

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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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

"...stand secure before the Son of Man."

- Luke 21:36

Monday December 4 – St. Francis Xavier  
Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11, 13++ – No Mass

Tuesday December 5

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

7 PM – Intentions of Danilo Lina

Wednesday December 6

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

9 AM – Marian Kervin

Thursday December 7

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

9 AM – William & Mary Lawry

Friday December 8 – St. Ambrose

Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

9 AM – Intentions of Maria Campos

Saturday December 9 – Immaculate Conception of Mary

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

5 PM – Nahid & Armand Korkis

Sunday December 10 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Albert & Joseph Yonan



## 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.

Wednesday, December 20: 12-1 p.m., 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.

Our "Toonie collection" so far totals **\$6,216** and is growing. *Thank you so much for taking part!*

## CWL ANNOUNCEMENT

Members, please join us on Monday December 11 at 11:30 a.m. For our **Christmas Potluck and Bingo**. Bring a dish (main, side or dessert) to share. Plates, cutlery and beverages will be provided. Hope to see you there!

## The Mistletoe Market

St. John the Baptist Mistletoe Market was a great success. Thank you to the organizing committee who worked hard to plan and organize this event, the volunteers who gave their time to help the event run smoothly and our generous donations of baskets and baked goods from parishioners and community sponsors. The Mistletoe Market had over 20 Artisans from the community, delicious treats in our Bake Sale Room, over 50 Baskets for our Raffle and our homemade breakfast in the Cafe. We raised almost \$5,000 in total. Thank you for all those who attended and supported this event.

## 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" (1881 Fairview St. Units 4&5) which connects Burlington and Halton individuals and families in need with food, clothing and community services. Thank you for your support.



## Our Parish

Monday December 4

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday December 6

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Friday December 8

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall

Saturday December 9

Men's Group Meeting – 8 AM - WR



## Sunday Offerings



## IN OUR PARISH

Sunday November 26, 2023: \$4,519

*Thank you for your support!*

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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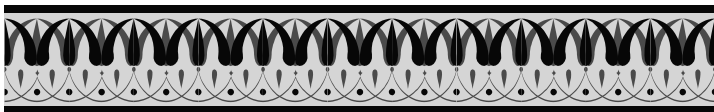
For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, Dec. 3, add date at the add time Mass to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

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**Coping with the Holidays** – Christmas is the time of year when many people struggle to cope with the recent loss of a loved one, or sometimes in the distant past. Many struggle alone and don't quite know how to cope. This is why we offer Coping with the Holidays each year on the first Sunday of Advent, which is, as you know, Dec. 3rd. The gathering is offered from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and will be take place in person (preferred). or by zoom for those at a distance. The session helps people understand their feelings and offers practical help for those who are struggling at this time of year.

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The Diocese will be hosting a *free* **Come Home for Christmas Festival** at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, Ancaster on Sunday, December 3 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Lots of activities for children and adults alike! We look forward to seeing you there!



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## Children's Liturgy Announcements

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Children's Liturgy is happy to inform that they will be participating in the **Family Christmas Eve Mass** at 5:00 p.m. on December 24. All children are welcome and they look forward to all joining them. There will be a short meeting on December 3 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Warren Room to sign up and family members will receive information on the participation in the Mass. They invite JK - Grade 4 to join them during every Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Family members are also welcome to volunteer.

There will be a practice on December 10-17 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in preparation for **Christmas Eve Gospel**. All are invited to join in. They will also be hosting a **Christmas Craft Event** on December 17 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for all children and their families in the Church Hall / Warren Room. It will be a 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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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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Smith's Funeral Homes will be holding their Annual Christmas Memorial Service where they will honour your loved ones and cherish their memories. The service will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2265 Headon Road, Burlington. RSVP: Call 905-632-333.

Our Parish's **2024 boxed sets of offering envelopes** will be available for pick up beginning next weekend. 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

If you have lost something, please check the Lost & Found baskets located at the Brant St. entrance to the Church. All items that are unclaimed after a month will be donated or discarded.



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