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Sunday, January 1, 2023 The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	11:00am	For Our Parishioners	
Monday, January 2 nd St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	No Mass Today		Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Tuesday, January 3 rd	7:00pm	In Memory of: Filippo Ciapanna	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
Wednesday, January 4 th	8:30am	In Memory of: Deb & Bill Rice	Diocesan Priests
Thursday, January 5 th	8:30am	For : A special Intention	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Friday, January 6 th	8:30am 7:00pm	In Memory of: Eileen Dobrucki Mass with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
Saturday, January 7 th St. Andre Bessette, Religious	5:00pm	In Memory of: George & Eileen Jacobs Maria Pavao Elsie Webb Arestides Costa & Maria Lindo Hirondina Lindo Joao & Hortensia Tavares Lillian MacFarlane	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

From The Pastor's Desk:

Dear brothers and sisters,

Merry Christmas and a flourishing New Year!

2023 – A Year for Christ, A Year of flourishing. 2,000 years ago, God blessed our human history with His presence through His only begotten Son, Jesus the Christ. Human history will never be the same again. Jesus came to show us the Way that leads to the Truth that gives Life. In fact, He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. In John 10:10 Jesus tells us *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”* We see in Christ, a man who desires our wellbeing and flourishing.

As we enter the New Year, I humbly invite you to make *2023 a year for Christ and a year of flourishing* according to his grace. The world has been through a

lot these past years, but let us not give up. We have Jesus with us, the Emmanuel – God with us. May 2023 be a year of abundant blessings for us all. May God bring flourishing to our church. May He bring flourishing to your families, your health, business and finances, your relationships, your education and all your ways.

A new year with a New Vision: St Eugene's is a thriving community of faith. Everyone participates at Mass and in the rest of the sacraments with faith, joy and enthusiasm. Young people and families feel very welcome and connect with each other in mutual love and respect. Young people are on fire with their faith and are drawing more young people to our community. Seniors find fulfilment in their faith and are filled with delight to call St. Eugene home. Everyone feels the presence and power of God at work in our church; and everyone finds it a joyful duty to share their gifts to

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glorify God and to keep St. Eugene thriving – *This is my vision for St. Eugene according to the mission of Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20)*

The Mission to lead us to the vision: We shall dedicate 2023 to welcoming everyone to encounter Christ, to grow in faith and to share our gifts.

Welcome – more outreach, invite people to our church. Never stop inviting. Make everyone feel welcome in our parish. Say hi to fellow parishioners, make friends, serve as an usher to greet and welcome people into our church, show visitors and new parishioners their way around.

Encounter Christ – 2023 is a year for Christ. Get to know Jesus more and bring others to experience him in our church. Get a bible and learn about God, and experience his life-giving presence in your life. Always share Christ with others. Participate more in the Mass, adoration and other sacraments. Develop a fresh and keen interest in the proclamation of the word of God and the homily. Share your time and talents to be a Reader/Lector at Masses to proclaim the word of God to us.

Grow in faith – let the life of Jesus be our model, become more like him. See things through the eyes of faith, let a transformation and a renewal of mind be seen in us. Pray more, love more, share more, care more, forgive more, be joyful, be grateful, and participate more in the life of the church.

Share our gifts – We all have something to offer and something to be grateful for. Let us share our time, talents and treasures in our parish. Donate funds to the church, volunteer as usher, reader, minister of communion, choir member, social team member, finance council member, pastoral council member, St. Vincent de Paul charity group member etc. Ask Father how may I help in the church. Share ideas and skills and expertise to grow St. Eugene.
A New and Thriving St. Eugene has begun!

Blessings, Fr. Andrew



News From the Parish

AN AUDITION INVITATION!

Do you like to sing? Fr. Andrew would like all youth from Grade 3 – Grade 12, to be part of something bigger and inspirational! Join the new **St. Eugene Voice of Angels Youth Choir**

Date: Saturday, January 21st, 2023 from 11:00am - 1:00pm , in the church building. Please call the parish office to register @ 905-549-2694

As part of this choir you will perform at music concerts, get to lead music at Mass to inspire people to worship, get volunteer hours, experience an awesome faith environment, live out your passion for singing and inspire others ... and more!

OUR CRAFTERS CLUB are breaking for the winter months. They will meet again in the Bishop Tonnos Room of the church, on Mondays starting April 3, 2023. New members are always welcome. The members work in their homes for the winter months contributing items for sale at the annual bazaar and for fund raisers for the CWL of our parish.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS WITH ADORATION ~ this Friday, January 6th, join us for Mass at 7:00pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

News From around the Diocese

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

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, or a consecrated virgin. Contact **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton** at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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