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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.

**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

"Shout aloud and sing for joy..."

- Isaiah 12

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24: 5 p.m., 8 p.m.

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

## Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 20: 6 - 7 p.m.

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

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

Monday December 12 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Zechariah 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47 – No Mass

Tuesday December 13 – *St. Lucy*

Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21.28-32

7 PM – Adele Gemmiti

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

Isaiah 45.6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7.19-23

9 AM – Deceased members of the Bozzo Family

Thursday December 15

Isaiah 54.1-10; Luke 7.24-30

9 AM – Michael Dale

Friday December 16

Isaiah 56.1-3a, 6-8; John 5.16-17, 33-36++

9 AM – Sam Cervoni

Saturday December 17

Genesis 49.2, 8-10; Matthew 1.1-17

5 PM – Jim and Mary Hourigan

Sunday December 18 – *4th Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 7.10-14; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-24

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Doris Wisniewski



## C.W.L. Message

C.W.L. members are invited to a **Pot Luck Luncheon and Bingo** (with great prizes) in the church hall on **Monday, December 12** at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a dish (main, side or dessert) to share. We ask that you bring your own plate and cutlery. Beverages will be provided. To share our good fortune with those less fortunate, a jar will be provided for you to contribute coins or dollars, to go to the Food Bank.

**Attention Parishioners!** The St. Vincent de Paul, C.W.L. and the Knights of Columbus are happy to announce that we are bringing back the weekly food collection for the **Burlington Food Bank**. All non-perishable food items can be left in the Brant Street main doors entrance area in the baskets provided. Thank you.



## Our Parish

Monday December 12

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday December 13

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – WR

Wednesday December 14

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Friday December 16

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall

Saturday December 17

Choir Practice – 4 PM – Church

**Children's Liturgy** is offered at the 11 a.m. Mass for children in JK to Grade 3. Volunteers are always welcome. Available at the back of the church is a new weekly children's bulletin for children to enjoy a colouring page and crayons for the younger family members who may be too young to take part.

**Christmas Pageant Meeting:** On December 11 and 18 there will be a short practice for all children participating, or who would like to participate, in the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant. Parents and children are asked to join the teachers in the parish hall following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

If you have any questions please contact Anne Marie Bottenham at 905-317-3539 or email [childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com](mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com).



## Christmas Poinsettia Sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor a Poinsettia which will be added to the altar Christmas display on December 17, please email [stjohnsevents12@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsevents12@gmail.com) or phone the office to have your information passed on. Please indicate whether you want to sponsor an 8" (red or white) for \$34 or a 6" (red or white) for \$15.

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Catholic Missions calendars are available for sale for \$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 provided.

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### The Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

✚ We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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### COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Anytime is a good time to invite family, friends, and neighbours to attend Mass – especially so during the beautiful Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to *Come Home for Christmas*? Whether they have been away for a short time or a long time, we want all Catholics to know that they are warmly welcomed back to our Parish community. Please consider extending this invitation to loved ones, neighbours, and colleagues – for more information visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

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### Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2023? If so, you are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Mass on Sunday, April 16 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance.) Registration will be available in early January at the Diocesan website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

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## THE REEL OF JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

The Reel of Justice Film Festival is back for another year! This festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political and economic injustice. Join us on December 15 at 7 p.m. for the holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, connecting to themes of community, dignity of the person, economic and housing insecurity. The screening will be hosted online. Grab your pajamas and some hot chocolate for this Christmas screening. RSVP at [www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com](http://www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com).

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**RESTART: moving forward** – This is a new and updated 10-week program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The program runs on Tuesdays from March 21 to May 23, 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery Office. You are also welcome to join our zoom classroom if preferred. The cost is \$25 for materials but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please phone Sarah at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 or email [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

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### Catechetical Correspondence Program

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program for ongoing religious education and preparation for the sacraments. We need volunteers so if you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).

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**Parenting Tip of the Month:** Christmas is an exciting and busy time of year, a time when it is vital for parents to counter the secular side of the holiday, so heavily promoted, by helping their children understand the real 'reason for the season'. Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger before opening presents on Christmas morning, giving to charity and reminding your children Baptism calls all of you to do so, are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus. If Christmas becomes only about Santa, it is a real loss for your children and their faith. From: Family Ministry Office.





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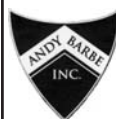
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