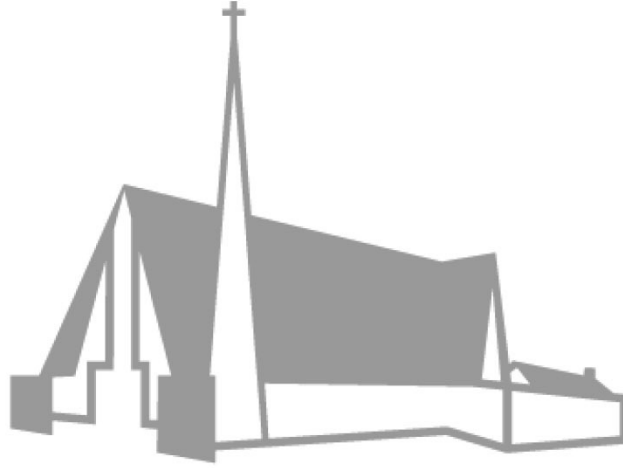

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Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday – 5:00pm

Sunday – 11:00am

Children's Liturgy of the Word during 11am Mass

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday – 7:00pm

Wednesday - Friday – 8:30am

Praying the Rosary:

Friday – 8:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

The 1st Friday of the month following 8:30am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 6:30pm

1st Friday 9:00am – 9:30am during Adoration

Saturday 4:00pm – 4:45pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

Last Sunday of the month, during the 11am Mass

One month notice is required

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Andrew Quarshie, *Pastor*

Rev. Ambroise T. Ntumba, *Chaplain &*

Pastoral Assistant

Deacon Joseph Di Loreto

Ms. Kim MacLellan, *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Annette Corey, *Business Administrator*

Mr. Arturo Maldonado, *Music Co-ordinator*

Mark & Rob, *Custodians*

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday:

9:00am – 4:30pm

Closed for lunch from 12:30 - 1:00pm daily

Sacrament of Marriage:

Contact the Parish Office one year in advance.


Funerals/Burials:

Please contact the parish office to plan date & time

Communion to the Homebound:

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Third Sunday of Advent	Time	Mass Intention	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday, December 12 th , 2021 Third Sunday of Advent	11:00am	For Our Parishioners	
Monday, December 13 th St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	No Mass Today		Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Tuesday, December 14 th St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor	7:00 pm	In Memory of: Cesina Ciapanna Franco & Antonietta Manna Jim & Janet Curran Grace & Francesco Romano Deceased members of the Pietropaolo Family	Rev. David Perrin
Wednesday, December 15 th	8:30 am	In Memory of: Deceased members of the Engel Family	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
Thursday, December 16 th	8:30am	In Memory of: Deceased members of the Dombrowski Family	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Friday, December 17 th	8:30am	In Memory of: Alfons Brandt	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Saturday, December 18 th	5:00pm	In Memory of: Vittorio Arcari Antonio & Cecilia Mamone Dino Mamone Joe Raposo Jean Hamm Jose Medeiros Jack & Alice Baker Ken Ceroni Manuel Fernandes Nicola Piscitello Jim O'Brien Calogero Piscitello & Rosaria Bono Giuseppe Piscitello Toni Fuchs Clifford Hicks	Rev. Lawrence Parent

From The Pastor's Desk:

Dear brothers and sisters,
Greetings of peace and joy to you!
This weekend we celebrate "Joyful Sunday" as a bridge to the joy of welcoming the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. I wish to invite and encourage you to rediscover anew an encounter with Jesus Christ who brings joy to the world.
We all want to be happy people. I have found that, one person whose friendship and union guarantees the real joy we seek is Christ. Pope Francis rightly notes in his Apostolic Exhortation "*Evangelii Gaudium*" that "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew"

I pray that our parish community may be a place to share the joy of Christ, and to allow this joy to overflow in our families, workplaces, schools, neighbourhoods, etc. I believe that a joyful state is the mother of gratitude and many good works. May we joyfully build "**a vibrant, prayerful and mission-oriented parish**"
Have a blessed Advent Season,
Fr. Andrew



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Collections for Sunday, December 5th

Regular Collection: \$ 4296.00

Missals: \$134.00

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News From our Parish

DEVOTION BEFORE MASS: As part of our mission to grow into a community of prayer united in Christ, we shall have a 5-minute devotion before Mass each weekend. Prayer cards are available in the pews.

CHRISTMAS 2021 – SCHEDULE

The Liturgical schedule was included with the bulletin last weekend, extras are available at the door of the church, and it is posted on the bulletin boards. Kindly note that we are taking registrations to attend the Christmas Masses this year. Please call the parish office at 905-549-2694, to register to attend one of the Christmas Masses by giving us your name, phone number and the number of people attending with you. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for each of the Christmas Masses, and other Masses during the Christmas Season. Please contact Kim at the parish office if you are able to assist at these Masses. Thank you.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Please note that Confessions are still by appointment only, and during the **Open Individual Confession time on Tuesday, December 21st from 5pm – 6:30pm.**

We need to continue to wear masks and maintain the physical distancing from other people.

News From around the Diocese

From the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: www.hamiltonvocations.com

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact **The Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop & Vocations Director, Diocese of Hamilton**, at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or call him at 905-528-7988 ext. 2222

Advent Resource for Families: The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. Please visit: hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/ for suggestions, videos and a simple prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent.

The 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit the website for more information: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH ~ The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children’s minds and understanding. Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and its meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and, ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or getting excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable. Advent is the perfect time to daily bring all of this to light!

World Meeting of Families - Hamilton Diocese Speaker Series ~ YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY ~ The kick off to the Diocesan Speaker Series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30pm on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com>. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, to join by phone or internet. For more info contact Teresa at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 xt 2250

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