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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 22 – Dec 28, 2025

Monday (ferial)
8:30 am + John Loncke

Tuesday (ferial)
6:00 pm + Arminda and Nicolino Pacheco

No Wed morning Mass

Wednesday Dec 24 *Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord*
5:00 pm - Int. of Children and Youth in our Parish
8:00 pm - Int. of all Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton

Thursday Dec 25 *Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord*
12:00 am *Midnight Mass* - Memorial Mass
9:00 am - Memorial Mass
11:00 am - Memorial Mass

Friday (Feast – St. Stephen, The First Martyr)
8:30 am + Jose and Adelina Pacheco

Saturday (Feast – St. John, Apostle, Evangelist)
8:30 am + Lucy De Amorim

Feast – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sat 5pm + Lucy De Amorim + Louise Schwartz
Sun 9am - Int. of Abir and Family
Sun 11am - Int. of our Parishioners
Sun 7pm + Milka Persin



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 29 – Jan 4, 2026

Monday (Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity)
8:30 am + Dmytro Pawliw + Maria Nen

Tuesday (Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity)
No Adoration and No Confessions tonight - Mass starting at 6pm
6:00 pm - Int. of All Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton

No Wed morning Mass

Wednesday (The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)
5:00 pm + Doris Donnelly
11:00 pm **Adoration followed by Midnight Mass** + All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday (The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)
9:00 am + All Souls in Purgatory
11:00 am - Int. of St. Aloysius Parishioners

Friday (Memorial – St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors)
8:30 am + Ramon Aguto
No First Friday Adoration today

Saturday (ferial)
8:30 am + Fernande Puren

Solemnity - The Epiphany of the Lord

Sat 5pm + Lineu da Costa + Louise Schwartz
Sun 9am - Int. of Fr. Melvin Pinto
Sun 11am + Ramon Agulto - In Thanksgiving for Nemias Ebuen
Sun 7pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Dec 22 – 28, 2025

Tuesday

- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
- Adoration, Confessions and Mass 5:00 pm
- Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group following 6pm Mass

Wednesday

- Briarfield Gardens Communion Service/Mass 10:00 am

Saturday

- Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm

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Offertory Report

Sunday Envelope Collection for Dec 14.....\$2239.25
Sunday Loose/Tip Tap Collection for Dec 14.....\$1135.00
Total Offertory for Dec 14, 2025..... \$3374.25
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount)..... \$862.54
Thank you for your continued support of our parish

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent -

Jesus, infant of hope, make our souls leap at the sound of your name. Draw us into the hope of your coming among us. Help us to see you in the midst of the burdens we carry, that we might trust in the promise of your life. **Amen** *Prayer from cccb.ca*



The Children's Liturgy Program will present a Christmas Play at the Christmas Eve Mass on **Dec 24 at 5pm!** Thank you to Kim and our volunteers who have helped the children to prepare. We look forward to another joyous play!

New Year's Eve Adoration - As we prepare to welcome a new year, we invite you to join us in giving thanks for the blessings, challenges, and graces of 2025. Our parish will hold a quiet time of Adoration on **Dec 31 beginning at 11:00 p.m.**, followed by Mass as we step into 2026. All are welcome to come, pray, and begin the new year in God's presence.

Last Chance to Sign Up! - Sign-up sheets for our Christmas and New Year's Masses are available in the foyer. If you serve as an Usher, Lector, Altar Server, or Minister of Communion, we'd be grateful if you could add your name. Thank you for sharing your gifts with our parish!

Envelopes - Don't forget to pick up your 2026 parish offertory envelopes in the lobby. They are filed by envelope number. If you are not able to locate your envelope box, please contact the parish office.

Jubilee of Hope, Closing Mass - The Ordinary Jubilee of Hope concludes in parishes worldwide on Sunday, December 28, 2025, when the Holy Doors in cathedrals and co-cathedrals close. The Diocese of Hamilton will celebrate the closing Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 3 PM on Sunday, December 28, 2025. It will also be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI for his 15 years of service as Bishop of Hamilton. Priests, Deacons and Parishioners are invited to join in this time of prayer! All are welcome.

A green graphic with a holly leaf border. It lists the 2025 Christmas Mass Times. The text is in white and yellow. It includes the Nativity of the Lord on Christmas Eve (Wed Dec 24) with Children's Play at 5:00pm, 8:00pm, and Midnight. Christmas Day (Thurs Dec 25) has Mass at 9:00am and 11:00am. The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Wed Dec 31) has Mass at 5:00pm, Adoration at 11:00pm, and Mass at Midnight. The following day (Thurs Jan 1) has Mass at 9:00am and 11:00am. An illustration of the Nativity scene is on the right.

**2025 Christmas
Mass Times**

The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Eve, Wed Dec 24
5:00pm - with Children's Play
8:00 pm and Midnight

Christmas Day
Thurs Dec 25
9:00am and 11:00am

*Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God*
Wed Dec 31 - 5:00pm
Wed Dec 31 - 11:00pm Adoration
followed by Mass at Midnight
Thurs Jan 1 - 9:00am and 11:00am

Office hours over Christmas holidays

If you are looking to visit the parish office over the Christmas holidays, please note the following office hours;

- Mon Dec 22:** office closed
- Tues Dec 23:** office open from 9am-12pm and 1-4:30pm
- Wed Dec 24:** office open from 9am-12
- Thurs Dec 25 and Fri Dec 26 :** office closed
- Mon Dec 29:** office closed
- Tues Dec 30:** office open from 9am-12 and 1-4:30pm
- Wed Dec 31:** office open 9am-12pm
- Thurs Jan 1:** office closed
- Fri Jan 2:** office open from 9am-12pm

Note from the Parish Office – 2025 Offerings

Our fiscal year end is December 31, 2025 when we close the books, as per Diocesan bookkeeping policy. Many parishioners ask about making their year end contributions to support the church and have the donations included on their tax receipts.

To ensure your offering is counted for **2025**, please have your donation in by **Sunday, December 28**. Any contributions received after that date will be applied to **2026**. *Thank you so much for your kindness and ongoing support of our parish family!*

Gratitude for Your Support of Our Church Door

Project - We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our parish's door replacement project. Your generosity has already made a wonderful impact! Since August, we've received \$14,500 toward the new front entrance doors, Marian entrance doors, and Parish Hall doors. This brings us closer to our total project cost of just over \$35,000. If you feel called to help us reach the finish line, "Special Appeal" envelopes can be found at the back of the church.

Thank you for your ongoing kindness, generosity, and love for our parish home!

Gospel Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Advent

–The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

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