

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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**Rosanne Quinlan, Music Director**  
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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](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

*"My soul shall exult in my God!"*

Monday December 18

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24 – No Mass

Tuesday December 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

7 PM – Intentions of Anne deMontbrun

Wednesday December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10d; Luke 1:26-38

9 AM – Elsa Lucas

Thursday December 21

Zephaniah 3:14-18a Luke 1:39-45

9 AM – Intentions of Sequeira Family

Friday December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

9 AM – Joseph Svoboda

Saturday December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 5-6; Luke 1:57-66

5 PM – Nahid & Armand Korkis

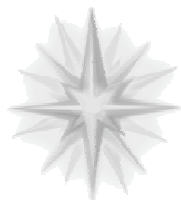
Sunday December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

9 AM – Robert McClure

11 AM – Intentions of Adrian Arthur

5 PM – Leonardo & Diana Giovannetti



Please take note that there will be no 7 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, December 26.

## 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"*



*It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope. At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent*

*by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern. During Advent, we occupy our greatest longings. - Pope Benedict XVI*



## Our Parish

Monday December 18

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday December 20

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Friday December 22

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall

Saturday December 23

Men's Group Meeting – 8 AM - WR



Our **"Toonie collection"** so far totals **\$6,493** and is growing. *Thank you so much for taking part!*

## 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.

## 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.

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## Children's Liturgy Announcements

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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](mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com)

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## 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](mailto:margaret.h@cogeco.ca).

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### 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](mailto:blackpeg133@hotmail.com)) or the parish office.

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### 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"

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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**Vocations Mass and Young Adults Night** – January 5 – Hamilton. The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.), social with food (7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.), praise night and vocations talk (8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.), and Compline (9:00 p.m.) on Friday, January 5 at Annunciation of our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C2V2). Co-sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**Advent Resource for Teens** – The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to announce the release of the 2023 Advent Resource, "Shine Your Light. This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The resource is an interactive journal, inspiring prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels, in addition to suggestions for living out the Advent Season. Special links and videos are included to help teens meditate on the weekly themes. You are invited to share this resource with the teens of your school communities. The resource is located here: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs>.



### Vocation View

*There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe.*

Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988. For more information, Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

*"For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." – Isaiah 9:6*





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