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Feast of the Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DEC 28, 2025

Dec 29 – Jan 4, 2026
WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

DATE MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY

Dec 29, 2025
No Mass

TUESDAY

Dec 30, 2025
No Mass

WEDNESDAY

5:00pm Mass

Dec 31, 2025
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Vigil Mass

THURSDAY

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

Jan 1, 2026 – THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Livestream
Incense will be used

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation

1st FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

9:30pm – 12:00pm *Confessions*

Jan 2, 2026 – ST. BASIL THE GREAT &
ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN

Int. of Marion Barber

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass Intentions:

Clarence Rodrigues
John & Mary McHugh
Yong-Suk Kim

Int. of Tadeusz Skicki
Int. of Wiesia Skicki
Int. of Calsie Borac

3:30pm – 5:00pm *Confessions*

5:00pm Mass Intentions:

Julianna Zei
Eva Smith
Mrs. Audrey Grad
Fadilha Mera

Int. Vegiz Family
Int. of Donna & Mike Cauley
Int. of Frank Miele

SUNDAY

9:00am

11:00am

8:00pm

Jan 4, 2026 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass

Mass

Mass

Vocation View

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: 1 John 2.3-11, Luke 2.22-35
Tuesday: 1 John 2.12-17, Luke 2.36-40
Wednesday: 1 John 2.18-21, John 1.1-18
Thursday: Numbers 6.22-27, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.16-21
Friday: 1 John 2.22-28, John 1.19-28
Saturday: 1 John 2.29; 3.1-6, John 1.29-34
Sunday: Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2.1-12

HAMILTON DIOCESE WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for the following people or groups:

Monday: Rev. Edward Mahony
Tuesday: Rev. Francis Hubilla
Wednesday: Religious Life Candidates
Thursday: ***Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God***
Friday: Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Saturday: Very Rev. Adrian Lee

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.

The St. John Bible is Coming to Our Parish!

As part of our ongoing 40th 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 the bulletin board for more information.

Children's Liturgy

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

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 this 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 16th at 6pm** and the group will meet monthly.

For more information and to registration, please visit the [Young Adult Ministry page](#) on our parish website. You may also register by using the QR code above.

Livestream Update

After careful consideration, the livestream of our Sunday morning Mass will be discontinued effective January 2nd. 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 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Adoration Schedule

Please be advised that Friday Adoration will be temporarily paused until January 30, 2026. Adoration will resume on Friday, February 6, 2026.

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Dear Parishioners, as we gather in the joyful light of the Christmas season, we wish to extend our warmest greetings and heartfelt prayers to you and your families. The miracle of Christmas – God with Us in the humble infant Jesus – fills our hearts with hope and renews our faith. We give thanks for each of you, for the blessings of our faith community, and for the privilege of serving alongside you throughout this past year. As your CWL council, we are continually inspired by the dedication, generosity, and spirit of our parish. May the peace of the Christ Child reign in your hearts & homes. May the coming New Year be filled with God's grace, good health, and abundant joy!

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 should be sent by December 30th and
3. online donations through the DONATE button on our website (ssvpstpaulburlington.com) should be made no later than December 30th.

Parish Office Hours

Please note, the Parish Office will be closed from Dec 24, 2025 – Jan 1, 2026. Wishing everyone a happy and blessed New Year.

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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Parenting Tip of the Month

Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus, through stories, Mass, prayer and discussions, on the joy of Christ's birth and the real reason for the season. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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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