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ADVENT



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**Our Financial Stewardship:***The foundation of all stewardship is a generous heart.*

December 13/14, 2025 \$ 13,133.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues Dec 23	7:00pm	Domenico, Eufemia & Antonietta Daniele Gaetano & Lina Valenti Antonio Ferrer Marcie Lemmon Zoren Brillo Deceased members of The Tabaan & Mayagas Families Special Intentions of Rev. Tony O'Dell
Wed Dec 24	5pm/7pm/9pm	Christmas Eve
Thurs Dec 25	Midnight/9am/11am	Christmas Day <i>The Nativity of The Lord</i>
Fri Dec 26		<i>No Mass</i>
Sat Dec 27	5:00pm	Adelaida Cabanas Maria, Sinfroso & Anastacia Martinez Maria Del Sordo Adriano Rerecich Rachelina Vineilli Ambrosio
Sun Dec 28	9:00am	Jean Wilczynski Laura Pereira
Sun Dec 28	11:00am	Brian Burrough Vincenzo Zambito Corazon & Paulino Reyes Tina Gaidola Vittoria Raco Zoren Brillo



*We light all four candles!
Lord Jesus fill
our hearts with love.*

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2025

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Mon	Rev. Richard Dordunu
Tues	Rev. Robert Kiffman
Wed	Consecrated Virgin Candidates
Thurs	<i>The Nativity of The Lord</i>
Fri	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Sat	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk

**Christmas - The Birth of Our Lord - December 25, 2025**

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

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Advent and Christmas Schedule 2025**Advent Confessions**

Tues., December 23rd • 6:15pm – 6:45pm
Tues., December 23rd • 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Christmas Masses**Christmas Eve,**

Wed., December 24th •

5pm, 7pm, 9pm & Midnight

Christmas Day,

Thurs. December 25th • 9:00am & 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**New Year's Eve,**

Wed., December 31st • 9am & 5pm

New Year's Day,

Thurs., January 1st • 9am & 11am

***No Mass/Church Closed: Dec. 26th & Dec. 29th ***
***Office Closed: Dec. 26th, 2025 – Jan. 4th, 2026 ***



WINTER WONDERLAND

It's once again time to start planning to attend the **St. Catherine of Siena Annual Winter**

Wonderland Dinner and Dance. This event has become one of the great activities to look forward to during our parish year. The evening includes a three course dinner with wine, entertainment, door prizes, silent auction, children's activities, and of course, lots of dancing! Enjoy this night with close to 500 fellow parishioners on Saturday, January 31st at Carmen's Banquet Hall. Doors open 6pm, dinner at 7pm. Tickets are \$75 for adults and \$30 for children under 12.

Tickets will be on sale this weekend December **20/21** (they would make a great Christmas gift!!) and then on the **three weekends in January** leading up to the dance. Don't be disappointed – get your tickets early! Purchase from the parish office or after Mass. Tables of 8 or 10 will be reserved, but tickets for the full table must be purchased together. Come with family, friends, neighbours, or on your own, all are welcome!

COFFEE WEEKEND - Please join us for Coffee & Cookies *this* Saturday, December 20th after the 5pm mass and Sunday, December 21st after the 9am & 11am Mass. Hope you all can join us! Cookies, Coffee and Refreshments were generously donated by **Alfred Gilbert & Glodhine Dhanasamy**.

We are grateful for their kindness and support in bringing our Parish Community together.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your envelopes located in the Narthex. If you used offertory envelopes regularly this past year, a boxed set has been prepared for you.

After January 1, 2026 please discard previous unused envelopes as assigned numbers may have changed.

If you have not used envelopes but would like to or set up **Visa/MC donations**, please call the office for assistance. Donations can also be made through our website,

catherineofsienachurch.ca under the 'Donate Now' section via Canada Helps. Or by scanning the QR code.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Are very sincerest appreciation to all who contributed to our gift card program for those in need. The work of our society continues throughout the year and continues only because of your ongoing support. Wishing you and those you love, a very blessed Christmas season and peace filled, healthy new year.

WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING?

Reflections for Each Sunday and Solemnity in Year A
By Fr. Mark Gatto and Deacon Thomas Vert

We're excited to announce the publication of our very own Book of Homilies entitled *Were Not Our Hearts Burning?*, a collection of reflections for every Sunday and Solemnity throughout Liturgical Year A which starts on Nov. 30, 2025.

Drawing from years of preaching, Fr. Mark and Deacon Tom invite us to reflect more deeply on the Word of God. Each homily offers wisdom, comfort, and encouragement to help us recognize God's presence in the ordinary moments of our lives so that, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, our hearts may also "burn within us" as we listen to His Word.

Perfect for prayer, reflection, and inspiration all year long!

This book also makes a wonderful Christmas gift for family, friends, or anyone who would appreciate spiritual nourishment and connection to our parish community.

All proceeds from the sale of *Were Not Our Hearts Burning?* will go directly to support St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Available now at the parish office and after weekend Masses. Don't miss this chance to own a special piece of our parish's spiritual life and to share it as a gift that continues to bless others throughout the year.

See our parish website home page for information on ordering it directly from Amazon.

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel at Rymal and Garth (391 Rymal Rd. W.) is a part of our parish. Everyone is welcome to attend. Daily weekday Mass at 8:30am, Sun. Mass at 9:30am.

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