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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

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 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

First Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Please take a baptism package from the tables in the church entrances.

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

MINISTRY TO SICK/SHUT-INS

Please notify the Rectory Office and arrange Communion.

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 census 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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS - 12 NOON



Mass Intentions

"He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms."

Monday December 11

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26 – No Mass

Tuesday December 12 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Zechariah 2:10-13; Luke 1:39-47

7 PM – Rosina & Josef Pavelka

Wednesday December 13 – *St. Lucy*

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

9 AM – Mary Markowski

Thursday December 14 – *St. John of the Cross*

Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

9 AM – Robert Cheverie

Friday December 15

Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

9 AM – Steve Morgan

Saturday December 16

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:10-13

5 PM – Jim & Mary Hourigan

Sunday December 17 – *3rd Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

9 AM – Leo Arponen

11 AM – Pro Populo



Our Parish

Monday December 11

CWL Potluck – 6 PM – Hall

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday December 12

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday December 13

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday December 14

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 PM – WR

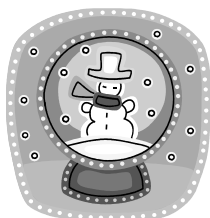
Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday December 15

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday December 17

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23: 5 p.m.,

Sunday December 24: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.,

5 p.m., 7 p.m., 12 midnight

Monday, December 25: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 19: 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, December 21: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 23: 11 a.m. to noon

CWL Message

Thank you to all the women who attended our **Advent Morning of Reflection**. A special thank you is extended to Father Bob who facilitated the event. We appreciated the chance to reflect on Father's presentation. Thank you also to Marie Arponen and Dolene Vanderlelie for all their hard work.

Our **CWL Christmas Potluck** will be held on Monday, December 11 at 6 p.m. (note earlier time). Please bring a dish to share with others, your own plate, cutlery and a \$5 wrapped gift for a fun gift exchange. Tea, coffee and punch provided. Come enjoy fine food, friendship, Bingo and you may even win a prize. Hope to see you there!

Join our three-week parish-wide Advent Experience: ANIMA.

We are all longing for a sense of greater meaning in our lives. Discover through FORMED, an inspiring account of how God's plan for the world gives each of us great dignity and purpose. This 3-week series will instigate further meditation on how you can respond to Christ's sacrifice and continue carrying out his mission in his Church.

Week 3 – Blaze (Film Three)

On Thursday, December 14, explore how we are called to be the light of the world. Come to either our afternoon session at 2 p.m. or in the evening at 7 p.m., both in the parish hall.



Advent Adoration Evening

All are invited to attend Advent Adoration on Monday, December 18. The evening will begin with Evening Prayer at 5:45 followed by Adoration from 6 to 7:45 p.m. and concludes with Benediction, 7:45 to 8 p.m.

Children's Liturgy Announcement

All children, JK – Grade 4, are invited to join in the parish **Christmas Eve Gospel** on December 24 during the 5 p.m. Mass. Please drop in before an 11 a.m. Mass downstairs in the Warren Room, phone Anne Marie at 905-317-3539 or email childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com to register.

SINGERS NEEDED for Christmas Eve Masses, especially at 5 and 7 p.m. Children/youth and adults welcome! Can you help out? Please visit Leslie in the loft after Mass for details.

Catholic Missions calendars are available to purchase for only \$3 each at the church entrance near Brant Street for as long as the supply lasts. Please leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes that are provided.

You may also purchase a **Sunday Missal** – they are provided at the entrances of the church for as long as the limited supply lasts. The cost will be \$3 which covers our cost. Please do not remove Missals from the pews. Kindly leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes provided.

Parish Offering Envelopes

Our parish's 2018 boxed sets of offering envelopes are available for pick up beginning today. **Please do not begin using the new envelopes until January.** If you would like to support our parish financially with a set of envelopes please contact Suzanne in the office.

Year End Donations

Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a donation to St. John's for 2017 should do so on or before December 31, 2017. Donations received by this date will be receipted for 2017. Donations received on or after January 1, 2018 can only be receipted for 2018 (even though they may be marked as being for 2017). As a Registered Charitable Organization, the parish is bound to comply with these CRA rules.

IN THE DIOCESE

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Programs are available for **children** from Kindergarten through high school who are not currently receiving religious instruction (i.e. in a public or private school). These instructions prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.** Visit www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

Televised Christmas Midnight Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service begins at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. Salt & Light Television will air the celebration live on TV and on their website. CHTV Hamilton will also carry the telecast.

IN OTHER PARISHES

Please join in a **Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long** at St. Paul's, 2265 Headon Rd. on Sunday, December 17 at 2 p.m. On the Third Sunday of Advent, there is a tradition of blessing the "bambini" (the infant Jesus figurines) from our Nativity sets so please bring the baby Jesus from your Nativity for that special blessing as part of the celebration. A free-will offering is going to be taken up for Shifra Home.

New Year's Eve Party

Mark your calendars for an evening of dining, dancing and friendship at St. Paul's, 2265 Headon Rd., on Sunday, December 31. Enjoy a catered dinner followed by dancing with a midnight buffet and champagne. Please phone Doris at 905-541-4486 or Rita at 905-332-9254 for information.

John the Baptist stands as a sign of contradiction, calling his contemporaries back to a relationship with the Living God. Perhaps you are being called to follow in John's footsteps today. For information on the priesthood or religious life email Fr. King at mking@hamiltondiocese.com or phone 905-528-7988, extension 2246.

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