

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

(FOUNDED IN 1849)

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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 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

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

- Luke 21:36

Monday November 30 - St. Andrew

Romans 10.9-18; Matthew 4.18-22 - No Mass

Tuesday December 1

Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24

7 PM - Ann Enright

Wednesday December 2

Isaiah 25.6-10a; Matthew 15.29-37

9 AM - Maria Piovesan

Thursday December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

Isaiah 26.1-6; Matthew 7.21, 24-27

9 AM - Deceased Members of the O'Brien family

Friday December 4

Isaiah 29, 17-24; Matthew 9.27-31

9 AM - Francesco Cesario

Saturday December 5

Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5a, 6-8++

5 PM - Ignacia Ponce

Sunday December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5.1-9; Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11; Luke 3.1-6

9 AM - Frank Svoboda

11 AM - Pro Populo



Our Parish

Monday November 30

Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR

Tuesday December 1

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - Hall

RCIA - 7:30 PM - WR

Wednesday December 2

Legion of Mary - 9:30 AM - WR

Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall

Choir Practice - 7:30 PM - Church

Thursday December 3

Cenacle Group - 9:30 AM - WR

Christian Meditation - 12:30 - WR

Friday December 4

AA Meeting - 9 PM - Hall

Sunday December 5

Baptism Preparation Meeting - 12PM - WR



C.W.L. Message

Our C.W.L. Christmas Pot Luck will be held on Monday, December 7 at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish that will serve 4-6 people, your own plate, cutlery, and a wrapped gift worth \$5.00. Coffee, tea and punch will be provided. Hope to see you!

The **C.W.L. Advent Retreat** is being held on Wednesday, December 9 with Father Allen as the facilitator. The day will begin with Mass at 9 a.m. followed by a presentation by Fr. Allen, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity for Reconciliation, closing with Benediction at noon. Please register by December 7 - forms are at the doors of the church. The suggested registration fee is \$10. All women are welcome - you do not have to be a C.W.L. member.

On Wednesday, November 25, Bishop Daniel Miehm visited us to bestow the Rite of Confirmation in our parish. We congratulate the young people who were Confirmed and wish them all well.

If any person or family in the parish is in need of assistance at Christmas, phone the St. Vincent de Paul at 905-979-6460. Be assured that any information you provide is kept confidential.

Sunday Missals Available

You may now purchase a **Sunday Missal** - they are provided at the Brant Street entrance of the church. The cost will be \$3. Please leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes that are provided or place your payment into the coin boxes on the walls. Please do not leave your money in the boxes containing the Missals. Thank you.

2016 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.

Sing Noël

Our Sing Noël will be held on Thursday, December 10 starting at 7:00 p.m. Join us for our annual celebration in the church with readings and hymns and afterwards, enjoy cookies and caroling in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome.

November 29, 2015

Confession Schedule

The season of Advent is one of our Church's two penitential seasons, during which we focus particularly on God's mercy and on our need to repent and receive that mercy on a regular basis. To facilitate good and faithful preparation for Christmas, St. John the Baptist Parish will have these added opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation *in addition to our regular confession times*:

<i>Saturday, December 12</i>	<i>3:30 – 4:45 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, December 19</i>	<i>3:30 – 4:45 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 22</i>	<i>5:30 – 6:45 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 23</i>	<i>5:30 – 7:00 p.m.</i>

The Children's Choir needs more singers. Would you like to join us for Advent and Christmas Eve? We would love to have you - no experience necessary. Practices resume on November 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the Warren Room (downstairs in the hall). Please visit Leslie in the choir loft after Mass or check for notices on the choir loft door.

IN THE DIOCESE

As the **Holy Year of Mercy** begins, join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the *Door of Mercy* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on Sunday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Learn more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life by joining our next monthly **Discernment Gathering**: Mass, holy hour, discussion, and lunch, on Saturday, December 12, from 9 till 12 noon at Canadian Martyrs Church, in Hamilton. Details at www.HamiltonVocations.com

IN OTHER PARISHES

The Annual White Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Matthew Ustrzycki on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, December 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Parish, Burlington. This special Mass is an opportunity to pray for our healthcare professionals, chaplains, clergy and all caregivers. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, phone 905-335-6902.

On Friday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m., Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, 920 Fennell Avenue East in Hamilton, is hosting **An Evening in Concert with the Canadian Orpheus Male Choir**. Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased at the door, or by phoning 905-385-3570. Proceeds will help parish youth to participate in the 2016 World Youth Day experience in Poland.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Illuminating Hearts and Minds

Join us on Friday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo, for the 150th Anniversary Lecture, "Breaking the Cycle of Violence and Creating Deeply Caring Communities". Barbara Coloroso, internationally recognized speaker on parenting and bullying, will explore the social conditions of violence, the role of reconciliatory justice and the power of forgiveness to create compassionate communities. Free of Charge, refreshments, no registration required.

Open House

A Celebration of Advent

On Sunday, December 6, from 2 till 5 p.m., you are invited to join us for the Jesuit Community of Guelph's annual Open House, at Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, 5420 Hwy #6 N., Guelph, Light snacks and beverages for all. For more information phone 519-824-1250 or email administration@ignatiusguelph.ca

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Vocation View – *To testify to the truth; this is the mission of the priest and religious. Has your life testified to the truth that Christ is King? For information on the priesthood or religious life, talk to the pastor or contact Rev. Wojciech Kuzma, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988, ext. 2246 or at wkuzma@hamiltondiocese.com.*

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