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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: 9:00 A.M.; 11:00 A.M.; 8:00 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Saturday: 9:00 A.M. (Except Tuesdays)
Tuesday ONLY: 7:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday 9:30 - 10:00 A.M.
Saturday 9:30 - 10:00 A.M. and 4:00-4:30 P.M.
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

BAPTISMS

If you are seeking baptism for your child, please complete the [Request for Baptism](#) form found on our website and email to aouellette@hamiltondiocese.com or drop off in person at the parish office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you wish to become a member of the parish, we invite you to take time to register by completing a Parish Registration Form available on our parish website. The forms are also available at the parish office if you require a hard copy. If you are currently registered and now wish to use Offertory Envelopes please complete the registration form and return to the parish office or drop in the Offertory basket. If you wish to sign up for Pre-Authorized Debit please complete the form available on our website. These forms are also available at the parish office.

MARRIAGES

Couples planning to be married must contact the priest ~~one~~ year in advance. You must be a registered parishioner, attending this parish.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements must be received by the parish secretary no later than Monday at noon to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday bulletin. All announcements and inserts are subject to the pastor's approval.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Canadian Martyrs	3201 Lansdown Drive	905-336-5792	Louise Cronin-Nowitsky, Principal
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 10, 2023

Dec 11 – Dec 17, 2023 WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
MONDAY 9:00am Mass	<u>Dec 11, 2023</u> Int. of Dorothy Pereira
TUESDAY 7:00pm Mass	<u>Dec 12, 2023</u> – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Wayne Robert Clark
WEDNESDAY 9:00am Mass	<u>Dec 13, 2023</u> – ST. LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR Doug Walker
THURSDAY 9:00am Mass	<u>Dec 14, 2023</u> – ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS Margaret Wilson
FRIDAY 9:00am Mass 9:30am – 10:00am Confessions 9:30am – 12:00pm Adoration	<u>Dec 15, 2023</u> Rick Klemenc
SATURDAY 9:00am Mass Intentions: Joseph Alphonso John O'Carroll 9:30am – 10:00am Confessions 4:00pm – 4:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass Intentions: Marisa Silvestri Jean Pantaleon Maximo Pantaleon Rosa DiColantonio John O'Carroll	<u>Dec 16, 2023</u> Ines & Carlos Vidal & Family Int. of the Unborn Michael Persaud Dolly Attardo Rob Thomson Stephen McPherson
SUNDAY 9:00am 11:00am 8:00pm	<u>Dec 17, 2023</u> – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass (<i>Livestream</i>) Mass Mass

Vocation View

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. E-mail vocations@hamiltondiocese.com visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Isaiah 35.1-10, Luke 5.17-26
Tuesday:	Zechariah 2.10-13, Luke 1.39-47
Wednesday:	Isaiah 40.25-31, Matthew 11.28-30
Thursday:	Isaiah 41.13-20, Matthew 11.11-15
Friday:	Isaiah 48.17-19, Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday:	Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11, Matthew 17.10-13
Sunday:	Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11, 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24, John 1.6-8, 19-28

HAMILTON DIOCESE WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for the following people or groups:

Monday:	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Tuesday:	Married Couples
Wednesday:	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
Thursday:	Rev. Wallace Metcalf
Friday:	Rev. Charles Galea
Saturday:	Rev. Robert Kiffman



November 19th, 2023

\$ 12,492.70

Bambinelli Sunday, December 17th, 2023

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes, that belong to families, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, Dec 17th and following the 9am and 11am Masses, you may gather at the steps of sanctuary with your Baby Jesus figurine to be blessed as we celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.



This Month in RCIA

This month our RCIA shifts to the Period of the Catechumenate and one focus will be the sacrament of Reconciliation. Our second focus builds on that as we look at Advent and discover how penance and preparation help us get ready for the birth of our Saviour, at Christmas. For many in our group this is the first time their attention at Christmas will be faith focused, with less emphasis on the secular aspects of the holiday. The group will take a break mid-month and gather back in early January. Please keep our members in your prayers as community support is integral to a successful RCIA experience.

