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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

CHURCH HALL AND CONFERENCE ROOMS: 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.

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 905-512-5475 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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November 29/30, 2025 \$ 15,554.95

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



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	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tues	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Wed	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R.
Thurs	Catholic Young Adults
Fri	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
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 20th • 3:30 - 4:30pm
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 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](tel:905-973-246)

marbaiardo@rogers.com

Elizabeth Paal at [905-387-5324](tel: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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