

# 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

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday & 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

First Friday of every month at 8:30 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.



# Masses of the Week

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight."*

- Matthew 3:3b

## Monday December 5

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26 – No Mass

## Tuesday December 6

Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

7 PM – Daniela Conz

## Wednesday December 7 – St. Ambrose

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

9 AM – John Hickson

## Thursday December 8 – Immaculate Conception

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

9 AM – William & Mary Lowry

## Friday December 9

Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

9 AM – Intentions of Michaelle Raymond-Dor

## Saturday December 10

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:10-13

5 PM – Bob Donlon

## Sunday December 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Albert and Joseph Yonan



## *Christmas Mass Schedule*

*Saturday, December 24: 5 p.m., 8 p.m.*

*Sunday, December 25: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.*

## *Confession Schedule*

*Tuesday, December 20: 6 - 7 p.m.*

*Wednesday, December 21: 12-1 p.m., 6-7 p.m.*

*Thursday, December 22: 12-1 p.m., 6-7 p.m.*

## **C.W.L. Message**

C.W.L. members are invited to a **Pot Luck Luncheon and Bingo** (with great prizes) in the church hall on **Monday, December 12** at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a dish (main, side or dessert) to share. We ask that you bring your own plate and cutlery. Beverages will be provided. To share our good fortune with those less fortunate, a jar will be provided for you to contribute coins or dollars, to go to the Food Bank.

**Attention Parishioners!!** The St. Vincent de Paul, C.W.L. and the Knights of Columbus are happy to announce that we are bringing back the weekly food collection for the **Burlington Food Bank**.

To give the Food Bank a good start, we have distributed slips with a printed item to purchase and bring back next weekend. Please bring your items to the Mass with you on the weekend of December 10/11 where they will be collected in a special area at the front of the church. All the items will be picked up by the Food Bank and will go to people who need food and supplies. *Please remember that after the food drive, you may bring any food items to church with you every week of the year and leave them in the Brant Street entrance in the baskets provided.* Thank you!!



## Our Parish

## Monday December 5

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

## Tuesday December 6

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – WR

## Wednesday December 7

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

## Friday December 9

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall

## Saturday December 10

Choir Practice – 4 PM – Church



**Children's Liturgy** is offered at the 11 a.m. Mass for children in JK to Grade 3. Volunteers are always welcome. Available at the back of the church is a new weekly children's bulletin for children to enjoy a colouring page and crayons for the younger family members who may be too young to take part. Our email is: [childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com](mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com).

## Christmas Poinsettia Sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor a Poinsettia which will be added to the altar Christmas display on December 17, please email [stjohnsevents12@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsevents12@gmail.com) or phone the office to have your information passed on. Please indicate whether you want to sponsor an 8" (red or white) for \$34 or a 6" (red or white) for \$15.

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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.

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### The Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

✠ We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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## IN THE DIOCESE

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### COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to *Come Home for Christmas*. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return – for more information visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

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### 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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

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## THE REEL OF JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

The Reel of Justice Film Festival is back for another year! This festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political and economic injustice. Join us on December 15 at 7 p.m. for the holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, connecting to themes of community, dignity of the person, economic and housing insecurity. The screening will be hosted online. Grab your pajamas and some hot chocolate for this Christmas screening. RSVP at [www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com](http://www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com).

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**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](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

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At **Project Rachel** caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please phone (905) 526-1999.

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### 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](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).

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Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre (437 Wilson St. E., Ancaster) is hosting an **Open House and Christmas Market** on December 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests are welcome to tour the grounds and buildings, enjoy some seasonal refreshments and do some Christmas shopping. For more information about Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, visit [www.mountmary.ca](http://www.mountmary.ca)





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