

St. Eugene's PARISH

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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Time	Mass Intention	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday, December 29 th , 2019 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	11:00am	For Our Parishioners	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Monday, December 30 th	No Mass		Rev. Mark Morley
Tuesday, December 31 st New Year's Eve	5:00pm	The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Wednesday, January 1 st New Year's Day	11:00am	The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Diocesan Priests
Thursday, January 2 nd St. Basil The Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	No Mass		Rev. Mark Sullivan
Friday, January 3 rd	8:30am	Bea Howard	Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Saturday, January 4 th Celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord	5:00pm	✠✠ Sam Mule Dino DiDomenico Carmel Loggie Filippo Ciapanna Leonard Wareing Aurora Carapelho Giuseppe Pitoscia Giovanina Romano Souls in Purgatory	Rev. Gregory Merkley

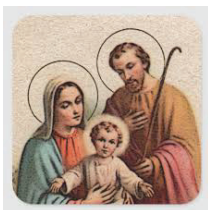
From The Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends,

What is one quality that makes a family holy?

It's forgiveness. We all fall, even though Jesus lives inside of us, we commit sins. We are bound to hurt each other at times, even when we don't intend to. That is why forgiveness is so important. So, make forgiveness a goal for your family for the coming year. Show your children and grandchildren how to forgive by modelling it yourself. It is not a concession to say you're sorry to another person; it's a grace – one that the Holy Family will give you for the asking! *"Jesus, give me the humility to ask for forgiveness and the mercy to grant it."*

(The Word Among Us)



PARISH THEME 2020: "Getting involved in the parish and participating actively and joyfully in the Mass." This Liturgical Year we will be focusing on getting everyone involved, prayerfully and musically, in the Mass and all parish events, to build our parish community life and grow together in Christ. We are looking forward to many programs and opportunities for all ages to get more fully involved.

Happy Feast of the Holy Family and a Blessed New Year.

Fr. Andrew

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Collections for December 15th, 2019

Regular Collection: \$4189.70

Repairs & Maintenance: \$100.00

Missals: \$98.00

Christmas Carol Service donations: \$131.95

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News From around the Diocese

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

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton, at 905-528-798 Ext: 2246 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPORT GROUP ~ For persons Separated or Divorced ~ Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you are going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register just come and join in at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. W., from 7to9pm. For more info call the Family Ministry Office @ 905-528-7988 ext 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!

News from our Parish



The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st - New Year's Eve – 5:00pm
Wednesday, January 1st 2020 - 11:00am

This week we go back to our regular scheduled Masses, with Mass on Friday morning, January 3rd at 8:30am
And our regular weekend Masses on January 4th and 5th, celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany.

The **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** resumes on Sunday, January 5th at the 11am Mass.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Full Time Youth Minister

We are looking to employ a full time Youth Minister to be shared with St. John the Baptist Parish. Interested persons should send their resume addressed to Fr. Andrew Quarshie, 232 Queenston Rd., Hamilton, ON L8K 1G6 or, to the parish email: steugeneschurch@cogeco.net Thank you!

Fr. Andrew is planning a **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in April 2020**. Travel dates are **April 17th to the 26th**. Anyone interested in taking this Pilgrimage, please contact Edgar @ edgar@gateways-international.com or call him toll free 1-800-268-0900. The cost of the trip is \$3790.00 CAD. Please enquire as soon as possible if interested.

ST EUGENE CRAFT GROUP ~ Please be advised that the craft group usually meeting on Mondays, will not meet during the winter months of January, February and March.

FLOWERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ~ If anyone would like to donate towards the Christmas Flowers, it would be most appreciated. You are welcome to put this donation in the regular collection and mark the envelope "for Christmas Flowers", with your name and envelope number on it too! Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

OUR CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will be having their regular meetings on the 2nd Sunday of the month, following the 11am Mass, in the Bishop Tonno's Room of the church, for the months of January to March 2020. Hopefully this enables those ladies who wish to attend a meeting, to stay after Mass. All members and ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

HELPING HAMILTON HOMELESS HHH ~ Just a note to let you know that the "purse project" hosted by the CWL was a huge success and very welcomed by many women in safe shelters. Many thanks to all the volunteers and everyone who helped and donated to this very worthy cause.

OUT OF THE COLD PROGRAM with Dermody's

We have a box at the courtyard door of the church, for any donations to go to 'Out of the Cold'. Please help out if you can. Thank you! This is in association with PX Dermody Funeral Homes and their 'Knitting Fridays'!

2020 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 using envelopes for donating to the parish, please contact the parish office or take a Registration form found at the doors of the church and hand it in at the collection or to the office.

DONATIONS FOR THE PARISH FOR 2019 ~ When considering a donation, or if you contribute to the parish once at the end of the year, please ensure that your donation is received no later than this weekend, December 29th, to be included in the 2019 tax year. There is a mail slot at the parish office for items to be dropped off **before** Monday morning – December 30th. Please ensure it is sealed. Thank you!

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