

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 no Mass Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Thursday 9:00 a.m.
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

Thursdays at 9:00 a.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

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

- Psalm 125 (126)

Monday December 11

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

Tuesday December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

7 PM – Helen Murphy-Hage

Wednesday December 13 – St. Lucy

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

9 AM – Intentions of Ruth Robbins

Thursday December 14 – St. John of the Cross

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

9 AM – John & Giuliana Bisutti

Friday December 15

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

9 AM – Kevin Dashney

Saturday December 16

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

5 PM – Humberlin Rosales

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 – Kathy Hyatt

11 AM – Dr. Saad Tessy



Our Parish

Monday December 11

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday December 13

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Friday December 15

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall

Saturday December 16

Men's Group Meeting – 8 AM - WR

Sunday Offerings



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday December 3, 2023: \$7,912.90

Thank you for your support!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday December 24: 5 p.m. with Young Families

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

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 19: 6 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 21: 12-1 p.m., 6-7 p.m.

Friday, December 22: 12-1 p.m., 6-7 p.m.

Saturday, December 23: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

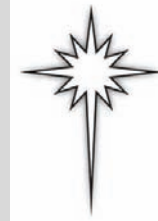
Advent Retreat at our Parish

An Advent Retreat for all our parishioners will be held at Church on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This is the outline:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- A presentation by Deacon Rob Thomas
- Examination of Conscience
- Communal Celebration of Penance with general absolution
- Closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

“Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel”

Our **“Toonie collection”** so far totals **\$6,417** and is growing. *Thank you so much for taking part!*



And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans – and all that lives and move upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused – and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.

- Sigrid Undset



Children's Liturgy Announcements

Children's Liturgy will be having a December 17 practice after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in preparation for the Christmas Eve Gospel. All are invited to join in. Also, on December 17 after the 11:00 a.m. mass, they will also be hosting a **Christmas Craft Event** for all children and their families in the Church Hall /Warren Room. Great time to meet other families and the teachers and hear about the program! Any questions please contact Anne Marie at (905) 317-3539 or childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com

DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS THAT COULD SERVE OUR PARISH?

From time to time, our parish may be in need of contracted work. We may need to go to outside companies without knowing if a parishioner is able to provide a product or service that we could use. If you own a business that could serve our parish and would like to be considered for future work, please contact Margaret Hribljan by emailing her at: margaret.h@cogeco.ca.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Smith's Funeral Homes will be holding their Annual Christmas Memorial Service where they will honour your loved ones and cherish their memories. The service will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2265 Headon Road, Burlington. RSVP: Call 905-632-333.

Our Parish's **2024 boxed sets of offering envelopes** will be available for pick up beginning next weekend. You may begin using the new envelopes in January. If you would like to support our parish financially with a set of envelopes please contact the parish office to get started.

LOST AND FOUND NOTICE

We found some lost jewellery - if you have lost any items of jewellery, please check with the Rectory Office. You will be asked to describe the jewellery before you can claim it.

IN THE DIOCESE

Advent Prayer Night for Youth Ministers and Volunteers – All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on Wednesday, December 13 at our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelon for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

CWL ANNOUNCEMENT

Members, please join us on Monday December 11 at 11:30 a.m. For our **Christmas Potluck and Bingo**. Bring a dish (main, side or dessert) to share. Plates, cutlery and beverages will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Poinsettia Sponsorship



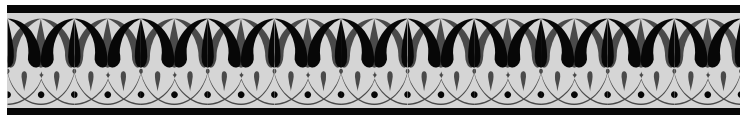
Please consider sponsoring a poinsettia for the altar during the Christmas season. You are invited to honour the memory of a loved one or simply help the church look beautiful for the Christmas season. If you would like to participate, contact Peggy Black (blackpeg133@hotmail.com) or the parish office.

The Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is St. John's December Project. The tree will be set up in the Brant St. Narthex from November 28 to December 17. Parishioners are asked to choose a donation suggestion (e.g. clothing, household, hygiene) from the tree. Please leave the item(s) in the container by the tree. They will be delivered to the "Compassion Society" (1881 Fairview St. Units 4&5) which connects Burlington and Halton individuals and families in need with food, clothing and community services. Thank you for your support.

Parish Hall Rental

If you wish to rent the parish hall, please contact the parish office in *advance* of your event to make the necessary arrangements.



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