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# St. Eugene's PARISH

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## **Sunday Mass Schedule:**

Saturday – 5:00pm  
Sunday – 9:00am & 11:00am

## **Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday – 7:00pm  
Wednesday to Friday – 8:30am  
(please refer to the schedule inside the bulletin for any changes)

## **Praying the Rosary:**

Wednesday to Friday – 8:00am

## **Perpetual Help Novena:**

Wednesday following the 8:30am Mass

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Friday mornings following our 8:30am Mass

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Tuesdays: 6:30pm – 6:50pm  
Fridays: during the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
Saturdays: 3:45 – 4:45pm or upon request

## **Sacrament of Baptism:**

One month notice is required

## **Pastoral Staff:**

Father Peter Jurzyk, *Pastor*  
Ms. Kim MacLellan, *Parish Secretary*  
Mr. Arturo Maldonado, *Music Co-ordinator*

## **Office Hours:**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays:  
9:00am – 1:00pm  
Thursdays from 9:00am – 12:30pm  
1:00pm – 4:00pm

## **Sacrament of Marriage:**

Contact the Parish Office one year in advance.

## **Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

Sundays during the 11am Mass

## **Legacies and Bequests**

Remember St. Eugene's Parish in your will and when suggesting expressions of sympathy and/or monetary donations.

## **Communion to the Homebound:**

Please notify the parish office of any elderly or infirm in our parish who are unable to attend Mass.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent	Time	Mass Intention	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday December 10 <sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent	9:00am	For the People	
	11:00am	✠ Marianna	
Monday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
Tuesday, December 12 <sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Guadalupe	7:00pm	✠ Josie Ciapanna	Rev. Arthur Scidmore
Wednesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup> St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	8:30am	✠ Jennie Waselczyk	Camelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)
Thursday, December 14 <sup>th</sup> St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor	8:30am	✠ William Troy	Rev. Gary Schlack
	7:00pm	Int. of the Knights of Columbus, Council 1454	
Friday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	✠ Guerino Pala	Rev. Mervin Perera
Saturday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	✠✠ Manuel Costa Jack Baker Dora Frederico Elvezia Paolini Ken Ceroni Rocco Malatesta Josie Ciapanna Jose Medeiros Jonathan Oddi Nghiep Giang & Thai Sao Ngoc	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.

### From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends,

The Liturgy of the Second Sunday of Advent presents to us two people of great importance: the Prophet Isaiah and St. John the Baptist. The first one is called an evangelist of The Old Testament because he wrote a lot about the coming Saviour. St. John the Baptist was only one of the prophets who pointed out the Saviour. His prophetic words about Jesus Christ: *Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world* are used during each Mass just before Holy Communion. He was sent to prepare the way to the Lord, so he appeared in the wilderness to proclaim a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins as the Prophet Isaiah had prophesized. Their prophecies are not out-of-date but today encourage us to come back to the Lord and make room for Him in our hearts.

I would like to invite and encourage everyone to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent, so that we all may prepare our hearts for the Saviour that was foretold by the Prophet Isaiah and St. John the Baptist. The schedule of Confession is

inserted into this bulletin and may be found in the lobbies of the church too.

We continue the new initiative to have a Christmas raffle in our Parish to support our church and have some fun with the draw and prizes in our parish community. I would like to express thanks to those who got involved in providing the raffle and those who bought the tickets. This week we celebrate: Saint Damasus I, Pope; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas; Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr; and Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> we observe a feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There is a beautiful story about Juan Diego to whom the Blessed Virgin appeared in 1531 in Mexico. He was a simple farmer and labourer. While he was making his way to Mass in the early morning of December 9<sup>th</sup> Our Lady became visible to him as a native princess and her words sounded more beautiful than the sweetest music ever made. She wanted him to bring a message to the local bishop, so that a temple dedicated to her might be built. A miraculous sign was given to the bishop: on Juan Diego's tilma (outer garment) was made an exquisite image of Our Lady. This picture is still venerated in the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. For a special attention deserve the eyes of

the Blessed Virgin in this picture because with a zoom lens we can see in them another image... Pope Pius XII in 1945 decreed Our Lady of Guadalupe to be the Patroness of the Americas.

God bless,  
Fr. Peter

**Collections: for December 3, 2017**

- Regular Collection: \$4,491.00
- Loonie Toonie Collection: \$20.00
- Sunday Missals: \$65.00
- Raffle Tickets: \$484.00

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Our Parish is having a CHRISTMAS RAFFLE !!  
Get your Tickets!! They are on sale at the doors of the church, and are also available at the parish office. You are also welcome to take a book home with you to sell to family and friends. The proceeds from this raffle is to help the parish pay down the debt to the chancery office.

**The draw will be Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm.**

- Prizes: 1. Samsung Galaxy S8 Smart Phone 64GB
- 2. \$1000.00 cash
- 3. Tablet 32GB
- 4. \$500.00 cash

Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

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**News From around the Diocese**

**CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY!!**  
After the amazing success of last year, the Catholic Young Adults groups from across the Diocese of Hamilton (& beyond) are coming together for One , Big, Thrilling Christmas Party! All young adults near and far are invited to come out. If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19-39, this will be the place to be to meet other Young Adult Catholics. An Awesome pre-Christmas social, dinner, live entertainment, door prizes and a DJ and dance floor.  
Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 5:00pm  
Cocktail social at 6:00pm, Catered dinner with wine at 6:45pm  
Live entertainment, music, photobooth, door prizes, cash bar, and so much more! \$20.00 donation (\$40. value) at the door.

Location: St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 715 Centre Rd., Waterdown. Please RSVP before December 14<sup>th</sup> to [jpeter@hamiltontocese.com](mailto:jpeter@hamiltontocese.com) or call 905-689-4857 ext 8

**Notre-Dame-du-Perpetuel-Secours Church** is having an Adoration-Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick, on the last Friday of the month, Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. All are welcome. 243 Cumberland Ave, Ham.

**News From our Parish**

Contribution envelopes for 2018 will be available by next weekend at the Parkdale doors of the church.

Please note: **Income Tax receipts for 2017 contributions** ~ all donations towards our parish **must** be received by Christmas Day 2017, to be recorded as a contribution for this year, 2017. Any donations, in any form (cash or cheque) received after Christmas Day, will be recorded as a contribution towards 2018.



**Advent Confession Schedule** for this coming week:

- Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:15pm – 6:50pm
- Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:15pm – 6:50pm
- Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am - 9:45am
- Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 11:00am  
3:15pm – 4:45pm

***GIFT DONATIONS FOR OUR FAMILIES...***

Just a note to thank everyone who took a tag from our Christmas tree to help a family in need this year. The wrapped gifts and donations are due back in the office, or in the church - under the Christmas tree, no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will then gather, and sort, and shop for those families before the Christmas break. A big **‘Thank-you’** from the staff and parents from St. Eugene school for your continued support, as we work together on this journey of love and hope.

We are having a **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** ~TODAY~ **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** from **12noon to 2pm** over at the Knights of Columbus. They are hosting this event for us with a light lunch and refreshments. All our volunteers are encouraged to attend this event. Thank you for your service to our parish. It's greatly appreciated!

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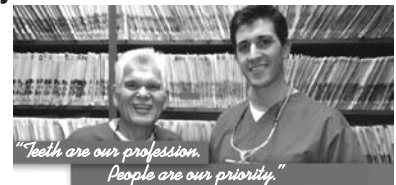
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