

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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**S. Suzanne Medley, Office Manager**  
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**Ana Carolina Leite, Housekeeper**

## 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](http://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

*"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church."*

- Matthew 16:18

Monday August 28 – St. Augustine

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22

9 AM – Ben Rooney

Tuesday August 29 – Passion of St.

*John the Baptist*

Jeremiah 1:17-19; Mark 6:17-29

9 AM – Abilio Santos

7 PM – Mijo Hribljan

Wednesday August 30

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32

9 AM – Jane McCarthy

Thursday August 31

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51

9 AM – Christa Williams

7 PM – Stephen La Plante

Friday September 1

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13

9 AM – Intentions of Eugenie Bozzo

Saturday September 2

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

5 PM – Halo Borraccetti

Sunday September 3 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Clary & Harvey Wilbur

Because of a Clergy Seminar, from September 5-7, there will be no Masses at St. John's on those days.



## Our Parish

Monday August 28

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday August 30

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Friday September 1

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall

## CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Please take note of our new Mass times to take effect on September 11, 2023:

No Mass on Mondays

Tuesdays 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9 a.m.

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 \$3,517 and growing. *Thank you!*

## FAREWELL TO FR. FERNAND

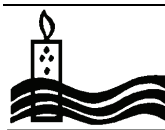
By decision of His Excellency Douglas Crosby, our Associate Pastor, Fr. Fernand Pierre has been appointed Administrator of St. Patrick Parish in Cambridge. By the end of August 2023, Fr. Fernand will be leaving our parish. After 6 months of valued service here at St. John's, we all, clergy and laity 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.*



## Baptisms

The following children were welcomed into our faith community through Baptism during August 2023:

**Olivia Anderson, Kyrie Gilbert,  
Remy Sicard & Chrystia Vishal**

*Congratulations to their parents,  
Godparents and families.*

AUGUST 27, 2023

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## 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](mailto:loismorrisonhuq@gmail.com) or  
[dinaknight779@gmail.com](mailto:dinaknight779@gmail.com).

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## 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](http://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](mailto:stjohnthebaptistmass@gmail.com) or by phoning 905-320-5506.

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### The Pope's Prayer Intentions for September

✠ *For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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**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.

**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).

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**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](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com) or phone 905-664-5212.

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**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](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

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**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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or phone Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. We will have programs running in both Waterloo and Hamilton this fall.

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**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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