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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](http://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](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH:

Corpus Christi: 905-389-3940

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

### Our Financial Stewardship:

*The foundation of all stewardship is a generous heart.*

Dec 9/10 \$ please see next week.

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

<b>Mon</b>	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
<b>Tues</b>	Single Catholics
<b>Wed</b>	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
<b>Thurs</b>	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
<b>Fri</b>	Rev. Ronald Hodara
<b>Sat</b>	Rev. Donald Wilhelm

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



<b>Tues Dec 19</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Humberto DeFaria Fidel and Adelaida Cabanas Slavko Koscic Deceased members of the Luciani and Cognigni families Antonio Cherubini Doralice Tarquini Joseph Partito Special Intentions of S. J.
<b>Wed Dec 20</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Nancy Trevisan
<b>Thurs Dec 21</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Tony Ferrer
<b>Fri Dec 22</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Domenico and Daughter Antoniette Daniele
<b>Sat Dec 23</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Ernesto Pacheco and deceased family members Mark Misener Giovanni Esposto Pedro Rodrigues Silvio Pacini Pam Kelly Deceased members of the Carrescia family

### Third Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2023

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988

Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

## Advent and Christmas Schedule 2023

### Advent Confessions

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

### Christmas Masses

#### Christmas Eve,

Sun., December 24<sup>th</sup> • 9am, 11am,  
5pm, 7pm & Midnight

#### Christmas Day,

Mon., December 25<sup>th</sup> • 9:00am & 11:00am

### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

#### New Year's Eve,

Sun, December 31<sup>st</sup> • 9am, 11am & 5pm

#### New Year's Day,

Mon., January 1<sup>st</sup> • 9am & 11am



*We light two purple candles and  
one rose candle.  
Lord Jesus fill our hearts with joy.*

**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.

**\*The office will be CLOSED - December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
through Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 \***

**\*No Weekday Masses: December 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **PARISH EVENTS/GROUPS**

The week of December 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> all activities normally scheduled in our hall or meeting rooms will be cancelled. They will commence January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Any questions please contact the office.

### **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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:**

#### ***Reminder:***

The Divine Mercy Apostolate has organized the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet from ***Monday to Thursday at 3pm- 4pm.*** Everyone is welcome to join the praying of the Chaplet.

### **Christian Meditation:**

Each Saturday morning at 9:30am in the St. Brother Andre Bessette Room. No registration necessary and come as often as you wish.

***Everyone is welcome and includes those who are new to meditation!***



### **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

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:

**Winter Wonderland Dinner/Dance:** Join us for our first parish celebration since St. Catherine of Siena parishioners have joined under one roof in the new church. This banquet will be a joyful event to celebrate the new church, new friends and new memories. The evening will include a three-course dinner and dance at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre, with entertainment, door prizes and children's activities. Mark your calendars now so you can save the date and join in the celebration on the evening of Saturday, January 27th. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the weekends of December 16/17 and December 23/24 or from the office.



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