARISHES

There is a **Healing Mass** and Anointing with Holy Oil on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8 at Charles Garnier Church, 129 Hughson St. S., Hamilton. Adoration begins at 6 pm and Healing Mass at 7 pm. Confessions from 10 am to 6 pm. For more details, phone 905-528-0074.

## 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.

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 - The call towards a vocation may come at an unexpected day and hour. Prepare your heart to always say "yes" to God. 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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