ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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Thanksgiving

For wealth and plenty in the land, For faith in God's sustaining hand, For every blessing great and small We thank the giver of it all.



Our Parish

Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre, Pastor

Rev. Archange Kébé, In Residence

Rev. Mr. Rob Thomas, Deacon

S. Suzanne Medley, Office Manager

Rosanne Quinlan, 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 for information.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the pastor at least nine months in advance.



Masses For The Week

Monday October 9

Ionah 1:1-2:1, 10: Luke 10:25-37 - No Mass

Tuesday October 10

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42

7 PM – Margaret Pankovcin

Wednesday October 11

Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4

9 AM - Ann Walton

10 AM – Mass at Maple Villa

Thursday October 12

Malachi 3:13-4:2; Luke 11:5-13

9 AM – School Thanksgiving Mass

Friday October 13

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26

9 AM – Egypsio & Estella Dias

Saturday October 14

Joel 3:12-21; Luke 11:27-28

1 PM – Wedding of Harrison Brook & Julia Di Lena

3 PM - Wedding of Zoran Zeko & Sasha Weiditch

5 PM – Deyina Cletus

Sunday October 15

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

9 AM - Pro Populo

11 AM – Dorothy Whelton



The parish office

will be closed on

Monday, October 9

for Thanksgiving.



Monday October 9

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday October 11

Women's AA Group - 6:15 PM - Hall

Friday October 13

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall

Saturday October 14

Men's Group Meeting – 8 AM - WR





THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

On October 4, Pope Francis opened the Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation, Mission. Listening to every member of the Body of Christ is fundamental to demonstrating Communion. Let us pray daily in our homes and at church for the success of this great opportunity for our Universal Church to learn and to grow.

OKTOBERFEST AT ST. JOHN'S!

Please join us on October 29 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in St. John's parish hall for OKTOBERFEST. There will be sausage, sauerkraut, music and more. Tickets will be available at the door. The sign-up sheets are at each entrance of the church to help us know how much food to prepare. Please mark the date on your calendars and come to enjoy some time with your fellow parishioners.

C.W.L. Message

On this Thanksgiving Day, we express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for our many blessings; our families and friends, our nourishment, our yesterdays, todays and tomorrows and the comfort of our faith.

New Altar Servers

Attention Parents of any students in grade 3 and up (attending public schools or Catholic elementary schools) who are interested in becoming Altar Servers. Please speak to Fr. Philippe in the priest's sacristy after the weekend Mass and let him know that your child would like to serve at the weekend Masses.

Our "**Toonie collection**" so far totals **\$4,688** and is growing. *Thank you so much for taking part!*

Men's Group Meeting

The Men's Group of St. John's Parish will be holding their monthly meeting on **Saturday**, **October 14** from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. in the Warren Room. All men are welcome. For more information, please contact John Towler at 905-639-5949.

40 Days for Life Sept. 27 – Nov. 5

The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful witness to end abortion and bring healing to women suffering from the effects of abortion. If you would like more information and also choose a time slot, please visit the website at 40daysforlife.com/oakville.

Volunteering at St. John the Baptist Parish

As a new year begins, we are looking for volunteers for various church events. Volunteers are required to read the description of volunteer roles (provided) and to fill out the Volunteer Information Form which has your contact information recorded for LOW risk volunteers.

The HIGH risk volunteers are required to do the volunteer form along with a police check which includes: anyone working with children, handling money or working with vulnerable people. We will be offering dates in the next few weeks to anyone who needs assistance completing forms and with police checks. Please email the following coordinators for forms or any further questions:

<u>loismorrisonhuq@gmail.com</u> <u>dinaknight779@gmail.com</u>

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Development & Peace Fall Campaign - Create Hope: Stand for the Land. Caritas Canada is responding to the call from our partner, ERIC-Radio Progresso to raise awareness of the tragic plight of the communities our Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. We stand with them as they defend their right to water for survival. For information, visit devp.org/campaign.

Men's Discernment Group

If you would like to explore the possibility of **becoming a Catholic priest**, please join me, Father Mark Morley and other men who are discerning their vocations. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, October 20 at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave., Waterloo in the parish hall. Please use the side doors. For questions, contact hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses - Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through high school who are not currently receiving religious instruction (i.e. in a public or private, not Catholic school). There is need of volunteers to support the demand. If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Catechesis Office in the Diocese of Hamilton by email at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com.

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples facing challenges in their relationship and has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held on Oct. 20-22. Email them at teamrecine@gmail.com or phone 905-664-5212.

The annual **ALL SOULS DAY MASS** at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will take place on Sunday, October 29, at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served after Mass. The Bishop of Hamilton will be the principal celebrant and all are welcome to attend.



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