

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

(FOUNDED IN 1849)

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday Closed

WEEKEND LITURGY

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday 9 a.m. Tuesday 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m. Thursday 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon, and by appointment

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday evening Mass

SACRED HEART DEVOTION

Thursdays at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FRIDAYS FOR 15 MINUTES AFTER 9 AM MASS
FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca> for articles & photos of all parish activities.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office. Baptisms are on the third Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance.

PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information or assistance contact our parish priest(s) or see www.vocationinfo.ca

VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY

To volunteer in ministry or activities, go to our website and complete a volunteering form through the "Help" tile on the homepage.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family please advise the priest immediately and they will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial, contact the cemetery office at 905-522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite you to take the time to complete a registration form, located at all doors of the church. Please drop it into the collection basket.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements MUST be received by the parish office no later than Monday at 3:30 p.m. to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday Bulletin.



Mass Intentions

"Lord, help me."

- Matthew 15:25

Monday August 21 – *St. Pius X*

Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

9 AM – Rosario Del Castillo

Tuesday August 22 – *Queenship of the Virgin Mary*

Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30

9 AM – Pat McFarlane

7 PM – Fr. Ron Hodara

Wednesday August 23

Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16a

9 AM – Henry Hage

Thursday August 24 – *St. Bartholomew*

Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

9 AM – Intentions of Eugenie Bozzo

7 PM – Deceased members of the Martins family

Friday August 25

Ruth 1:1-2ab, 3-6, 14b-16, 22+;; Matthew 22:34-40

9 AM – Deceased members of the Huryn family

Saturday August 26

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

2 PM – Wedding of Anthony DiMatteo & Alexa Burak

5 PM – Intentions of the Bennett family

Sunday August 27 – *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Diaconate Formation Mass



Our Parish

Sunday August 20

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church

Monday August 21

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday August 23

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Friday August 25

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall



To assist in covering the increasing maintenance expenses in St. John's Church, please consider donating an extra "Toonie" or \$2 in the collection to help offset these expenses if you are able. If you are using cheques, please add \$2 to the amount. Remember to write "**Toonie**" or "**+\$2**" on your envelope so the progress can be tracked and reported. Our total so far is \$3,378 and growing. *Thank you!*

FAREWELL TO FR. FERNAND

By decision of His Excellency Douglas Crosby, our Associate Pastor, Fr. Fernand Pierre has been appointed Administrator of St. Patrick Parish in Cambridge. By the end of August 2023, Fr. Fernand will be leaving our parish. After 6 months of valued service here at St. John's, we all, clergy and laity are so proud of this man of God and we sincerely thank him. Let us keep Fr. Fernand in our daily prayers so that by the grace of God he can be a good shepherd to the people of Cambridge. *Consequently to this, we will resume our previous Mass schedule as of September 11, 2023 which means: Monday (No Mass), Tuesday (Mass at 7 p.m.), Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Mass at 9 a.m.).*

Welcome to New Staff!

We heartily welcome to our parish, **Mrs. Josephine Murillo** as our Administrative Assistant who will replace Soleil Medley by the end of September upon her retirement.

Mrs. Rosanne Quinlan will be our new Music Director, replacing Leslie Polci (retired).

May we continue to work graciously and joyfully together to keep St. John's a good, welcoming and prayerful community.

Thank You to Victor and his team of helpers for their hard work on the newly renovated balcony. Here are some photos of the excellent results!



AUGUST 20, 2023

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

This summer, volunteers from various ministries and their friends collected donations from those using the parking lot during the Sound of Music and Canada Day. They are looking for volunteers to do the same for the Burlington Ribfest from September 1-4. If you are available to volunteer, please contact:

loismorrisonhuq@gmail.com or
dinaknight779@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL MASS

Announcing a Memorial Mass for those who died during Covid lockdowns and restrictions.

St. John the Baptist parish's doors are wide open once again after the lockdown and restrictions due to Covid. Perhaps you lost a loved one during this period and did not have an opportunity to properly say goodbye. The St. John's Men's Group and our parish family want to make this right with a **Memorial Mass and reception** held on Thursday, September 21 at 7 p.m. For information, please visit our website home page at www.stjohnthebaptist.ca and click on the Memorial Mass tile near the bottom. Please RSVP before Sunday, August 27 by emailing Matt Demeter at stjohnthebaptistmass@gmail.com or by phoning 905-320-5506.

IN THE DIOCESE

Catechetical Correspondence Courses - Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through high school who are not currently receiving religious instruction (i.e. in a public or private, not Catholic school). These instructions will prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **Reconciliation, 1st Communion and Confirmation**. For information and registration forms, phone the Catechesis Office in the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, ext. 2239.

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for the back of our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in September and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service by phoning Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Hamilton Diocese Marian Days are taking place from June to October 2023 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The days consist of confession at 9 am, Mass at 10 am, Rosary procession at 11 am, lunch at 12 noon, Holy Hour and Marian catechesis at 1 pm and Benediction at 2 pm to close each day. Please bring your own lunch (coffee and tea provided). Presiders will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger (September 2) and Cardinal Thomas Collins (October 7).

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples facing challenges in their relationship and has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held on Oct. 20-22. Email them at teamrecine@gmail.com or phone 905-664-5212.

ReSTART: Moving Forward – Our 10-week program offers support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after a divorce or separation. The sessions will run from Sept. 19-Nov. 28 and take place from 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. W. in person, or by zoom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. To register, please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or email familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Grief Relief ~ Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with this loss? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton has grief programs to help. Find out more on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. We will have programs running in both Waterloo and Hamilton this fall.

Project Rachel If you are struggling after an abortion – either your own or someone else's, Project Rachel is available to help find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999.



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