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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him

CHRISTMAS

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DEC 24TH, 2023

Dec 25 – Dec 31, 2023

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
<u>MONDAY</u> 12:00am 9:00am 11:00am	<u>Dec 25, 2023</u> Midnight Mass (Carols starting at 11:30 pm) Christmas Day Mass (Livestream) Christmas Day Mass
<u>TUESDAY</u> 7:00pm Mass	<u>Dec 26, 2023 – ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR</u> Geoffrey Artz
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 9:00am Mass	<u>Dec 27, 2023 – ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST</u> Int. of Flor and Carlos Ortega
<u>THURSDAY</u> 9:00am Mass	<u>Dec 28, 2023 – THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS</u> Wayne Robert Clark
<u>FRIDAY</u> 9:00am Mass 9:30am – 10:00am 9:30am – 12:00pm	<u>Dec 29, 2023</u> Russell, Joyce & Michael Tidball <i>Confessions</i> <i>Adoration</i>
<u>SATURDAY</u> 9:00am Mass Intentions	<u>Dec 30, 2023</u>
Mrs. Deanna Andrews Tony Braganza	Helen McHugh Int. of Kathleen Donnelly
Consecration to the Holy Family following Mass.	
9:30am – 10:00am 4:00pm – 4:30pm 5:00pm	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Mass Intentions
Gary Engel Adam Lowe Marlene Allen	Rosa Parisse Mrs. Hilda Ogden Int. of Christopher Hettivachchi
<u>SUNDAY</u> 9:00am 11:00am NO 8:00pm Mass.	<u>Dec 31, 2023 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</u> Feast of The Holy Family Mass Feast of The Holy Family Mass See New Year's Mass Schedule

Vocation View

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. E-mail vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Isaiah 62.11-12, Titus 3.4-7, 2.15-20, Luke 2.15-20 Isaiah 52.7-10, Hebrews 1.1-6, John 1.1-5, 9-14
Tuesday:	Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59, Matthew 10.17-22
Wednesday:	1 John 1.1-4, John 20.2-8
Thursday:	1 John 1.5 – 2.2, Matthew 2.13-18
Friday:	1 John 2.3-11, Luke 2.22-35
Saturday:	1 John 2.12-17, Luke 2.36-40
Sunday:	Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3.12-21, Luke 2.22-40

HAMILTON DIOCESE WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for the following people or groups:

Monday:	Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)
Tuesday:	Chancery Staff
Wednesday:	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)
Thursday:	The Holy Innocents
Friday:	Rev. Edward Hinsperger
Saturday:	Rev. Phillip Cook

New Year's Mass Schedule

SUNDAY Dec 31, 2023
5:00 PM Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Vigil Mass

MONDAY January 1, 2024
9:00 AM Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Livestream)
11:00 AM Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation

Our parish Christmas Schedule is posted on our website. You may also scan the code for detailed information.



Parish Office Hours

December 25th and 26th - Office Closed
December 27th-29th - 9am to 12pm

Thank you from Fr. John, Fr. Pawel, Fr. Malcolm, and the Parish Staff

Thank you to all the parishioners for your prayers and gifts over the Christmas holidays. The many cards, gifts, prayers, and well wishes are sincerely appreciated. Thanks to Deacon Brian Dunn for his ongoing ministry and presence in our parish and service at Mass. Thanks to Cydney Speers, the other musicians, cantors, and choir members for all their hard work in preparing and providing music for the liturgies throughout the year. Thanks to Al & Cindy MacIntosh for their work in decorating the church each week and the extras for Christmas. Thanks to the Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy leaders, Ushers, and Greeters for your faithful service each weekend. Thanks to all for your commitment to the various ministries, volunteer activities, and community events that has not only strengthened the unity within our parish but has also left a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve. We pray that the joyful celebration of our Lord's Birth may lead us ever deeper in the Mystery of God's love present in our world, and that 2024 may be filled with an abundance of the Lord's blessings for us all!

End of Year Donations

Please ensure that all cash and cheque donations for the 2023 tax year are submitted to the parish office by December 26, 2023. This allows time to process and deposit these donations. Any cash or cheque donations after December 26, 2023, will be credited to the 2024 tax year. E-transfers until December 31, 2023, 11:59pm will be credited for the 2023 tax year.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be taking a break over the Christmas holidays (December 24th - January 7th) and will resume on Sunday January 14th at the 9:00AM Mass. We thank our leaders who give their time and talents to this ministry and wish them and all who participate a Merry Christmas.

Bible Sunday

The 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 21st 2024, marks Bible Sunday, where we celebrate the Word of God. On this day we welcome parishioners following the 5pm, 9am and 11am masses to bring their bibles to church and our priests will bless them after the closing hymn. What a wonderful way to celebrate God's Word with your personal or family bible. If you are in need of a bible we suggest you reach out to Blais Church & Religious Supplies, https://www.catholicshop.ca/search_result.php?keywords=Catholic+Bible&qf_cid=, as they have an excellent selection to choose from.

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Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

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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.

Update on Envelopes and Tax Receipts

The 2024 offertory envelopes are 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.

Consecration to the Holy Family

Throughout December, the Knights of Columbus have been promoting a greater devotion to the Holy Family. 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.



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.

Social Committee – Save the Date

Euchre Night on Saturday January 13, 2024. Doors open at 6:00 pm. If interested, email stpaulsocial2011@gmail.com.

Church Bulletin Advertising

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