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The Nativity of the Lord

CHRISTMAS DAY

Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre, Pastor
Rev. Archange Kébé, In Residence
Rev. Mr. Rob Thomas, Deacon
S. Suzanne Medley, Office Manager
Leslie Polci, Director of Music
Victor Liskauskas, Custodian
Ana Carolina Leite, Housekeeper

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

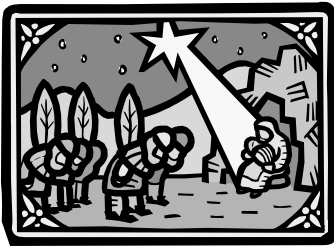
Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & by appointment

BAPTISMS

Please phone the parish office.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the pastor at least nine months in advance.



Mass Intentions

"And blessed is she who believed... what was spoken to her by the Lord."

- Luke 1:45

Monday December 26 – St. Stephen

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

Tuesday December 27 – St. John

1 John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8

7 PM – Intentions of Eugenia Bozzo

Wednesday December 28 – Holy Innocents

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

9 AM – Giovanni Gemmiti

Thursday December 29

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

9 AM – Intentions of Flo McDermott

Friday December 30 – Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

9 AM – Eugene Berzaitis

Saturday December 31

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

5 PM – Eligio Paris

Sunday January 1 – Mary Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Germana Fogolini



Our Parish

Monday December 26

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday December 27

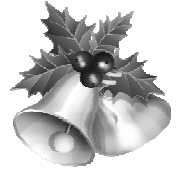
CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – WR

Wednesday December 28

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Friday December 30

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

The C.W.L. wishes all the parishioners and families a safe, happy, healthy and blessed Christmas. May the miracle of Christmas be alive in your hearts.

Thank you for supporting the "Neighbours in Need Food Drive!" Over 150 bags of food items (1,198 lbs.) were donated to the Burlington Food Bank and they were very pleased to receive it. This drive will help many hungry people just in time for Christmas. Thank you again!

Christmas Poinsettia Sponsorship

Thank you to our parishioners who have generously sponsored Poinsettias to decorate our altar for Christmas. Some of these have been donated in loving memory of ~

Charlie and Lorraine Marshall & Cecilia Davidson

Helen and Gordon McGilvery

Deceased members of the Wilbur and Constable families

Members of the Speziale and Bajus families

Others have sponsored the Poinsettias with no memorial intentions and they are included in our thanks. Our gratitude to each and every one of you!

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.



Credit for 2022 Contributions

Kindly have your **2022 donations** in to the office or collection basket on or before the weekend of December 31/January 1. Any donations received after Sunday, January 1, 2023, *even those designated for the 2022 tax year*, will have to be applied to your 2023 donations for tax receipt purposes.

Thank you for your generosity and support whether in person or through on-line giving. The staff wishes each and every one of you wonderful people a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

IN THE DIOCESE

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.

Mastering Your Money:

A Financial Wellness Presentation

Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles. The need for financial literacy has never been more pressing. Join us for this special Zoom session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 7-8:30 p.m. This is a free virtual event, but you must register at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events, or phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 to receive the Zoom link.

Christmas Midnight Mass

at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass on Sunday, December 25 at 12 am. The celebration will be live streamed and can be accessed at www.ckbasilica.ca.

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.

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.

Marriage Tip: As we move toward the end of the year, take some time as a couple to reflect on your last twelve months together. Ask yourselves what you did well and what you might do better, both for each other and for your marriage. Check in to see if you spent enough time together, if you remembered to compliment each other, showed gratitude for the gifts your spouse brings to your life and whether you felt joy more often than not. If your relationship needs strengthening, commit to finding the help you need to make it strong; if you feel good after your assessment, celebrate your love and thank God for his never-ending support. From: the Family Ministry Office.

Welcome to all who are visiting our parish during this holy season. 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 you are welcome to contact the office to obtain a personal set of church envelopes if you would like one.



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