

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

✠ You are Rewarded According to the Measure of Your Love ✠



Pastor: Rev. Mark Gatto

Associate Pastor: Rev. Joonbin Lim

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Tom Vert

Office Manager: Rachel Alfano

Office Assistant: Yvonne Jacobs

Music Director: Sharon Fazari

Facility Manager: P.J. Walsh

620 Rymal Rd. E., Hamilton, Ontario, L8W 1B3 (905-383-3381)

♦ E-mail: stcatherinehamilton@hamiltondiocese.com ♦ Website: catherineofsienachurch.ca ♦

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

St. John Paul II: 905-525-1300

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

St. Teresa of Calcutta: 905-318-7933

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Our Financial Stewardship:

The foundation of all stewardship is a generous heart.

November 23/24, 2025 \$ 13,750.40

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Tues Dec 2	7:00pm	Nancy Trevisan Darryl Browne Johnny Diamantino Fresco Giovanna Lepore Special Intentions of Gloria & Peter Daily
Wed Dec 3	9:00am	Bill Federchuk
Thurs Dec 4	9:00am	Laura Pereira
Fri Dec 5	9:00am	Gerry O'Hara Frank Kluszk David Hughes Special Intentions of Kevin Whalen
Sat Dec 6	5:00pm	Pedro Rodrigues Cosmo Amore Bernard Rorie John Bellini Ida Ermacora Michele Angelo Rizzi Vicente Roman Jimenez
Sun Dec 7	9:00am	Mary & James Hanlon Ellen Hanlon Veader Elaine Hanlon-Jenkins Jerard Hanlon James William Hanlon Jane Margaret Petkoff
Sun Dec 7	11:00am	George Bugiardini Carmen Micallef Gina Spagnuolo Lino Losani Lucy Bozzelli

MISSALS

Will for sale in the Narthex starting this weekend for \$5.00 each.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are selling religious Christmas cards this weekend, \$10 for an assorted box of 10 cards c/w envelopes.

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.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Mon	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Tues	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
Wed	Order of Preachers, (Dominican), O.P
Thurs	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
Fri	Rev. Bill Foote
Sat	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger

First Sunday of Advent – November 30, 2025

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

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



*We light one purple candle.
Lord Jesus fill our hearts with hope*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas - A Time of Giving

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be providing Christmas assistance to those in need within our parish boundary. 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, by **December 7th**. Examples: purchase a \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 card. You may take more than one card. We are also supporting students in our four schools and high school. Suggested stores include Toys "R" Us, Walmart, Giant Tiger, Old Navy. **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.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS 2025

We joyfully celebrate and extend our heartfelt congratulations to all who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, strengthen, and inspire you as you grow in faith, love, and service. Your commitment is a blessing to our church community, and we pray that God's grace remains with you today and always.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH! The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and Bach Elgar Choir performed Handel's Messiah in our church last year for the first time. It was a beautiful performance. We are glad to once again host them for Handel's Messiah in our church.

Fri. December 5, 7:30pm & Sun. December 7, 3pm
Tickets obtained on-line at hpo.org Cost: Adults - \$50,
Seniors (65+) \$45, 25&under \$25

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.



If you are using envelopes only a couple times in the year, we recommend that you take a few of the generic visitor envelopes from the reception desk for your giving. Donations will still be recorded and tax receipts issued for gifts over \$20.00 per year. Please include your name and full address. Thank you.

CATHOLIC WOMANS LEAGUE

LADIES: 'Tis the season for sharing laughs, time, and of course... FOOD! Join the CWL on **Wednesday, Dec. 3th at 6:30 PM** for a festive Christmas Potluck – bring a dish of your choice, main course or dessert, just enough to share with a few people! Join us for some fun activities, time together, door prizes and a delicious dinner! We look forward to sharing this last meeting of 2025 with all of you! If you would like to make a Christmas center piece after dinner, cost is \$20. Place the amount in an envelope with your name, phone number and CWL on it and put in the collection or drop off at the office, or e-transfer to stcatherineofsienacwl@gmail.com by December 1st.

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.

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 soon 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.

