
• Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario •



St. Eugene's PARISH

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Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday – 5:00pm
Sunday – 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday – 7:00pm
Wednesday to Friday – 8:30am
(please refer to the schedule inside the bulletin for any changes)

Praying the Rosary:

Wednesday to Friday – 8:00am

Perpetual Help Novena:

Wednesday following the 8:30am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday mornings following our 8:30am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays: 6:30pm – 6:50pm
Fridays: during the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Saturdays: 3:45 – 4:45pm or upon request

Sacrament of Baptism:

One month notice is required

Pastoral Staff:

Father Peter Jurzyk, *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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Sunday of Advent	Time	Mass Intention	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday December 3 rd First Sunday of Advent	9:00am	For the People	
	11:00am	✠✠ Stefan & Monica Ulanowski	
Monday, December 4 th	No Mass		Rev. Charlie Jordan
Tuesday, December 5 th	7:00pm	✠✠ Peter & Patricia Chiasson	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Wednesday, December 6 th	8:30am	✠✠ Amelia Sabourin Alfred O'Halloran	Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
Thursday, December 7 th St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	8:30am	✠ Domenico Sorbara	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
Friday, December 8 th The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30am	✠ Rosa Agresta	Rev. Edward Mahony
Saturday, December 9 th	5:00pm	✠✠ Anne Ferrie Angelo Tonan Janet Curran Christina Lyons Margaret McGarvie Antoinetta D'Angelo Irene Skorpid Nghiep Giang & Thai Sao Ngoc Salvatore Chiarelli George & Beatrice Robinson	Rev. Peter Ciallella

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends,

Today we begin a new liturgical year from the First Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent has character: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's nativity in Bethlehem and it is as well a time when we look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of the ages that is called Parousia. Usually we remember the first meaning of Advent because we are surrounded by Christmas decorations almost everywhere although we have just initiated Advent. In fact, the major part of the Liturgy of Advent is dedicated to Christ's second coming and only 8 last days refer to the mystery of the Nativity. During each Mass just after the consecration we profess our faith and expectation of the second coming of the Lord saying: *"We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again"*. So, Advent is a season of that joyful expectation.

In many churches and households throughout the world we keep a beautiful tradition of having the Advent wreath with 4 candles. The wreath is a part of our long-standing Catholic tradition; yet its origins are uncertain. It has an interesting and profound meaning. The wreath is made of various evergreens that depict the immortality of our soul and the new everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent.

Some tradition says that each candle stands for a thousand years to sum to four thousand years, which are said to pass from Adam and Eve to the Birth of the Saviour.

Pope Francis asks us to pray in the month of December for the elderly: *"That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations"*.

This week we celebrate: Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Nicholas, Bishop; Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin.

On December 6th there is an optional memorial of St. Nicholas. He was a historical Greek Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, so he is called Nicholas of Myra too. Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. There are numerous stories about St. Nicholas and many of them refer to his legendary habit of secret gift-giving. One of the stories says that he gave secretly two golden spheres not to good people, as we usually say about St. Nicholas, but to those who had led a sinful life, so that they might give up their wicked way and live a holy life.

On December 8th we observe the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1854 Pope Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary *"in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and*

grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin".

Only two people were without any sin: our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother. This feast refers to Mary's sinlessness not to Jesus' as some mistakenly think. On this great feast we should honour Our Lady and ask her to lead us through her intercession and merits to the holiness we have been called by our Heavenly Father.

God bless,
Fr. Peter

Collections: for November 26th, 2017

Regular Collection: \$3,788.35

Repairs & Maintenance: \$517.00

Sunday Missals: \$79.00

Loonie Toonie Collection: \$427.60

Raffle Tickets: \$482.00

Our Parish is having a CHRISTMAS RAFFLE !!

Get your Tickets!! They are on sale at the doors of the church, and are also available at the parish office. You are also welcome to take a book home with you to sell to family and friends. The proceeds from this raffle is to help the parish pay down the debt to the chancery office.

The draw will be Sunday, December 17th at 12:15pm.

- Prizes: 1. Samsung Galaxy S8 Smart Phone 64GB
- 2. \$1000.00 cash
- 3. Tablet 32GB
- 4. \$500.00 cash

Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

News From around the Diocese

You are invited to a Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child ~ Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned for this weekend, on **Sunday, December 3rd at 4pm, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King.**

Anyone who has lost a child, of any age, including prior to birth, or who have had a still birth, are welcome to this Mass, celebrated by Bishop Crosby. Registration is preferred but not necessary, it will only

assist in reserving space and ensure enough of a small memento is available to each family. Please call Lena @ 905-528-7988 ext 2249, or register on line: www.hamiltondiocese.com

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

“Lord, when was it that we saw you... ?” Have you heard that Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton, at 905-528-7988 email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com

Coping with the Holidays... *when you have lost a loved one.* Join in for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman. This takes place at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton, this weekend, *Sunday, December 3rd* from **1:30pm to 3:00pm**. This event is **free** of charge, but please call to reserve a seat at 905-528-7988 ext 2249. If you don't register, you are still welcome to attend.

Novena in Honour of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ November 30th to December 8th Each day, one hour before Mass there will be Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and praying of the Rosary, followed by Mass and prayers to our Mother Mary. On Friday December 8th, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Adoration begins at 6pm, Healing Mass & Anointing with Holy Oil at 7pm, Reconciliation from 10am - 6pm

GIFT DONATIONS FOR OUR FAMILIES...

Just a note to thank everyone who took a tag from our Christmas tree to help a family in need this year. The wrapped gifts and donations are due back in the office, or in the church - under the Christmas tree, no later than December 15th. We will then gather, and sort, and shop for those families before the Christmas break. A big **‘Thank-you’** from the staff and parents from St. Eugene school for your continued support, as we work together on this journey of love and hope.

We are having a VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON on **Sunday, December 10th** from **12noon to 2pm** over at the Knights of Columbus. They are hosting this event for us with a light lunch and refreshments. All our volunteers are encouraged to attend this event. Thank you for your service to our parish. It's greatly appreciated!

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