

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

(FOUNDED IN 1849)

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Advent



Masses For The Week

Mass Intentions

Monday December 22

I Samuel.24-28; Luke 1.46-56 *No Mass*

Tuesday December 23

Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66

7PM – Roland Adler

Wednesday December 24 - Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 62.1-5; Acts 13.16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1.1-25

5PM – Christmas Eve Mass for young families

Thursday December 25 – Christmas Day Masses

Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-6; John 1.1-18

9AM – Kathy Hyatt

11AM - Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

Friday December 26 – St. Stephen

Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59; Matthew 10.17-22

9AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

Saturday December 27 – St. John – Jubilee Closing

I John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8

5 PM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

Sunday December 28 – Holy Family – Jubilee Closing

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21; Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

9 AM – Andrew Svoboda

11 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)



IN OUR PARISH



Sunday Offerings

Sunday, December 14th, 2025:

\$7,843.25

Thank you for your generous support!

Welcome to all who are visiting our Parish! We pray that you are nourished by our Liturgy. If you are new to our community, please fill out a registration form and return it to the office or place in



it the collection basket.

Registration forms are located at all doors of the Church and online at www.stjohnthebaptist.ca.

You are welcome to contact the office to obtain a personal set of Church envelopes if you would like one, or you can opt to register for Pre-Authorized Debit – forms are available at all Church entrances.

Schedule of Events

Monday December 22

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Thursday December 25

Christmas Day

Friday December 26

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

OFFICE CLOSED

December 27 - 28

JUBILEE CLOSING - Church

TWO EVENTS TO CLOSE THE JUBILEE YEAR

SPIRIT OF HOPE COLLECTION

The diocese has asked all Parishes to dedicate a “Spirit of Hope Collection” to help the Poor in their Community. Here at St. John’s the Knights of Columbus will take that special collection, as a second collection on December 20th – 21st, 2025. The total proceeds will go to some charitable organizations in Burlington. Please be generous as you have been always.

CLOSING MASS OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

On the feast day of The Holy Family, Sunday December 28th, 2025 a special Mass will be celebrated and concluded with a solemn blessing. All parishioners are invited to attend Saturday, December 27th, 5pm and Sunday December 28th, 9:00am and 11:00am.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all of the parishioners for donating money, household goods and children’s items for our Christmas Gathering. Our neighbours in need appreciated all that was available to them. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity, the volunteers and staff at the church.



JOAN Fuller Aged 87

Her Funeral Mass took place at our Parish on Saturday, December 13th, 2025



Kindly pray for her family's consolation.

NEW (NEW) FLAT ROOF

The new flat roof that had been installed less than five years ago has been a source of leaks and anxiety since day-1. Thanks to Bishop Crosby, the Diocese has generously stepped in to pay the cost of replacing the new roof at a cost of nearly \$70,000. Sibbald Roofing was the contractor awarded the job from a list of 4 invited qualified roofing contractors. The project, which consisted of removing the existing roof and building it back up to include sloped insulation, and a new drain has now been completed with a 15-year warranty. Thank you to Sibbald Roofing, Jocelyn Roofing Consultants, and the Diocese for helping us with this important project.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST COUNCIL #18496

Winter Warmth Initiative Nov. 22 – March 22

Help keep our School and our St. Vincent De Paul neighbours warm this winter. Please consider donating new winter hats, mitts, and socks, (the collection bin is at the Blairholm entrance of the church).



Money donations are accepted by E-transfer funds 18496kofc@gmail.com



2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Are available for pick up at the back of the Church, and are arranged alphabetically on the tables. Please contact the Parish Office if you currently don't have envelopes but would like a box, **or if you no longer wish to have envelopes or changed your address**, please notify the office.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

We are now ready to launch a new project in our parish, **A YOUTH MINISTRY** with two sections: first being 14 – 18-year-old students and the second being 19 – 30-year-old Adults. Come to learn and have fun in a catholic ambiance on Saturday night after mass in the Parish hall. **When?**

Saturday, January 17, 2026, 6:15pm – 8:30pm with the **Adult Group**.

Saturday, January 31, 2026, 6:15pm – 8:30pm with the **young adult group**.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

One of the great services offered by our Parish is "the Adult Catechetical Program or Faith Formation" started in September. Those candidates are well prepared to receive the 3 Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Those who did not register in time should now wait for next September. We encourage them to come to Mass on Sunday and talk to the Priest at the end of the celebration. They can also call the parish office for an appointment with the Pastor. The last Easter Vigil we had thirteen candidates receiving the Sacraments.

IN THE DIOCESE

PARENTING TIP #174 Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus, through stories, Mass, prayer and discussions, on the joy of Christ's birth and the real reason for the season. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



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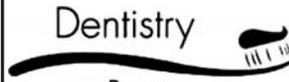


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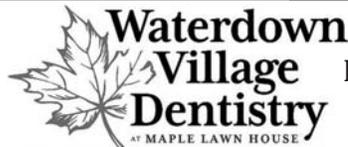
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