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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday 9:00am -12:00noon

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tuesday, 7:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
9:00am

SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday, 5:00pm
Sunday, 9:00am, 11:00am

RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday, 6:15pm -6:45pm
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm
(or by appointment)

BAPTISMS: Please contact the office at least 3 months prior to desired date.

Becoming Catholic-RCIA: For those not Baptized, or who have not yet completed their initiation, please call the office or speak to one of the priests.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca 905-522-7727

FUNERALS: When a family death occurs, please contact the office for assistance with arrangements.

MARRIAGE: Couples intending to marry, kindly contact the office about a year in advance.
Wedding Anniversary Blessing on the last Sunday of the month.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Do you know someone in need? Please contact 905-383-4850 or visit our website at <https://www.ssvphamiltonpc.org/scos>

VOCATIONS: Diocese of Hamilton www.hamiltonvocations.com

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH:

Corpus Christi: 905-389-3940

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St. Marguerite d'Youville: 905-387-4600

St. Teresa of Calcutta: 905-318-7933

St. Jean De Brebeuf Secondary: 905-388-7020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Our Financial Stewardship:

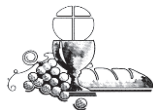
The foundation of all stewardship is a generous heart.

Dec 2/3 \$ 11,767.35

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Mon	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Tues	Married Couples
Wed	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
Thurs	Rev. Wallace Metcalf
Fri	Rev. Charles Galea
Sat	Rev. Robert Kiffman

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Tues Dec 12	7:00pm	Clem Cavanaugh Carlo DelSordo Teresa Cattafi Salvatore Gallo Aurie Ong Peter Alessi Special Intentions of S. J.
Wed Dec 13	9:00am	Margherita Tollis
Thurs Dec 14	9:00am	Domenic Morganti
Fri Dec 15	9:00am	Duyet Nguyen
Sat Dec 16	5:00pm	Felizardo Sr, Ignacia Manrique and deceased family members Donato Tartaglia Sandra Kendall Lina Febbraro Pierino and Josephine Sottile Rita Spadafora Pam Kelly



*We light two purple candles.
Lord Jesus fill our hearts
with peace.*

**Missals are for sale at the back of the church
for \$5.00 each. Please place in Offertory
Basket**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel at Rymal and Garth is a part of our parish. Everyone is welcome to attend. Daily weekday Mass at 8:30am, Sun. Mass at 9:30am.

Second Sunday of Advent - December 10, 2023

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Advent and Christmas Schedule 2023

Advent Confessions

Tues., December 19th • 6:15pm – 6:45pm
Thur., December 21st • 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Sat., December 23rd • 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve,

Sun., December 24th • 9am, 11am,
5pm, 7pm & Midnight

Christmas Day,

Mon., December 25th • 9:00am & 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

New Year's Eve,

Sun, December 31st • 9am, 11am & 5pm

New Year's Day,

Mon., January 1st • 9am & 11am

***The office will be CLOSED - December 25th, 2023
through Jan 3rd, 2024 ***

***No Weekday Masses: December 26th - 29th, 2023**

Bambinelli Sunday: Sunday December 16/17, 2023
(Third Sunday of Advent) -UPDATED

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally 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 the weekend of December 16/17 to any Mass. After each Mass they can be brought forward to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

MONTHLY PRAYER REFLECTION
MORNING

Second Friday of each month 9am to 12noon.
Beginning with mass 9am followed with social, opening prayer, meditation, reflection and closing prayer. Contact Sister Elaine to register:
sisterelainesss@gmail.com or 289-237-2245.

THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Once located at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Mohawk Road in Hamilton, has been transferred to the new St. Catherine of Siena Church on Rymal Road in Hamilton. The grotto, a long-time place of pilgrimage and prayer for many parishioners, again welcomes pilgrims from across the Diocese!

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2024 offertory envelopes will be ready for pick up the weekend of December 30th/31st. Since we are now in one location, you will not have the same assigned number as previous years. Please *discard* any previous year envelopes as they will no longer be valid. If you previously didn't have envelopes and wish to receive a box set or if you have not registered to the Church, please contact the office.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

All gift cards must be deposited into the box under the Christmas tree this weekend! There has been an increased need in our parish surroundings for financial assistance. Without your support we would not have been able to respond to the needs in our community, which will help fill tummies and place a smile on the children's faces! Our sincerest gratitude! Our society supports those in need throughout the year by providing food vouchers. This is done through your continued donations. You will find a St. Vincent de Paul donation envelope in your donation envelope box each month. Automatic withdrawals are also available through our website. <https://www.ssvphamiltonpc.org/scos/> We hope that your generous Christmas spirit will continue throughout the year. Many blessings to you all!

Our most recent newsletter is now available

<https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/newsletter-7/>.

"Do you want to help people in need? Do you want to put your Faith into Action?"

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul needs your support!

You can help by volunteering, providing financial assistance or by starting a conference in your Parish.



*Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plain.*



*Experience the joy of participating in a
musical ensemble this Christmas!*

Do you enjoy singing?

Do you play a musical instrument?

Come be involved in St. Catherine of Siena
music ministry over the Christmas Season.

A variety of opportunities and times are available
for children, teenagers, and adults.

High School students can be given credit for
volunteer hours.

For further information, contact Sharon Fazari at:
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