

St. Eugene's Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| Fourth Sunday of Advent | Time | Mass Intention | Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention |
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| Sunday, December 19 th , 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent | 11:00am | For Our Parishioners |  |
| Monday, December 20 th | No Mass Today | | Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz |
| Tuesday, December 21 st | 7:00 pm | In Memory of: Guerino & Teresa Pala Frank Rubino Giuseppe & Loreta Rubino | Rev. Ronald Voisin |
| Wednesday, December 22 nd | 8:30 am | In Memory of: Severino Ciaccia & Family | Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.) |
| Thursday, December 23 rd | 8:30am | In Memory of: Lukas & Magdalene Zarycki | Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu, O.F.M. |
| Friday, December 24 th Christmas Eve | 5:00pm 9:00pm | The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord | Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M. |
| Saturday, December 25 th Christmas Day | 11:00 am | The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord | Christmas Day Nativity of the Lord |

From The Pastor's Desk:

Dear family of God,

Special Christmas Gift to St. Eugene Parish: Due to the Pandemic we could not hold our usual Bazaar to raise funds for the parish; we lost \$40,000 in revenue. Moreover, we sadly experienced theft and had to spend about \$10,000 to boost security to protect our property. We need help. Would you like to make a special donation to St. Eugene Parish as a SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT? Find envelopes in the pews or scan our QR CODE in the pews to make an online donation to us. Thank you sincerely and may the Child Jesus richly bless and replenish you at Christmas.

Bible Study: Join our new Bible Study program here at St. Eugene to deepen your knowledge and experience about the Word of God in a friendly, inspiring and prayerful environment. This program will start Tuesday January 11th 2022. Moving forward, it will be held every Tuesday evening right after the 7:00pm Mass. This program is open to all. Thanks to Elaine Letwin who will be helping me to run this program.

First Friday Devotion – Holy Hour: we continue our First Friday Holy Hour Devotion next month January 7, 2022 at 7pm. Come and experience the grace and blessings of God. There will be Mass, Adoration, quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament, devotion prayers, and praise and worship songs. Don't miss this hour of grace.

Always keep in mind: Our parish is becoming a Vibrant, Prayerful and Mission-Oriented parish

We continue to pray for an end to the pandemic as we look forward into a better future.

Have a blessed Advent Season.

Fr. Andrew



“If there is no Advent, then Christmas is not adequately experienced. If you do not experience the message of Advent and therefore, do not look for Jesus to come, then do not be surprised that Christmas seems to slip by without leaving a mark on your soul” – The Gift of Truth

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.

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Collections for Sunday, December 12th

Regular Collection: \$ 2816.20

Repairs & Maintenance: \$

Missals: \$28.50

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News From our Parish

CHRISTMAS 2021 – SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 21st -- 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Open Individual Confession

Friday, December 24th - **Christmas Eve**

Masses: 5:00pm and 9:00pm

Saturday, December 25th - **Christmas Day**

Mass: 11:00am

Sunday, December 26th - **Feast of the Holy Family of**

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Mass: 11:00am

Registration is requested to attend any of the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses

VOLUNTEERS are needed for the 9pm Christmas Eve Mass, Christmas Day Mass at 11am and for Sunday, December 26th at the 11am Mass.

Please call the parish office to let us know that you will help at the doors of the church for one of these Masses.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Please note that Confessions are still by appointment only, except for the times on Tuesday, December 21st from 5:00pm to 6:30pm, for open individual confession. Please call the parish office to book an appointment

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

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God’s great love? Contact **Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton,** at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or call him at 905-528-7988 ext. 2222

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS - at The Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on December 25, 2021. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30pm on December 24th. The Carols and the Mass will be shown live on Salt & Light Television and CHCH-TV. Admittance to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by **ticket only** – a limited number of tickets are still available by contacting the Cathedral at 905-522-5744.

Volunteers needed for VON Meals on Wheels

There are many seniors and people living with disabilities in your neighbourhood who can benefit from your help. They wish to stay in their homes but can’t do so without support. VON volunteers can make all the difference! Volunteers are urgently needed in the Meals on Wheels program to deliver nutritious hot and frozen meals to help keep seniors healthy. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday during the lunch hour and volunteers can either drive or be a server. All it takes is 2 hours per week to make a difference in the lives of people in your own community.

VON provides orientation, training and support to all volunteers, and Meals on Wheels drivers receive mileage reimbursement. This is a rewarding way to give your time and help people in your community too!

For more information, or to register for an orientation session, please call the VON office at 905-522-1022 or email: voncsshamilton@von.ca

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