

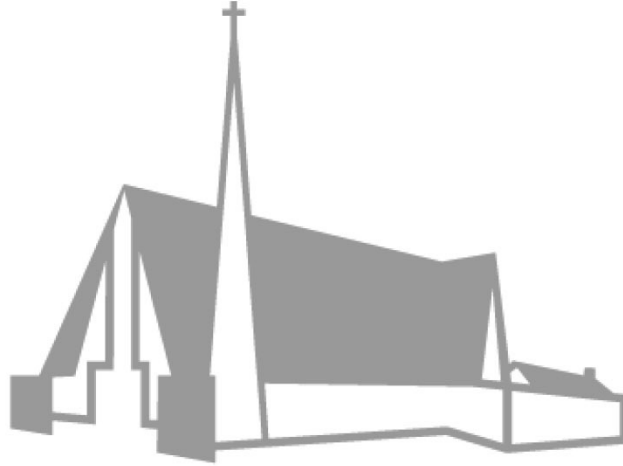
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# St. Eugene's Parish

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month during the 7:00pm  
Mass/Holy Hour

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Tuesday 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm – 4:45pm

## **Sacrament of Baptism:**

Call the parish office to arrange. At least one  
month preparation time required.

## **Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Kevin Upendran, *Administrator*

Rev. Ambroise T. Ntumba, *Chaplain &*

*Pastoral Assistant*

Deacon Joseph Di Loreto

Kim MacLellan, *Parish Secretary*

Lisa White, *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 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	11:00am	For Our Parishioners	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
Monday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass Today		Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
Tuesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	<b>In Memory of:</b> Guerino & Teresa Pala Jim & Janet Curran Franco & Antonietta Manna Francesco & Grace Romano Lorenzo & Phyllis MacLellan	Single Catholics
Wednesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am 7:00pm	<b>In Memory of:</b> Edgardo de Jesus	Voluntas Dei Institute
Thursday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>S. John of the Cross, Priest &amp; Doctor</b>	8:30am	<b>In Memory of:</b> Martin Rodrigo	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30am	<b>In Memory of:</b> Walfrido de Jesus	Rev. Ronald Hodara
Saturday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup>  <b>Celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	5:00pm	<b>In Memory of:</b> Leonard Wareing Dino Mamone Cecilia & Antonio Mamone Jose & Geraldina Medeiros Alfredo Mosca Jim O'Brien Mario Tofano Steven Jones Walter & Doris Kottmeier Robert & Rachael Jones	Rev. Donald Wilhelm

## News From the Parish

The **Devotional Candle** at the Shrine dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is burning this week for the Intention of The Pettorossi Family. The **Lamp of the Lord's Presence** is burning for a Special Intention

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete Sunday*, coming from the Latin word meaning "rejoice". The candle is pink as a reminder of the coming joy when we welcome Jesus at Christmas.



“Every act of love is a work of peace, no matter how small”

— Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



**CONFESSION SCHEDULE :**

Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm – 6:45pm

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE :**

**The Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord**

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - **Christmas Eve** –  
**Masses:** 5:00pm , 7:00pm , 9:00pm

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – **Christmas Day** –  
**Masses:** 9:00am & 11:00am

**The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year’s Eve – 5:00pm  
Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 - 11:00am

**\*\* both Feasts are Holy Days of Obligation**  
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We have ordered Poinsettias for decorating in the church. If you would like a plant dedicated for your intention, your intention will be noted on a card placed with the plant. Please call the parish office for more information.

**CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE** ~ Thank you to everyone who took a tag or donated, towards our families in need this Christmas. **The unwrapped gifts, with the tags attached, are due back today – Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** . Any cash donations or gift cards can be left at the parish office – into the mail slot, and please note the envelope “for the Angel Tree”. Please do not leave monetary items in the church. Thank you.

**REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP TEAM**

In January 2024, Fr. Kevin Upendran would like to begin a team of parishioners, maybe 5 or 6 people, for sponsorship for a family from Syria, for resettlement in Canada. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

**2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are available now at the Parkdale doors of the church. They are in alphabetical order – please be sure to take the correct box with your name on it.

If you currently do not have envelopes and would like to start donating to the parish using envelopes, please fill out a Registration form found at the doors of the church and hand it in to the office. Thank you!

**Donations for 2023 ~ in order to receive a tax receipt for 2023, your donations must be received no later than December 25<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

Thank-you for your continued support of our parish.

**News From around the Diocese**

Thanks to the profound generosity of a donor, our Parish has received a gift in the amount of \$35,000.00. This gift is part of a significant bequest left to the Diocese of Hamilton by a parishioner whose intent was to support Parishes and charities within the greater Hamilton area. This transformational gift will provide much-needed funds over the next ten years – a profound testament to what is possible through the generosity of legacy giving. Have you ever considered an estate gift to the Church in your Will? For more information, please call 905-528-7988 ext 2251 or email [give@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:give@hamiltondiocese.com)

**PARENTING TIP** ~ For Catholics, Christmas is about so much more than gifts: it is the promise, through the birth of Jesus, of goodness and light coming into our lives. Do your children know this is the focus of Christmas? Advent and Christmas are perfect times to highlight the “reason for the season”. Read stories about the Advent wreath so they understand what each candle symbolizes; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!); be sure the tree is adorned with symbols of the faith; read family Advent reflections daily during Advent; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, including Christmas Day. Faith sets a foundation on which to stand and Christmas is a perfect time to bring Christ into your family activities!



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