# Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario



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# Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday – 5:00pm Sunday – 11:00am

# Weekday Masses:

Tuesday – 7:00pm Friday – 8:30am

# **Praying the Rosary:**

Friday – 8:00am

# **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Friday mornings following our 8:30am Mass

# **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Friday 9:00am – 9:30am during Adoration Saturday 3:45pm – 4:45pm

# Sacrament of Baptism:

One month notice is required

# **Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Andrew Quarshie, 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.

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| Third Sunday of Advent                                             | Time            | Mass Intention                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Diocesan Vocation<br>Prayer Intention |
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| Sunday, December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2018<br>Third Sunday of Advent | 11:00am         | For Our Parishioners                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                       |
| Monday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>                                  | No Mass         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Rev. Sam Restivo,<br>C.R.             |
| Tuesday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>                                 | 7:00pm          | <ul> <li>Mario &amp; Domenica Corvaro<br/>Maurizio(Mario) Capano</li> <li>Peter &amp; Patricia Chiasson</li> </ul>                                                                                                | Rev. Tim Uniac,<br>C.R.               |
| Wednesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>                               | No Mass<br>Here | 8:30am Mass celebrated<br>at St. John the Baptist Church                                                                                                                                                          | Missionaries                          |
| Thursday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>                                | No Mass<br>here | 8:30am Mass celebrated<br>at St. John the Baptist Church                                                                                                                                                          | Rev. Stephen Murrin                   |
| Friday, December 21st                                              | 8:30am          | ✿ Guerino Pala                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Rev. Timothy Higgins                  |
| Saturday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                | 5:00pm          | 登録 Calogero Piscitello & Rosaria Bono<br>Deceased of the Piscitello Family Jose Medeiros<br>Linda Quaranto Robert Smith Ken Ceroni<br>Manuel Cardoso Mickey Dwyer<br>Jim & Janet Curran Franco & Antonietta Manna | Rev. Romelito Guillen                 |

# From the Pastor's Desk:

Hi Friends,

TIT BITS OF ADVENT:

- Advent comes from the Latin word "adventus" meaning "coming".
- It's a time of spiritual preparation to receive Christ as we celebrate his birth in human history.
- It's a time to reflect on the second coming of Christ, and to order our lives well.
- It's a time to celebrate Hope, Peace, Love and Joy and to allow these virtues to permeate our lives.
- It is a time of joyful anticipation of Jesus our Lord.
- We use purple vestments and linens which signify a penitential moment, reminding us to open our hearts to God's saving grace and to avoid sin.
- We use the advent wreath with four candles. The Wreath represents the Eternal God without beginning or end. The Candles are lit to mark the time which leads us to the moment in human history when the Eternal Word, the Son of God became Man.

May the thought of the presence of Christ, the Emmanuel (God with us), fill us with saving joy, peace, hope and love.

Your servant in Christ, Andrew.

The collection breakdown for December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 wasn't available when we had to submit this bulletin for printing. The financial numbers will be available next week.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

May the Lord bless you for your generous contribution to our parish.

# 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 or religious consecrated man or woman, and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton, at 905-528-7988 Ext: 2246 or email: <u>vocations@hamiltondiocese.com</u>

**DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:** For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com

#### Help Keep Hamilton Warm...

Px Dermody Funeral Home is helping with donations for the "Out of the Cold" Program in Hamilton.

If you have made mittens, hats, scarves or if you wish to donate new items to the program, there will be a drop off box at the Courtyard door of the church for you to place the items in.

They will be delivered to PX Dermody Funeral Home at various times, as the box fills. Thank you for your contribution to helping others in our community.

#### Fostering and Adoption

Would you like to be part of a child's story?

Consider opening your home and heart to a child in need. Learn more about Fostering and Adoption by registering to attend a **Fostering and Adoption Information Webinar**.

Dates are listed on the Bulletin board of the church, and for more information contact Niamh O'Flaherty by phone at 905-525-2273 or by email: <u>niamh.oflaherty@hamiltonccas.on.ca</u>

The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton is committed to inclusion and equity. They welcome fostering applications from **ALL** families who want to provide a safe and happy home to a child in care.

# News from our Parish:

#### Parish Advent Retreat:

### Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Theme: "Prepare the way of the Lord, Make His path Straight" There will be general community Reconciliation. Come and prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas.

#### Our Advent Confession Schedule:

Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - 9am – 11am **With Italian Confessions also available**  <u>Our Advent Confession Schedule continues....</u> Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - 10am – 11:00am **and** 3:45pm - 4:45pm

#### DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

On Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> we will be decorating the church at 9am. Please come out and help if you are available. A great opportunity to gather as a community and work together to make our church beautiful for the season !

#### FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Flowers for the Christmas Season have been ordered and will be picked up and brought to the church in time for decorating on December 20<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in donating towards the Christmas Flowers, it would be most appreciated and you are welcome to put your donation in the regular collection and mark the envelope "donation for Christmas Flowers" with your name and envelope number on it too! Thank you in advance for your generous support.

**Sunday Missals** for the next Liturgical Year, which began on Sunday December  $2^{nd}$  – The First Sunday in Advent, are available at the doors of the church. They are \$4.00 each. An envelope is provided for your payment, and this can be placed into the collection bin on any Sunday.

**Mother's Day Raffle** - Tickets will be sold at the Parkdale door of the church this weekend. If you can help sell tickets, call Linda 289-880-0820. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 Please take home books of tickets to sell.

1st prize is a 55" Smart TV2nd prize is an iphone 64GB3rd prize is \$1000.00 cash4th prize is an Apple ipad 128GB5th prize is \$500.00 cash

<u>Gift Donations to our Families</u> ... a Big 'Thank you' to all who donated gifts, money, and gift cards, which allowed us to purchase gifts and groceries, which will feed these families, not only a Christmas dinner, but groceries for a week or more, plus a few treats for each family !! Thank you doesn't seem enough... but know that your donation will put a smile on some kids' faces and that there is so much appreciation from our families!

Thank you, on behalf of the Parent Council of St. Eugene's School. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

When considering your Christmas **donation to the parish**, or if you contribute to the parish once at the end of the year, please ensure that your donation is received no later than the weekend of December 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, to be included in the **2018 tax year**.

