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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.

Diocese of Hamilton

Please visit www.hamiltondiocese.com

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Nov 30, 2025

Dec 1 – Dec 7, 2025 WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
MONDAY	<u>Dec 1, 2025</u>
9:00am Mass	Steve Clarke
TUESDAY	<u>Dec 2, 2025</u>
7:00pm Mass	Int. of Fr. Pawel Stankiewicz
WEDNESDAY	<u>Dec 3, 2025</u> – ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
9:00am Mass	Int. of Dianne Hubbel
7:00pm	Penance Liturgy
7:30pm – 9:00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
THURSDAY	<u>Dec 4, 2025</u>
9:00am Mass	Beth Holmes
1st FRIDAY	<u>Dec 5, 2025</u>
9:00am Mass	Shane Smith
9:30am – 12:00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
9:30am – 12:00pm	<i>Adoration</i>
SATURDAY	<u>Dec 6, 2025</u>
9:00am Mass Intentions:	
Maureen & Alex Gomes	Int. of Magda Lenka
Phil Strecker	Int. of Karolina Feranc
3:30pm – 5:00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
5:00pm Mass Intentions:	
Gertrude Marlin	Maria & Otto Karpati
Julianna Zei	Stephen Steflik
Raymond Family	Trudy Lester
Vivien de Souza	Dr. Antony Amaladoss
Mary Branchley	
SUNDAY	<u>Dec 7, 2025</u> – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00am	Mass (<i>Livestream</i>)
11:00am	Mass
8:00pm	Mass

Vocation View

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>
E-mail vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Isaiah 4.2-6, Matthew 8.5-11, 13++
Tuesday:	Isaiah 11.1-10, Luke 10.21-24
Wednesday:	Isaiah 25.6-10a, Matthew 15.29-37
Thursday:	Isaiah 26.1-6, Matthew 7.21, 24-27
Friday:	Isaiah 29.17-24, Matthew 9.27-31
Saturday:	Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26, Matthew 9.35 -10.1, 5a, 6-8++
Sunday:	Isaiah 11.1-10, Romans 15.4-9, Matthew 3.1-12

HAMILTON DIOCESE WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for the following people or groups:

Monday:	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Tuesday:	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
Wednesday:	Order of Preachers, (Dominican), O.P
Thursday:	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
Friday:	Rev. Bill Foote
Saturday:	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger



Nov 16th

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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.

Christmas and Advent Schedule

Our Parish Advent and Christmas Schedule is now posted on our website. Please visit our [website](#) or scan the code for detailed information on the Mass and confession schedule for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.



Advent Wreath Lighting

Each weekend at all Lord's Day Masses, families/couples/individuals are called upon to assist the clergy with the lighting of the Advent wreath candles at the start of Mass. To help with this task, please visit the parish website and register online for your Mass of choice or call the parish office. All sign-ups are on a first come basis and we ask that you sign up only once during the Advent season.

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.



Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week one: watchfulness.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

To access **FORMED**, simply go to [Formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and search for St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2265 Headon Rd. Burlington ON.

Christmas Angel Tree Program 2025 - Final Week

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is very grateful for the generosity of those who have already donated to the Christmas Angel Tree program this year. The program concludes on Sunday, November 30th. We request that any parishioners still wanting to donate to this program please do so by this date. Delivery of food and gift cards to individuals and families in need begins the week of December 1st. Please visit our website at <https://www.ssvpstpaulburlington.com/> to view ways to donate. Thank you for your ongoing support of this program and our ministry.

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. If you'd like to lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you! 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. Interested? 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 7:30 pm in the Conference Room (after the 7:00 pm Mass)

St Paul's Council, Catholic Women's League (CWL)

As we near our year's end, a gentle reminder that Membership for the 2026 year is due from now until December 31st. For new and returning members, please send your membership fee of \$40 via e-transfer to stpaulCWL@gmail.com, drop your blue membership envelope with fee in the Offertory Baskets during any weekend Mass from now until the end of the year, or drop them at the parish office. **Please include your full name and contact info with any payment.** Early in the New Year we will be holding Elections for our new CWL Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, and Chairperson(s) for our standing committees in Faith, Service, and Social Justice. If you wish to run for any position and would like further information, please contact Shelley Monaco, our Nominations & Elections Chair at smonaco151@gmail.com. We thank you in advance for your consideration, time and leadership! Our next meeting will be a **Social Christmas Potluck on Monday December 8th** beginning at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a friend, a holiday treat to share, and your Christmas cheer. To all women of the parish, please join us!

Pope Leo XIV, Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*

The Holy Father's first apostolic exhortation was released in October. The document focuses on the powerful bond between our love of Christ and his call for us to love and care for the poor. A virtual copy of the document can be accessed on the Diocesan website.



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