

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

(FOUNDED IN 1849)

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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Rob Thomas, Deacon
Charmaine Mahabir, Office Administrator
Rosanne Quinlan, Music Director
Victor Liskauskas, Custodian

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m.
Friday, Saturday, Sunday: Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & by appointment

BAPTISMS

Please take a baptism package from a table in the Church.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the pastor at least nine months in advance.



*"He will be great
and will be called
the Son of the
Most High..."*

- Luke 1:32a

Monday December 25 – Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

9 AM – Joe McCabe

11 AM – Anne Walton

Tuesday December 26 – St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 – No Mass

Wednesday December 27 – St. John

1 John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8 – No Mass

Thursday December 28 – Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5 - 2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

9 AM – Intentions of Ruth Robbins

Friday December 29

1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

9 AM – Andrew Suoboda

Saturday December 30

1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

5 PM – Intentions of Ann de Montbrun

Sunday December 31 – Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

9 AM – Clay Gillies

11 AM – Intentions of Nithalia Valencia

7 PM – Intentions of Ruth Robbins

*The parish office will be closed on December 25 and
December 26 and will re-open on Wednesday,
December 27 at 9 a.m.*



Our Parish

Monday December 25

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday December 27

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Friday December 29

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall

Saturday December 30

Men's Group Meeting – 8 AM - WR



Parish Hall Rental

For parishioners or Parish Associations who wish to book / rent the parish hall, please contact the parish office in *advance* of your event to make the necessary arrangements.

Parish Offering Envelopes

Our Parish's **2024 boxed sets of offering envelopes** are now available for pick up. 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.

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.

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.





Welcome to all who are visiting St. John's parish during this season of Christmas. We hope 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. If you are a parishioner bringing someone, please let your visitors know to feel free to make use of the Christmas Visitors envelopes provided for their convenience if anyone would like to leave something. We thank you all and wish you a very Merry Christmas and blessings for the coming year... we pray it will be good to all of you and your extended families.

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.

Year End Donations

Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a donation to St. John's for 2023 should do so on or before December 31, 2023. Donations received by this date will be receipted for 2023. Donations received on or after January 1, 2024 can only be receipted for 2024 (even though they may be marked as being for 2023). As a Registered Charitable Organization, the parish is bound to comply with these CRA rules.



IN THE DIOCESE

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.

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 youths 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. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

May God bless you this Christmas and always. May you be comforted by His presence in your life, and always follow His guiding light. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful year to come.



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