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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.

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

<u>CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:</u> www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca 905-522-7727

<u>CHURCH HALL AND CONFERENCE ROOMS:</u> If you wish to book the Hall or a Conference Room please email our Hall Manager at scos.facility@outlook.com

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

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

<u>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:</u> Do you know someone in need? Please contact 905-512-5475 or visit our website at https://www.ssvphamiltonpc.org/scos

VOCATIONS: Diocese of Hamilton www.hamiltonvocations.com

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### Mass Intentions for the WEEK



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Tues Dec 9	7:00pm	Laura & Gregory DiPietro
		Francisca Cruz
		Deceased members of the
		Savedia & Cruz families
		Leemar Morris
Wed Dec 10	9:00am	Mary (Dolly) Lynch
		Michael Martin
Thurs Dec 11	9:00am	Giovanna Monachino
Fri Dec 12	9:00am	Lilia Cruz
		Aurelio Ong
		Deceased members of the Ong
		& Alaras families
		Paula Yeomans
		Vanda Guarasci
		Special Intentions of Judy
		DesRoches
		Special Intentions of
		Rev.Joonbin Lim
		Special Intentions of
		Bernadette Nyuli
Sat Dec 13	5:00pm	Sam Misale
		Margherita & Armando Tollis
		Lina Venniro
		Deceased members of the
		Damiani family
		Giovanna Lepore
		Claudio DiPietro
		Pino Agostinelli
Sun Dec 14	9:00am	Frank Reich
		Deceased members of the
		Eccli family
		Clara & Enio DiSanza
		Victoria Raco
Sun Dec 14	11:00am	Giovanni Mallia
		Felizardo Sr. & Ignacia
		Manrique & deceased family
		members
		Geber Carranza
		Pietro Ciarma

#### MONTHLY PRAYER REFLECTION

#### MORNING – December 12, 2025

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.

#### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Mon	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Wed	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R.
Thurs	Catholic Young Adults
Fri	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sat	Rev. Michael McHugh

#### Second Sunday of Advent - December 7, 2025

"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.

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



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

## **Advent and Christmas** Schedule 2025

#### **Advent Confessions**

Sat., December 20<sup>th</sup>

• 3:30 - 4:30pm

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

#### **Christmas Masses**

Christmas Eve,

Wed., December 24th

5pm, 7pm, 9pm & Midnight

Christmas Day,

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

#### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

New Year's Eve,

Wed., December 31<sup>st</sup> ● 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 on the weekend of **Dec. 13/14** and 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!

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### **COME JOIN US! HEART2HANDS MINISTRY** is

inviting all knitters, crocheters to our workshop on Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 1pm to 3pm. @ St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 620 Rymal Rd E.

Anyone interested and would like more information please attend the workshop or call:

Maria Baiardo at 905-973-246

marbaiardo@rogers.com

Elizabeth Paal at 905-387-5324

epaal81@gmail.com

#### 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.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL will be providing Christmas assistance to those in need within our parish boundary. Deadline to deposit your gift cards is this weekend, Dec 7. We kindly ask your support by taking a tag from the Christmas tree, purchase a gift card, clearly indicate the amount on the outside and place it in the designated box beside the tree. Examples: purchase a \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 card. You may take more than one card. Please do not purchase any gifts or toys, only gift cards. Families will also receive food vouchers from donations previously received. Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are happy to invite all children from St. Catherine of Siena Parish to join in a "Christmas Sing Along with St. Nicholas" on Sunday, December 14th after the 11 am Mass in our Church Hall. Children will be treated with drinks, crafts and lots of laughter. Join us, and don't forget to bring your cameras for a Photo op with St. Nicholas! A donation of a non-perishable food item for N2N would be appreciated.

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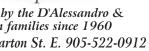
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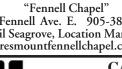
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