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## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday 9:00am -12:00noon

### WEEKDAY MASS:

Tuesday, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
9:00am

### SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday, 5:00pm  
Sunday, 9:00am, 11:00am

### RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday, 6:15pm -6:45pm  
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm  
(or by appointment)

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the office at least 3 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.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:** [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca) 905-522-7727

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

**MARRIAGE:** Couples intending to marry, kindly contact the office about a year in advance.  
Wedding Anniversary Blessing on the last Sunday of the month.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Do you know someone in need? Please contact 905-383-4850 or visit our website at <https://www.ssvphamiltonpc.org/scos>

**VOCATIONS:** Diocese of Hamilton [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH:

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

### Our Financial Stewardship:

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### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

<b>Mon</b>	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
<b>Tues</b>	Grandparents & Elderly
<b>Wed</b>	Order of Preachers (Dominican, O.P.)
<b>Thurs</b>	Rev. Donald Sanvido
<b>Fri</b>	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
<b>Sat</b>	Rev. David Perrin

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK





*We light one purple candle.  
Lord Jesus fill our hearts with  
hope*

<b>Tues Dec 5</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Deceased members of the Kelly family David Charles Minnick William Joseph Minnick Anna Coleman George Bugiardini Special Intentions of S. & M. J.
<b>Wed Dec 6</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Special Intentions of Lucia Costa – A Mass of Thanksgiving
<b>Thurs Dec 7</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Peter Hall
<b>Fri Dec 8</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Francisca Cruz & deceased family members
<b>Sat Dec 9</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Assunta Damiani James & Mary Hanlon Ellen Hanlon-Veader Jerard Hanlon Pam Kelly Carmine, Giorgio & Anna Maria D'Angelo Elaine Jenkins James Hanlon Jr.

### First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2023

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

 *Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plain.* 

*Experience the joy of participating in a musical ensemble this Christmas!*

*Do you enjoy singing?*

*Do you play a musical instrument?*

Come be involved in St. Catherine of Siena music ministry over the Christmas Season.

A variety of opportunities and times are available for children, teenagers, and adults.

High School students can be given credit for volunteer hours.

For further information, contact Sharon Fazari at:  
sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com

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for \$5.00 each. Please place in Offertory  
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### St. Elizabeth of Hungary

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel at Rymal and Garth is a part of our parish. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Daily weekday Mass at 8:30am, Sun. Mass at 9:30a

### WATERS OF ITALY TRIP!

Organized by Fr. Mark Gatto and Deacon Tom Vert.  
October 9 to 18, 2024. For more information contact  
Fr. Mark at [mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com)

### **CATHOLIC WOMAN'S LEAGUE (CWL)**

Christmas is coming – are you feeling rushed, burdened, overwhelmed? Has your frenzied schedule interfered with time for reflection and quiet moments with God? The St. Catherine of Siena CWL invites all women of the parish (member or not) to join us for a time of peaceful Advent reflection on Tuesday, December 5th following Mass which takes place at 7:00 PM. Bring a friend and join in our first “official” gathering of our parish CWL. To celebrate we will also have fun activities and a wine and cheese social. We need to know our numbers for the wine and cheese, so please try to register for the evening, though we will accept walk-ins. If you haven't registered you can do so at [stcatherineofsienacwl@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherineofsienacwl@gmail.com) or call the parish office at 905-383-3381 ext. 3 and speak to Rachel. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **MONTHLY PRAYER REFLECTION** **MORNING**

Second Friday of each month 9am to 12noon.  
Beginning with mass 9am followed with social, opening prayer, meditation, reflection and closing prayer. Contact Sister Elaine to register: [sisterelainesss@gmail.com](mailto:sisterelainesss@gmail.com) or 289-237-2245.

### **Bambinelli Sunday: Sunday December 10/11** **(Third Sunday of Advent)**

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally 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 weekend of December 10/11 to any Mass. After each Mass at both sites they can brought forward to be blessed as we too 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.

### **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

#### **Christmas - a time for giving!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is providing assistance to families in need within our parish boundaries. Demand has greatly increased.

We kindly ask for your support by taking a tag from the Christmas tree, located in the narthex, purchase a gift card and place it in the designated gift box, located under the tree, by Sunday, December 10.

Examples: purchase a \$10, \$15, \$25, \$50, gift cards.

You are welcome to take more than one gift card! We are also supporting students in our 4 elementary schools and high school.

Possible store suggestions are Toy R Us, Giant Tiger, and Walmart. We are restricting our donations to gift cards only!! Please attach store receipt or indicate CLEARLY the amount, tape it to the gift tag, deposit in slot of box.

#### **PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE GIFTS OR TOYS OF ANY KIND!!**

In addition, each family will be provided food vouchers. We need your generosity to help us create smiles Christmas morning! We are so grateful for your ongoing generosity.

#### **Our most recent newsletter is now available**

<https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/newsletter-7/>.

“Do you want to help people in need? Do you want to put your Faith into Action?”

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul needs your support!

You can help by volunteering, providing financial assistance or by starting a conference in your Parish.

### **BENEMERENTI MEDAL**

Congratulations to Mr. Vince Lepore, our parishioner, who was recognized at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King last Sunday on the Feast of Christ the King. He received the Benemerenti Medal, a Papal Honour to recognize his service in the church. He received it from Cardinal Gerald Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada along with our Bishop Crosby. Our whole parish is proud of Vince!

### **HEART2HANDS**

Our next Heart2Hands workshop will be held on December 9, 2023 from 1 to 3 pm in our church hall. All are welcome or if you are interested in helping out or seeing what we are all about, please join us.



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