

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 Closed

WEEKEND LITURGY

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday no Mass Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Thursday 9:00 a.m.
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

Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FRIDAYS FOR 15 MINUTES AFTER 9 AM MASS
FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca> for articles & photos of all parish activities.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office. Baptisms are on the third Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

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

VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY

To volunteer in ministry or activities, go to our website and complete a volunteering form through the "Help" tile on the homepage.

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 registration 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 kingdom of God will be... given to a people that produce the fruits of the kingdom." - Matthew 21:43

Monday October 16 – St. Marguerite D'Youville

Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 – *No Mass*

Tuesday October 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch

Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41

7 PM – Intentions of the Bennett family

Wednesday October 18 – St. Luke

2 Timothy 4:9-17a; Luke 10:1-9

9 AM – Roseanne Bougouis

10 AM – Mass at Wellington Park

Thursday October 19

Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

9 AM – Deceased members of the LaFlamme family

2 PM – Sacrament of the Sick for Brant Centre residents

Friday October 20

Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7

9 AM – Romaldina & Caetano Rodrigues

Saturday October 21

Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12

5 PM – Rev. Ron Hodara

Sunday October 22 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1Thessalonians 1:1-5ab; Matthew 22:15-21

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Joseph Galea



Our Parish

Sunday October 15

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church

Monday October 16

C.W.L. Meeting – 7 PM – Hall

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday October 18

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Friday October 20

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

On October 4, Pope Francis opened the Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation, Mission. Listening to every member of the Body of Christ is fundamental to demonstrating Communion. Let us pray daily in our homes and at church for the success of this great opportunity for our Universal Church to learn and to grow.

OKTOBERFEST AT ST. JOHN'S!

Please join us on October 29 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in St. John's parish hall for OKTOBERFEST. There will be sausage, sauerkraut, music and more. Tickets will be available at the door. The sign-up sheets are at each entrance of the church to help us know how much food to prepare. Please mark the date on your calendars and come to enjoy some time with your fellow parishioners.

C.W.L. Message

Our C.W.L. meeting will take place on Monday, October 16 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. The agenda will include the usual reports and some new business. Note: important issues concerning St. John's Council will be discussed and voted on. Members, your attendance and input are greatly appreciated.

New Altar Servers

Attention Parents of any students in grade 3 and up (attending public schools or Catholic elementary schools) who are interested in becoming Altar Servers. Please speak to Fr. Philippe in the priest's sacristy after the weekend Mass and let him know that your child would like to serve at the weekend Masses.

Our "Toonie collection" so far totals **\$4,898** and is growing. *Thank you so much for taking part!*

Volunteering at St. John the Baptist Parish

As a new year begins, we are looking for volunteers for various church events. Volunteers are required to read the description of volunteer roles (provided) and to fill out the Volunteer Information Form which has your contact information recorded for LOW risk volunteers.

The HIGH risk volunteers are required to do the volunteer form along with a police check which includes: anyone working with children, handling money or working with vulnerable people. We will be offering dates in the next few weeks to anyone who needs assistance completing forms and with police checks. Please email the following coordinators for forms or any further questions:

loismorrisonhuq@gmail.com

dinaknight779@gmail.com

IN THE DIOCESE

Development & Peace Fall Campaign - **Create Hope: Stand for the Land.** Pope Francis calls us to hear “the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” Yet, since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been trying in vain to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January 2023. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice and reparation for environmental defenders and for Carlos Escaleras National Park. Visit devp.org/act and for information, visit devp.org/campaign.

Men’s Discernment Group

If you would like to explore the possibility of **becoming a Catholic priest**, please join me, Father Mark Morley and other men who are discerning their vocations. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, October 20 at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave., Waterloo in the parish hall. Please use the side doors. For questions, contact hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses - Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through high school who are not currently receiving religious instruction (i.e. in a public or private, not Catholic school). *There is need of volunteers to support the demand.* If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Catechesis Office in the Diocese of Hamilton by email at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com.

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples facing relationship challenges and has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held on Oct. 20-22. Email them at teamrecine@gmail.com or phone 905-664-5212.

The annual **ALL SOULS DAY MASS** at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will take place on Sunday, October 29, at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served after Mass. The Bishop of Hamilton will be the principal celebrant and all are welcome to attend.

Young Adults Night – November 4

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our Diocese to attend a night of adoration, fellowship and praise music. Arrival and Holy Hour in the church (6:30-7:30 p.m.), social with food (7:30-8:30 p.m.), praise night and testimony (8-9 p.m.) and compline at 9 p.m. Taking place on Saturday, November 4 at St. Pius X Church, 9 Waverly St., Brantford. For more information please contact the Vocations Office at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY

40 Days for Life Sept. 27 – Nov. 5

The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful witness to end abortion and bring healing to women suffering from the effects of abortion. If you would like more information and also choose a time slot, please visit the website at 40daysforlife.com/oakville.



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