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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 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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH:

Corpus Christi: 905-389-3940

St. John Paul II: 905-525-1300

St. Marguerite d'Youville: 905-387-4600

St. Teresa of Calcutta: 905-318-7933

St. Jean De Brebeuf Secondary: 905-388-7020

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA***Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar*****Our Financial Stewardship:**

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Mon	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I
Tues	Permanent Deacon Candidates
Wed	Deceased Members of our Parish Community
Thurs	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony
Fri	<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i>
Sat	Rev. Michael Isabelle

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues Nov 14	7:00pm	Kathryn Vineski-Lenko Elodia Pangia Carmela Succi Nunziata and Tony Livoti Special Intentions of S. J. A Mass of Thanksgiving – Special Intentions of Fr. Mark Gatto
Wed Nov 15	9:00am	Sam Misale
Thurs Nov 16	9:00am	A Mass of Thanksgiving John Rekiel
Fri Nov 17	9:00am	Deceased members of the Bozzo and Presta Families Joe Garcia A Mass of Thanksgiving – Special Intentions of Mario and Adelaide Cabanas
Sat Nov 18	5:00pm	Maria DelSordo Pedro Rodrigues Grazia Milioto Sandra Kendall Beatriz and Jose Andrade Lina Febbraro Pam Kelly

School Masses

We are excited to extend a warm invitation to our upcoming School Masses. We sincerely hope that you will join us.

Corpus Christi School

Tuesday, November 21st at 10:00am

St. Teresa of Calcutta School

(25th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Crosby)

Thursday, November 23rd at 10:00am

St. Marguerite d'Youville School

Tuesday, November 28th at 10:15am

St. John Paul II School

Thursday, November 30th at 10:15am

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 12, 2023

"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

ALPHA COURSE - ST CATHERINE OF SIENA!

When? In person classes every Wednesday starting **November 8th at 7pm** in the church.

What is Alpha? The word "Alpha" comes from the first letter of the Greek alphabet and symbolizes a beginning or starting point of a journey. In the Bible, Jesus refers to Himself as the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end (Revelation 1:8,11; 21:6; 22:13). Some people ask why the Alpha Course starts with "Who is Jesus?" and not "Who is God?" The reason is that the Bible tells us it is through a **relationship with Jesus** that we can get to know God, experience his power, and know his character (John 1:14, John 14:6,9, Matthew 11:27).

So, Alpha is the first step to exploring the big questions of life and discovering who Jesus is. It's an understanding of but also an encounter with the person of Jesus that is the most important part of what we believe. Alpha covers the basics of the Christian faith with a simple overview. It's just the beginning!

Who? All RCIA candidates ... and ANYONE else who is interested in growing their faith.

How? Contact our parish office and/or Fr Peter (our Associate Priest) at 905-383-3381 ext 4.

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

As we begin life in our new parish building, the CWL is beginning to plan for future events and meetings with all the ladies of the parish. More detail to come, but hold the date of Tuesday, Dec. 5th from 7-9 pm for our first big event: an Advent Retreat and wine and cheese. Those members who were part of the Lourdes campus for the past few years will have received a blue CWL membership envelope in your box this past week. There will be a new CWL envelope in the new envelope box in January of 2024, so you can wait to pay your membership then, or put your \$40 fee in the blue envelope now and put it in the collection. We will record that you have paid for 2024. We will be reaching out to all members soon and look forward to sharing time with you!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS: We want to begin Children's Liturgy again in our parish on Sunday November 26 at the 9am and 11am Masses. This requires volunteer leaders and volunteers assistants. We will have a sign up and training session on Tuesday November 14 at 7:30pm. Anyone interested is welcome to join us for this session even if you only feel comfortable being an assistant at this time. High School students are also invited to assist and will be able to receive volunteer hour.

COFFEE SUNDAYS: We hope to have our first Coffee Sunday on the First Sunday of Advent (December 2/3) after all Masses. We will need volunteers to assist with serving the coffee. There will be a planning and training meeting on Tuesday November 21 at 7:30pm in the parish Hall. Anyone who may be interested in assisting with Coffee Sundays is encouraged to come out to this meeting. Initially we plan on having Coffee Sunday about once a month.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

Reminder:

The Divine Mercy Apostolate has organized the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet from ***Monday to Thursday at 3pm- 4pm.*** Everyone is welcome to join the praying of the Chaplet.

Missals are for sale at the back of the church for \$5.00 each. Please place in Offertory Basket

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Sunday November 19th is the **World Day of the Poor**. This day was established by Pope Francis in 2016. On **this** day, the Society of St Vincent de Paul would like to make a special appeal to parishioners. SSVP volunteers will speak at mass to tell you about our Help us Grow Campaign <https://helpusgrow.ca/>. **Please access the link to learn more about our goals to enhance our ministry of "Serving in Hope"**. We'd like to grow our volunteers, our programs and ultimately our store operation. Can you help us? Please consider joining us, we love new members and please consider this special financial appeal to our **"Help Us Grow"** campaign. **We will have special envelopes available to accept your donations and tax receipts will be issued for donations.** Thank you and God Bless.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas - a time for giving!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be providing Christmas assistance to families in need within our parish boundaries.

The Christmas Tree will be in the narthex from November 18th until December 10th. We kindly ask for your support our efforts, by taking a tag from the tree, purchase the gift card and place it in the designated gift box, located in the narthex, 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 and high school.

Possible store suggestions are Toy R Us, Giant Tiger, Old Navy and Walmart. **PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE GIFTS OR TOYS OF ANY KIND.** We are restricting our donations to gift cards only. In addition, each family will be provided food vouchers. St. Catherine of Siena parishioners have always been incredibly generous assisting families each year with our Christmas program. We are so grateful for your ongoing generosity.

Christian Meditation:

Each Saturday morning at 9:30am in the St. Brother Andre Bessette Room. No registration necessary and come as often as you wish.

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