

St. Eugene's PARISH

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Pastoral Staff:

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fourth Sunday of Advent	Time	Mass Intention	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday, December 23 rd , 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent	11:00am	For Our Parishioners	
Monday, December 24 th Christmas Eve	5:00pm 10:00pm	The Nativity of the Lord (Blessing of the Crib at both Masses)	Rev. Francis Hubilla
Tuesday, December 25 th Christmas Day	11:00am	The Nativity of the Lord (Blessing of the Crib)	The Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday, December 26 th St. Stephen, The First Martyr	8:30am	✠ Barbara Melancon	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
Thursday, December 27 th St. John, Apostle, Evangelist	No Mass here	8:30am Mass celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Friday, December 28 th The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	8:30am	✠ Aldo Ventresca	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Saturday, December 29 th Celebrating The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	5:00pm	✠✠ Dora Federico Tony & Mary Vinken Mario Romano Emilio Pitoscia Aristide Tofano Giuseppe Pitoscia Pietro Rico Carmela Priolo Clorinda Rico Anne Rafuse	Rev. Kevin D'Souza

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear friends,

GRATITUDE! At the threshold of celebrating the great memory of the Birth of our Lord Jesus, our hearts must be filled with gratitude to God for the precious gift of Jesus. Christmas, among other things, is a time of gratitude. We are thankful to God who has fulfilled the promise of His saving presence in the person of Jesus God's Son.

Thank you to all parishioners who have supported the church by their Stewardship: sharing Time, Talent and Resources to advance God's work among us. Thank you to all Volunteers. Thank you to our Parish Staff.

I thank God for you!

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Your servant in Christ: Andrew

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Collections for December 9th , 2018

Regular Collection: \$3891.42
Repairs and Maintenance: \$1064.00
Religious Articles(candles): \$81.70
Missals: \$110.00

The Collection breakdown for **Dec 16th** will be available in next week's bulletin, due to the submission date for the printing of this bulletin.

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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

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, or deacon to carry the Good News of God’s great Love? 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: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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...

The cold weather season is upon us. 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: niamh.oflaherty@hamiltonccas.on.ca

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.

There is Hope after an Abortion -

Are you struggling with an abortion decision – either your own, or someone else’s? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact them at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

News from our Parish:

Many thanks go out to all who volunteered their time and talent to decorating our church for the Christmas Season!

It looks beautiful !!
Our thanks to those who have donated towards the Christmas flowers this year, it is always most appreciated. We are still accepting donations so, if you would like to donate towards the flowers, please put your name and envelope number on a separate envelope marked “for Christmas flowers”.
Thank you for your generosity.



Christmas Mass Schedule:

The Solemnity of the Nativity of The Lord

- Monday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve Masses:
5:00 pm and 10:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day Mass:
11:00 am
- Wednesday, December 26th – Feast of St. Stephen
8:30am Mass (St. Eugene Parish)

New Years Mass Schedule :

The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

- Monday, December 31st ~ New Years Eve
5:00 pm Mass
- Tuesday, January 1st 2019! New Years Day
11:00 am Mass

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Contribution Envelopes for 2019: The 2019 Envelopes are available, in the foyer, at the Parkdale door of the church. They are in alphabetical order. Please be sure to take the correct box

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 29th and 30th , to be included in the **2018 tax year**.

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