## 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 no Mass Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Thursday 9:00a.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Saturday 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., and by appointment

#### **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS**

Tuesday evening Mass

#### SACRED HEART DEVOTION

Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

#### **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 hompage.

#### **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  $3:30~\rm p.m.$  to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday Bulletin.

## 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.



#### Mass Intentions

#### **Monday March 24**

2 Kings 5:1-15a,; Luke 4:24-30 - No Mass

Tuesday March 25 - Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10d, Luke 1:26-38

7 PM – Jan & Betty Pink

#### Wednesday March 26

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-90; Matthew 5:17-19 9 AM - Intentions of the O'Brien **Family** 

#### **Thursday March 27**

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

9 AM - Paul Waters

#### Friday March 28

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

9 AM – George Greaves / Ralph & Theodora Petersen

7 PM - Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday March 29

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

5 PM – Brenda Pidsadny

Sunday March 30 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Pasquale Paolo / Intentions of the Celis Family



#### Monday March 24

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

#### Friday March 28

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

#### Stations of the Cross – 7 PM - Church

#### Saturday March 29

Hamilton Retrouvaille Session - 10 AM - Hall Coffee – Fr. Philippe's Birthday – 6 PM – Hall



#### Parish Photo Directory

The final days for the Parish Photo Directory are April 22 and 23 from 2:30 - 8:30 PM. People can call or email Chris Hawken directly to book times: 289-259-5852 or e-mail: hawkenchris@yahoo.ca. People will also be available after masses for signup.

### IN OUR PARISH



#### Sunday Offerings

Sunday, March16, 2025: \$4,626.40

Thanks for your support!



Every Friday during Lent, our Church will be opened until 12 Noon for personal meditations and prayer. Each day during Holy Week - the same schedule -9 AM - 12:00 Noon.

#### Share Lent 2025 - Turn Debt into Hope: Sign the Petition!

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls on us to take part in the global Turn Debt into Hope campaign to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them." Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act! Sign the global petition calling for:

- 1. Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts
- 2. Reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet
- 3. Establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations.

Please sign the petition in Church or online at devp.org/debt

The petition sheets can be found at all Church entrances during the time of Lent. To make a significant impact to this "global petition' for the Jubilee Year 2025 Development & Peace will present the Canadian signatures this summer, when Canada hosts the G7 summit in Kananaskis, Alta.

The first session of our Jubilee series on Vatican II on Thursday night was a great success. There is still room for more participants for the next session on March 27, at 6 PM in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

#### Assisted Listening

St. John's is happy to announce that our church now has full accessibility for assisted listening. We will have two systems in place in order to meet all the needs of our parish. Please refer to the sheets found inside the pews that explain how to obtain access. If you have any questions at all, please contact Tim O'Brien at (905) 632-2954.



## St. John's Jubilee Year Pilgrimage on May 3

Come join fellow parishioners in a Jubilee Year pilgrimage on **Saturday**,

May 3. We will go to go to the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph, one of the Churches designated by the diocese as a special pilgrimage Church. We will spend the day in prayer and fellowship to renew our faith and our bonds of friendship and community. The day starts at 7:30 AM when we gather in the parish parking lot to leave for Guelph by bus. We will be back by mid-afternoon. There will be a modest fee for the day and it will include lunch. More details will be available in the coming weeks. We urge you all to set aside that day for this really important event in the life of our parish and the Catholic Church.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**40 Days for Life** is a peaceful, prayerful vigil offering hope and help to mothers in need and changing hearts and minds from 6 AM to 6 PM, **March 5 to April 13.** The vigil is in Oakville one block east of Oakville Trafalgar Hospital at Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street. For more information, call Steve at: (905)333-6472 or go to <u>40DaysFor Life.com/Oakville</u>

#### MASS OF CHRISM

All are welcome to attend the Diocesan Mass of Chrism during which His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will bless the Oils for the Sick and Catechumens. He will also consecrate Sacred Chrism. The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of the Christ the Kind on Monday, April 14 at 2:00 PM. Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. The Cathedral Basilica will open at

12:30 PM. The celebration will be live streamed with links on the Diocesan website and the Cathedral Basilica's website.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - Young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food, vocations testimony, Lenten music concert, and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, April 5th at St. Ann's Church, Hamilton. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. Contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

## IN THE DIOCESE

JUBILEE YEAR HEROES OF HOPE FOR MARCH are "Those Who Care for the Poor"! There are many groups in the Diocese of Hamilton doing just that! In the Heroes of Hope Newsletter, available in all parishes and on our Diocesan Website, the many groups caring for the poor are listed and their ministries explained. These include: De Mazenod Door Outreach and Tiny Homes Takeout; the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus present in many of our parishes; the Good Shepherd Ministries in Hamilton, and the Working Centre in Kitchener; Development and Peace, and Planting Seeds International; our Refugee Sponsorship Program, Indigenous Reconciliation Fund; and the St. Joseph's Healthcare System! Considering the large numbers of people who reach out for support from these organizations every day, we are blessed to celebrate the generosity of staff and volunteers - a number impossible to count - who are this month's Heroes of Hope!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS OF HOPE During Lent this year, the Liturgy Office invites all Liturgical Ministers to gather for a Lenten retreat on the theme of Liturgical Ministers of Hope. Saturday, March 22, 2025, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, March 29, 2025, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, April 5, 2025, Annunciation of our Lord Parish, Hamilton, ON, 10:00 to 12:30 p.m.



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