

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

(FOUNDED IN 1849)

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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 9 a.m. Tuesday 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m. Thursday 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Friday 9 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

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

"...the one who drinks of the water I will give will never be thirsty."

- John 4:14a

Monday March 13

2 Kings 5:1-15a; Luke 4:24-30

9 AM – Denise Luckingbeal

Tuesday March 14

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

9 AM – Pietro Gennarini

7 PM – Mary Jane Bastasich

Wednesday March 15

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

9 AM – Walter & Alfreda Nazar

Thursday March 16

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

9 AM – Lloyd Farwell

7 PM – Intentions of June Ippolito

Friday March 17

Hosea 14:1-9; Mark 12:28b-34

9 AM – Bruce Laracy

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 18

Hosea 5:15b-6:6++; Luke 18:9-14

5 PM – Paul Vella

Sunday March 19 – 4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Rev. Ron Hodara



Our Parish

Monday March 13

C.W.L. Meeting – 7 PM – Hall

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday March 14

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – WR

Wednesday March 15

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

Friday March 17

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall

Saturday March 18

Choir Practice – 4 PM – Church

C.W.L. Message

You are invited to join us for our C.W.L. meeting on Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall (weather permitting). The agenda includes voting on some national bylaws, our own expenditures and information concerning upcoming events and meetings. We always serve tasty treats for your enjoyment.

Men of the Parish!

Please come out for casual fellowship with men of the parish with the **St. John the Baptist Men's Group**. Meeting at 8 a.m. monthly on the second Saturday of the month, we hope to socialize over a brief presentation and casual discussion by Men's Group members regarding Catholic men in the world today. A collection will be taken up at the meeting to cover the costs of the coffee and donuts/muffins. If you would like to contact us, please phone David Foster at 416-892-8819.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thank you for your donations of food. Since January, 336 pounds have been donated to the **Burlington Food Bank**. If you would like to enhance your Lenten practice, providing food would be a great way to journey to Easter. We would like to aid the Food Bank with non perishable food items for our neighbours in need so they can put food on the table at Easter time. You will find bins for food donations in the cupboard near the Brant Street doors of the church. Thank you again.

Children's Liturgy will be participating in Palm Sunday's 11 a.m. Mass on April 2. The children will be making handprint palms on **March 26** and greeting Father at the beginning of Mass on Palm Sunday. If you would like your child to participate, please email childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com or phone Anne Marie at 905-317-3539 for further details. We welcome all children to join in.

Adoration & Benediction
will take place with Deacon Rob Thomas
Wednesday, March 29 from 6-8 p.m.
Everyone is most welcome!

The **2023 parish envelopes** are now available in the office for pick up. Feel free to drop by during office hours or give us a call at 905-634-2485. If you are new to the parish and would like to get started with envelopes, we can help you too.

Our wonderful custodian, Victor, needs help with re-cementing the ceiling of the accessible walkway that leads into the parish hall. If you happen to have expertise in this area and would be willing to donate your time to the project in early April, please contact Tim O'Brien at 905-632-2954. Thank you!

Share Lent 2023

Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign is calling on Canada to prevent its corporations from abusing human rights and the environment in their overseas operations and global supply chains. St. John's 2023 collection is taking place on March 26 and we ask that you be as generous as you are able. Please remember that any cheques should be made payable to *St. John the Baptist Parish* so that we can process the donations and send them along in a timely manner.



Please consider attending our weekly **Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** immediately before the Tuesday evening Mass. We start at 7 p.m. and all are most welcome.

We extend a warm welcome to St. John's new Associate Pastor, Rev. Fernand Pierre .

IN THE DIOCESE

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.

RESTART: refresh, renew & revive

These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Held the second and third Fridays of each month, you can join in person at the Chancery Office or by Zoom. No registration necessary, but for the Zoom link, contact Sarah at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 or email her at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. **Project Rachel** offers a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Phone 905-526-1999.

IN THE COMMUNITY

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join this peaceful and effective international prayer movement. Through prayer, fasting and public outreach, we keep the vigil (starting February 22) for 40 days from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., one block east of the Oakville Hospital. Visit 40daysforlife.com/Oakville to learn more and get involved.

Halton Alive

A "Life Talks Conference" will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. George's Church, 4691 Palladium Way. Cost is \$40/adults and \$20/students which includes lunch and refreshments. Topics will include medical aid in dying, abortion and human trafficking. For details and registration, visit www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks or phone 905-632-3232.

Christopher Leadership Course – Public Speaking

Whether you are afraid of public speaking or would like to take on a leadership role, the Christopher Leadership Course in Effective Speaking can help. The next course begins Tuesday evening, March 21, at McMaster University in Hamilton. To register or for more information, please visit www.clchamilton.com or phone Frank at 905-662-4076.



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