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Our Lady of Lourdes Site:

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Parish Office Hours ◆ Tues-Fri 9:00am - 12:00noon

SUNDAY MASS:

Sat. 5:00pm

Sun. 9:00am, 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tues. & Thurs. 7:00pm

Wed. & Fri., 8:30am

RECONCILIATION:

Tues. 6:00-6:45pm Sat. 3:30-4:30pm (or by appointment)

Corpus Christi Site:

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SUNDAY MASS:

Sat. 5:00pm,

Sun. 9:00am, 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tues. 6:30pm

Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8:30am

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated the first Sunday of the month (Corpus Christi site) and the last Sunday of the month, (Our Lady of Lourdes site) except the Season of Lent. Preparation is provided for first time parents. Please contact the office at least 2 months prior to desired date.

Becoming Catholic-RCIA:

For those not Baptized, or who have not yet completed their initiation, please call the office or speak to one of the priests.

MARRIAGE: Couples intending to marry, kindly contact the office about a year in advance.

Wedding Anniversary Blessing on the last Sunday of the month.

FUNERALS: When a family death occurs, please contact the office for assistance with arrangements.

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Corpus Christi: 905-389-3940

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ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Totals will be reported in the new year.

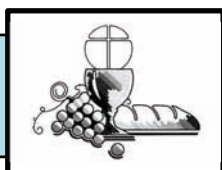


*We light all four candles!
Lord Jesus fill our hearts with love.*

Mon	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Tues	<i>Rev. Roshan D'Souza</i>
Wed	<i>Franciscan Fathers</i>
Thurs	<i>Rev. Lawrence Parent</i>
Fri	<i>Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski</i>
Sat	<i>Rev. Brian Quigley</i>

Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS
FOR THE



INTENTIONS
WEEK

**Christmas - The Birth of Our Lord
December 25, 2017**

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988

email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltonvocations.com

Corpus Christi site

Tues Dec 26	6:30pm	<i>No weekday Mass</i>
Wed Dec 27	8:30am	<i>No weekday Mass</i>
Thurs Dec 28	8:30am	<i>No weekday Mass</i>
Fri Dec 29	8:30am	<i>No weekday Mass</i>
Sat Dec 30	5:00pm	<i>Lynsie Wilkinson</i>
Tues Dec 26	7:00pm	<i>No weekday Mass</i>
Wed Dec 27	8:30am	<i>No weekday Mass</i>
Thurs Dec 28	7:00pm	<i>No weekday Mass</i>
Fri Dec 29	8:30am	<i>No weekday Mass</i>
Sat Dec 30	5:00pm	<i>John Morgan, Angelo Oddi, William Toth, Ranjan David Watsa, Edward Hartnett</i>

Our Lady of Lourdes site

Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, please pick up a registration package at the back of the church, complete the forms that pertain to you/your family and return the sealed envelope to the offertory basket. To maintain current parish records, we ask that you inform our church office if you are moving or moving out of the parish. *Thank you!*



OFFERING

2018 Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up your envelopes at the back of the church (*Corpus Christi site*) or the Church Hall (*Lourdes site*). If you used offertory envelopes regularly this past year, a boxed set has been prepared for you.

If you have not used envelopes but would like to, please call the office for assistance.

Visa/MC payments are also available options.

If you are using envelopes only a couple times in the year, we recommend that you take a few of the generic pink envelopes at the back of the church for your giving, as boxed sets are expensive to print. Donations will still be recorded and tax receipts issued for gifts over \$20.00 per year.

Any remaining boxes will be returned to the office by the end of January.

*New Year's Eve Mass
& Mary Mother of God*

*Sunday, December 31st,
New Year's Eve
5:00pm*

*Monday, January 1st,
New Year's Day
9:00am & 11:00am (Lourdes site)
11:00am (Corpus Christi site)*



Blessings to you & yours in the New Year!

The church office will be closed from Dec 20th - Jan 2nd

For the benefit of many parishioners and visitors who suffer health problems due to strong perfume/aftershave cologne scents, please refrain from using scents when coming to the church or church office.
Thank you!


Merry Christmas

To You and Yours!



MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Pope Francis, in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), challenges married couples to understand that their love is a call to sacrificial love. He invites each spouse to see their married love as love that must be first and foremost self-giving. When a person in relationship understands this, it helps them to reach beyond themselves and indeed grow. When we take the time to discern our vision of married life and then reach into ourselves to make it happen, both spouses benefit. The Pope is reminding us that love may not be perfect, but it is love and when we nurture it from within, we strengthen and build a deep bond between us.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

At Christmas it is easy for children to get so wrapped up in what they want that they forget the reason for the season: the birth of Christ. Jesus came to offer a great sacrifice – his life so our sins could be forgiven. He taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care of the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outward towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what “I” want. When we teach our children what Christmas really represents and why we celebrate, it helps them know God loves them and to spread his love to others.

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