

# *St. Paul the Apostle Parish*

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## ADVENT



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 21, 2025

**Dec 22 – Dec 28, 2025**  
**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

**DATE**                      **MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY**                      Dec 22, 2025  
9:00am Mass                      Eglío Mannarino

**TUESDAY**                      Dec 23, 2025  
No Mass

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**WEDNESDAY**                      Dec 24, 2025 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
5:00pm Mass                      Vigil Mass – Youth Choir  
7:00pm Mass                      Vigil Mass

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**THURSDAY**                      Dec 25, 2025 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
12:00am Mass                      Midnight Mass – Incense will be used.  
9:00am Mass                      Livestream  
11:00am Mass                      Incense will be used.

**FRIDAY**                      Dec 26, 2025 – ST. STEPHEN  
No Mass and No Adoration

**SATURDAY**                      Dec 27, 2025 – ST. JOHN, APOSTLE  
No Morning Mass and No Confessions

**5:00pm Mass Intentions:**

Antonio & John Bolognone	Geoffrey Patrick Artz
Giuseppe Tangi	Valentino Europa
Rudy Korosec	Battaglia Family
Michael Plaskon	Int. of Marion & Chris Hettiarachchi
John Chalupa	Int. of Gaddi Family

**SUNDAY**                      Dec 28, 2025 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
**MARY & JOSEPH**  
9:00am                      Mass (Livestream)  
11:00am                      Mass  
8:00pm                      Mass

### Christmas Schedule

Our Parish Christmas Schedule is posted on our website. Please visit our [website](#) or scan the code for detailed information on the Mass and Confession times. Confessions will resume in January 2026. Please note, the Parish Office will be closed from Dec 24, 2025 – Jan 1, 2026.



### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Samuel 1.24-28, Luke 1.46-56  
Tuesday: Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6, Luke 1.57-66  
Wednesday: Isaiah 62.1-5, Acts 13.16-17, 22-25, Matthew 1.1-25  
Thursday: Isaiah 52.7-10, Hebrews 1.1-6, John 1.1-18  
Friday: Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59, Matthew 10.17-22  
Saturday: 1 John 1.1-4, John 20.2-8  
Sunday: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3.12-17, Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

### HAMILTON DIOCESE WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for the following people or groups:

Monday: Rev. Richard Dordunu  
Tuesday: Rev. Robert Kiffman  
Wednesday: Consecrated Virgin Candidates  
Thursday: **The Nativity of The Lord**  
Friday: Rev. Jason Kuntz  
Saturday: Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk



Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

\$ 15,511.50

### A Heartfelt Thank You from the Priests & Parish Staff

On behalf of Fr. Francisco, Fr. John, Fr. Malcolm, Deacon Brian, and the staff of St. Paul's, we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners for your prayers and thoughtful gifts during the Christmas season. Your many cards, gifts, prayers, and warm wishes are sincerely appreciated. We offer special thanks to our musicians, cantors, and choir members for their dedication in preparing and providing beautiful music for our liturgies throughout the year. Thank you to our Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy leaders, Ushers, and Greeters for your faithful service each weekend. We are also grateful to everyone who has participated in our various ministries, volunteer activities, and parish events. Your generosity and dedication continue to strengthen our parish family and bring Christ's love to all those we serve. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas season.

### RCIA December Update

This month our RCIA explores Advent and the anticipation of the birth of our Saviour. We then take a break for a few weeks allowing the team to refresh, reflect and spend time with loved ones. When we gather in the new year, we have a busy schedule as we dive deeper into the sacraments. Please keep the RCIA in your prayers as they experience Christmas in a new way this year.

### The St. John Bible is Coming to Our Parish!

As part of our ongoing 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration we are pleased to welcome the Heritage Edition of the St. John Bible to the parish on January 14-18 for several different events and interactive experiences. You will have an opportunity to learn about this beautiful, illuminated Bible, see the Heritage Edition volumes up close and participate in events that celebrate the Bible and enhance our faith. Please see the parish website and bulletin boards for more information.

## **Bible Study Part 2**

*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study continues with Part 2 commencing on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and running for 24 weeks over the course of the year, taking breaks for Easter and summer. Join Father Francisco on Thursday evenings 7-9pm and explore the mysteries of the Bible for a deeper understanding of Scripture. Registration is required. There is a material fee of \$50. Register by calling the parish office at 905-332-5115.

## **2026 Offertory Envelopes**

The 2026 Offertory Envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex. The 2026 Offertory Envelopes were re-issued for parishioners who have contributed a minimum of \$50 in 2025. For parishioners who wish to contribute periodically, there are visitor envelopes at the Greeter's Desk and online options through our parish website. We invite you to begin contributing regularly using weekly envelopes. Please contact the office if you wish to do so. We sincerely thank all our donors for their continued generosity and faithful support of our parish.

## **2025 Tax Year – Donation Deadline**

To ensure donations are included in the 2025 tax receipt, cash and cheque donations must be received by the parish no later than Sunday, **December 28, 2025**, to allow sufficient time for processing and deposit. E-transfer donations must be received in 2025 to be credited to the 2025 tax year. Tax receipts for 2025 will be issued to those who contributed \$50 or more and may be issued for amounts under \$50 upon request from the office. Thank you very much for your generosity and support.

## **St. Paul the Apostle Young Adults Group**



You are invited to join St. Paul the Apostle Parish's young adult group—a place to meet new friends, share meaningful conversations, and grow in faith together. If you are looking for a community of people, ages 19 and older, who are eager to deepen their relationship with God and support one another on the journey, this is the perfect place for you. Come and see what God can do when we walk together in faith, friendship, and joy. Let's do that together!

First meeting will be held on **January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** and the group will meet monthly. Please register using the QR code above.

## **Children's Liturgy**

Children's Liturgy will not be running on December 21st, December 28th & January 4th for the Christmas Break. We will resume on January 11th. Wishing all our families a meaningful Advent & Christmas season.

## **Livestream Update**

After careful consideration, the livestream of our Sunday morning Mass will be discontinued effective January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who made the livestream possible for the last 5 years. We are grateful for the parishioners who have joined us online, especially during times when gathering in person was difficult. The last livestream event will take place on January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

## **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is grateful for the ongoing support of our parishioners. Thank you for your generosity in 2025. We will hold our final loose change collection for 2025 at all Masses on **December 27th/28th**.

Income tax receipts for 2025 can include only donations RECEIVED by us by December 31, 2025. In order to ensure that any year-end donation you make is received on time, please adhere to the following recommendations:

1. blue envelopes should be received at the church no later than Sunday December 28th and any enclosed cheques should be dated no later than December 31, 2025,
2. eTransfer to [ssvpstpaultheapostle@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpstpaultheapostle@gmail.com) should be sent by December 30th and
3. online donations through the DONATE button on our website ([ssvpstpaulburlington.com](http://ssvpstpaulburlington.com)) should be made no later than December 30th.

## **Church Bulletin Advertising**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2026 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637



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## **Marriage Tip of the Month**

Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: "I married my best friend." It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Do you spend time together, share parts of your day, invite them to share in an event with you, watch a movie together, or even a series that can become together time? Do you call once in a while to say hello during the time you are not together and plan time for your spouse in your agenda – everyday? Are you patient when they make a mistake, are not perfect, or let you down? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



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