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Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.,
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
8:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Except Tuesday)
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Adoration

Fridays in Jul & Aug: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Fridays (Sep – Jun): 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Saturdays 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish! If you are new or have not yet registered, we invite you to complete a Parish Registration Form, available on our website or at the entrance of the church. There are various ways to donate to the parish and information is available on our website or through the office.

Sacraments

For information about the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please visit our website or contact the parish office.

Marriages

Couples planning to marry must be registered and practicing parishioners. They are required to contact a parish priest at least one year prior to their intended wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

If your loved one is homebound and seriously ill, injured, or elderly, please contact the parish office. If your loved one is in the hospital, kindly inform the nursing staff to arrange a visit from a priest.

Catholic Funeral Arrangements

When a death occurs and you wish to request a Catholic funeral, please first contact your funeral home service provider. They will coordinate directly with the parish on your behalf. If you are not using a funeral home service, please contact the parish office for further information.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 7, 2025

Dec 8 – Dec 14, 2025
WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
MONDAY	<u>Dec 8, 2025</u> – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Dennis Porter
9:00am Mass	
TUESDAY	<u>Dec 9, 2025</u> Guadalupe Esther
7:00pm Mass	
WEDNESDAY	<u>Dec 10, 2025</u> Int. of Dorothy Pereira
9:00am Mass	
THURSDAY	<u>Dec 11, 2025</u> Int. of Stephen Rhee
9:00am Mass	
FRIDAY	<u>Dec 12, 2025</u> – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Int. of Joseph & Kathy Perino
7:00pm Mass	
7:30pm – 10:00pm	Adoration
SATURDAY	<u>Dec 13, 2025</u> – ST. LUCY
9:00am Mass Intentions:	
	Norman & Lorraine Blower & Family
	Int. of Anya Mesharikova
	Int. of Krystal Malaban
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Confessions
5:00pm Mass Intentions:	
	Francisco & Teresita Lopena
	Carl & Mildred White
	Laura Gill
	Caron Gale
	Emmanuel & Anthony Zammit
	Albert & Winnie Pinto
	Int. of The Palilas Family
	Int. of Margaret Mesaros
	Int. of CWL of Canada
SUNDAY	<u>Dec 14, 2025</u> – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00am	Mass (Livestream)
11:00am	Mass
8:00pm	Mass

Vocation View

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Genesis 3.9-15, 20, Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12, Luke 1.26-38
Tuesday:	Isaiah 40.1-11, Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday:	Isaiah 40.25-31, Matthew 11.28-30
Thursday:	Isaiah 41.13-20, Matthew 11.11-15
Friday:	Zechariah 2.10-13, Luke 1.39-47
Saturday:	Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11, Matthew 17.10-13
Sunday:	Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11

HAMILTON DIOCESE WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for the following people or groups:

Monday:	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tuesday:	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Wednesday:	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R.
Thursday:	Catholic Young Adults
Friday:	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Saturday:	Rev. Michael McHugh



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Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us on **Friday, December 12th at 7:00pm** for a special Mass followed by Adoration in celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please note: The morning Mass on this day has been rescheduled to 7:00pm. Incense will be used.

Bambinelli Sunday, December 14th, 2025

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.



All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, Dec 14th and following the 9am and 11am Masses, you may gather in the front pews with your Baby Jesus figurine to be blessed as we celebrate Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home, wrap it and save it for Christmas Day. Let this be **the first gift** you open, and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

In Memoriam Donation for Christmas Flowers Tribute

Once again, we are collecting offerings for our annual **"Christmas Floral Tribute"** in loving memory of deceased relatives or friends. The Floral Tribute form was included in last week's bulletin and will also be available at the parish office. Offerings can be made in cash, cheque or via e-transfer. The names of loved ones, honoured through the Tribute, will be displayed on the website, and in the narthex over Christmas. Floral Tributes will be accepted until December 14th, 2025.

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.

St. John Bible Heritage Edition

The parish is excited to be hosting the diocesan St. John Bible Heritage Edition from January 14th to 18th as part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations. There will be an opportunity to see the Bible following weekend masses with docents present to explain its significance, a formation workshop for all adults and an art workshop for all ages on January 17th. More details will be available in the coming weeks!

Bible Study Part 2

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study continues with Part 2 commencing on January 22nd 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 online and get access to the full schedule as well.

2026 Offertory Envelopes

The 2026 Offertory Envelopes are now 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.

Christmas and Advent Schedule

Our Parish Advent and Christmas Schedule is posted on our website. Please visit our [website](#) or scan the code for detailed information on the Mass and Confession times. Please note that there will be **no Confessions** on Saturday, December 20 and Saturday, December 27, 2025.



Catholic Women's League (CWL)

To all women of the Parish, please join us for our **Social Christmas Potluck on Monday December 8th** beginning at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. There will be a brief Council Report given on this night to allow members to enjoy the festive gathering. Bring a friend, a holiday dish to share, and your Christmas cheer! On behalf of St Paul's CWL Council, have a blessed and joyful Advent Season!

THANK YOU from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Thank you to our parishioners for your generous contributions to the 2025 Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Angel Tree program. Your support allowed us to help those less fortunate in our community celebrate Christmas, with food cards for groceries and gift cards to assist with holiday shopping. This year's program assisted 69 families living within our St. Paul the Apostle parish boundary, including 108 adults and 104 children. We also assisted 25 children currently in the care of Halton Children's Aid Society, Burlington Office.

A big thank you to St. Christopher, St. Anne, Ascension and St. Patrick elementary schools for their help with senior bags. Together we will deliver personalized gift bags to provide something special to 86 seniors-in-need in our community, living in long-term care settings. These generous gifts are important and much appreciated. We also want to thank St. Timothy elementary school for their food drive that helped stock the food pantry for one of our other Burlington SSVF conferences. In total, the support of our parish community allowed us to bring a little more Christmas to 194 adults and 115 children.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our parish Knights of Columbus Council #17397 and our parish Catholic Women's League for their support of our program over the course of this past year. A sincere thank you and have a Blessed Merry Christmas.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is Seeking a Treasurer

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is looking for a volunteer to take on the role of conference Treasurer. Our Treasurer tracks our donations and expenditures, makes monthly bank deposits, presents a monthly report to our members, prepares annual reports to our governing council and files our annual charity return. An individual with a professional accounting designation and/or bookkeeping experience is well suited. Our current Treasurer will remain in the role until you are comfortable with the position. If you want to know more, email us at ssvpstpaulburlington@gmail.com or call 905-522-8222 and leave a message for Barb.

Advent Faith Journey

As we await the coming of Christ this Advent, you are invited to deepen your spiritual preparation by joining our Small Faith Group. This is not a Bible study, but a prayerful reflection and dialogue on the upcoming Sunday Readings—an opportunity to explore how God's Word speaks to our lives today. Come share, listen, and grow together in faith as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Conference Room (after the 7:00 pm Mass).



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The Reel Justice Film Festival

The Reel Justice Film Festival is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings. A partnership between the [Bishop Farrell Library & Archives](#) and [Development and Peace](#), the [Reel Justice Film Festival](#) shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

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