Christmas Schedule

Our Prish Advent and Christmas Schedule is now posted on our website. Please visit our [website](#) or scan the code for detailed information on the mass and confession schedule for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.



4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve

This year we have the somewhat unique situation of the 4th Sunday of Advent falling on Dec 24, which is also Christmas Eve. We will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent on Dec 23 at 5:00pm and Dec 24 at 9:00am and 11:00am as usual, then celebrate Christmas Eve at 5:00pm and 7:00pm that evening. Attending only a Christmas Eve Mass on the 24th does not fulfil the Sunday obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent. As we recognize that families are busy preparing for Christmas (and even the priests have to rest up for Christmas!), the 4th Sunday of Advent Masses will be as simple and efficient as we can make them. Please plan to join us the 4th Sunday of Advent as we gather together as a parish community in anticipation of the Christmas celebrations.

In Memoriam Donation for Christmas Flowers Tribute

Once again, we will be collecting offerings for our annual "*Christmas Floral Tribute*". Offer sheets and envelopes are available at the parish office. Offerings can be made in cash, cheque or via e-transfer. The names of loved ones, honoured through the Tribute, will be displayed on the website, and in the narthex over Christmas. Floral Tributes will be accepted until December 15th, 2023.

Update on Envelopes and Tax Receipts

The 2024 offertory envelopes are now available in the Narthex. **All envelope users have a new envelope number for 2024.** Envelopes have been re-issued for parishioners who have contributed a minimum of \$50 in the last year. If you do not have envelopes and wish to use them, please email the office at stpaulburlington@hamiltondiocese.com to request new envelopes. The 2024 tax receipts will be issued for those who contributed \$50 or more in 2023 and may be issued by request for amounts less than \$50. We sincerely thank all donors for their ongoing financial support of our parish.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be taking a break over the Christmas holidays (December 24th, January 31st, and January 7th) and will resume on Sunday January 14th at the 9:00AM Mass.

2023-24 Missals

The missals for the coming liturgical year are now on sale and will be available over the next few weeks at a cost of \$5/each. We also have Youth Missals for \$10/each.

Update on Main Entrance Improvements

We have just received from the engineers the 3D rendering of the new canopy to be built over the entrance of St. Paul's. Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the main entrance for details. Many thanks to all who have contributed to the One Heart One Soul campaign.

Thank You from The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Thank you to our parishioners for your generous contributions to the 2023 Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Angel Tree program. Your support allowed us to help those less fortunate in our community celebrate Christmas, with food cards for groceries and gift cards for each member of their family. Even in this time of rising costs, this year's program assisted 122 children and 101 adults.

A special thank you to St. Christopher, Ascension and St. Anne Elementary schools for their help with the senior bags. Together we will deliver personalized gift bags to provide something special to 89 seniors in our community living in long-term settings.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank the parish Social Committee, Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League for their donations over the course of this year.

When Christ came, He did find a warm heart - right in our community. The New Year will start with the memory of a Blessed Christmas still fresh. A sincere thank you and have a Blessed Merry Christmas.

CWL Announcement

December General Meeting & Social (potluck) will be held on **Monday, December 11th at 6:30pm** in the parish hall. All ladies welcome!

The Dismas' Plea

The Dismas' Plea group invite you to join them **Monday December 18th** at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room, everyone is welcome.



Consecration to the Holy Family

In keeping with the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme, the Knights of Columbus are promoting a period of greater devotion to the Holy Family. Members of the Holy Family modelled behaviours that we should strive to duplicate. Culminating at the Feast of the Holy Family, it is suggested that each of us spend a few minutes of each day reflecting on the actions of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Whether we are children, mothers or fathers we can all learn from the actions of the Holy Family. Possible activities include sharing of stories from the bible, reflecting on the day's activities and whether your behaviour was like that of the Holy Family, going to confession, praying together as a family, and attending mass. A prayer card, with a prayer dedicated to the Consecration to the Holy Family, is available at the back of the church. This prayer will be recited at the Saturday morning mass on December 30th.

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