Dignity MEMORIAL <i>Every Detail Remembered™</i> Cresmount Funeral Home "Fennell Chapel" 322 Fennell Ave. E. 905-387-2111 Phil Seagrove, Location Manager cresmountfennellchapel.com		FORTINOS <i>Your Supermarket with a twist!</i> Proudly serving our Community for over 20 years! Upper James at Rymal • 905-383-9700 <i>Thank you for your patronage!</i>		Christ Needs Men Like You Knights of Columbus St. Catherine of Siena Call Joe Baiardo 289-880-1561		MARBLE SLAB CREAMERY Fresh Homemade Ice Cream 905-574-2766 1550 Upper James St. (Fortino's Plaza)	
RUNCO LAW CARMELO N. RUNCO, Lawyer Family Law - Wills - Powers of Attorney #201 - 20 Hughson St S 289-799-3080 Professional Legal Services - Personal Attention		Decor on a Dime 5-1205 Rymal Rd E 905-383-0260 www.decoronadime.ca		integriMark.ca GENERAL CONTRACTOR Renovations • Additions 905-537-5983			
CHARLES MACALUSO B.Sc., LL.B. Barrister & Solicitor INGRASSIA MACALUSO ASSOCIATES 69 John St. South, Suite 200 905-522-7442		SEENO PEST CONTROL Commercial and Residential Services Angelo Cino 905-719-1834 seenopest@gmail.com seenopest.ca		Bay Gardens Funeral Home by Arbor Memorial www.baygardens.ca 1010 Botanical Drive, Burlington, Ontario 905-527-0405 947 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario 905-574-0405			
Electrolysis and Laser Hair Removal For more information call Wasan 289-700-1995 @electrolysis_laserhairremoval		Remember... Let our advertisers know you saw their ad here.		Casa Reyna A UNIQUE SMALL SENIOR CARE HOME Dignified, Respectful 24hr PSW Care 905-966-3121 www.casareyna.ca jemelle.casareyna@gmail.com		Mario Carvalho - Sales Representative My Cell Phone 905-317-9831 is NEVER OFF ROYAL LEPAGE MACRO REALTY Brokerage Independently Owned & Operated	
TALIZE thrift prices, great finds! HAMILTON STORE 1400 UPPER JAMES ST		Forever Young Denture Clinic Cristina Amores DD/Denturist Accepts the new Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) 289-922-9277 'Quality Dentures with a Woman's Touch' 705 Upper James St		Peter Martin HOME APPLIANCE CENTRE Sales and Service • Heating & Cooling 140 Hester St. 905-383-2146			
UPPER JAMES SELF STORAGE INC. hamiltonselfstorage.ca 9 Aeropark Blvd, Mount Hope 905.77.STORE		Adriana G. Chiappetta Insurance Advisor 905-929-8433 adrianag.chiappetta@gmail.com		3 Locations 796 Upper Gage Ave. 1919 King St. East 7 East Ave. South 905-388-4141 dermodys.com			
BUYING OR SELLING A HOUSE? THEN, "STAN'S YOUR MAN" STAN SHETTY - Sales Representative (Also a long-term parishioner) 905 574-4600 987 Rymal Road E., Hamilton, ON L8W 3M2		Filipino Home Care 905-929-7322 Compassionate, Caring Companions & Health Care Aides for your Loved Ones www.FilipinoHomecare.ca		DR. ANTHONY LOMBARDI HAMILTON CHIROPRACTOR 905-692-4222 1600 RYMAL RD E			
CIOTTI AUTO DETAILING 115 Hempstead Dr, Unit 4 905-297-5331 • ciottiautodetailing.com		Unique Gifts & Home Decor Wedding, anniversary, Christening, Communion, Confirmation, religious gifts, Rosaries, birthday & collectables. Personalized gifts & gifts for all occasions plus much more. 1808 Rymal Rd E, Unit 4 905-692-6692 whitepearl@whitepearl@whitepearl.com		Sherman Dental Centre COMPLETE FAMILY DENTISTRY NEW PATIENTS WELCOME DR. JOMY VALLIPPALAM DDS 675 Rymal Rd E Unit #3, Hamilton, ON L8W 1B5 www.shermandentalcentre.com 905-318-4884			
Jennifer Isaacs, REALTOR® 905-807-6799 JenniferIsaacsRealty.ca Thank You For Your Trust		industrial pizzeria + bar Your Favourite Full Service Italian Dining at its Best! Book Your Baptisms, Communion + Confirmations with Us Today. 365-601-3757 1791 Stone Church Road E scevents@industrialpizzeria.com		SAM'S SERVICE CENTRE General Repairs on Cars & Trucks Sam, Paul & Domenic Guerriero Automotive Technicians 654 Rymal Road E 905.385.7007 • infor@samsservicecentre.com			
RTC APPLIANCES Since 1976 "Where Service Is Our Best Product" In-Home Service & Parts 610 Upper James St 905-574-1040 service@rtcappliances.ca		DR. JERRY DeSTEPHANIS FAMILY DENTISTRY New Patients Welcome 1104 Fennell Ave. E. Suite 204 905-383-8338		Friscolanti Funeral Chapel Owned and Operated by the D'Alessandro & Friscolanti-Cameron families since 1960 www.friscolanti.com 43 Barton St. E. 905-522-0912			
TRIUNE PHYSIOTHERAPY Physiotherapy Massage Chiropractic Counseling 675 Rymal Rd E 905-318-5553 triunetherapy.ca		Gia Walton - Sales Representative 905-719-0599 www.giawalton.com RE/MAX ESCARPMENT REALTY INC., BROKERAGE		RE/MAX HALL OF FAME			