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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

| Date | Time | Mass Intentions | Requested by |
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| Monday, January 8 | 8:00 a.m. | + Maria Rosato | Virginia Chiarot |
| Tuesday, January 9 | 7:00 p.m. | + Joey Woods Deceased Members of the Freiburger & Werstine Families | The Woods Family Murray & Rita Freiburger |
| Wednesday, January 10 | 8:00 a.m. | + Patricia Kelly | Carol O'Brien |
| Thursday, January 11 | 8:00 a.m. | + Aline Gravelle | Geri and Richard Carriere |
| Friday, January 12 | 8:00 a.m. | + Ann Louise Cormier | The Knights of Columbus |
| Saturday, January 13 | 5:00 p.m. | + Maria Rosa and Joe Afonso + Rita, Frank and Edward Furey + Fr. Adrian Record | The Afonso Family Gerard Schmidt Pat Slattery |

THE END OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the last day of the Christmas Season and is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6. In Canada where the Solemnity of the Epiphany is transferred to the Sunday after New Year's, depending on the year, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord can lose its place in the calendar and is transferred to the following Monday. This year **the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord will be celebrated on Monday, January 8.** In honour of the Feast, Father Ed will celebrate Mass at 8:00 a.m. Join us for the last day of the Christmas season.



WINTER VACATION: Father Ed will be on vacation from **January 15th – 24th.** In his absence there will be no weekday masses. On the weekend of January 20/21, we will welcome Father Mark Morley, the Vocation director of the Diocese to celebrate our Sunday Masses.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy program will **resume next Sunday, January 14, 2024.**

O COME LET US ADORE HIM: Jesus, who was born in a stable in Bethlehem, is waiting for you in our Chapel of Adoration. Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic Presence will increase His divine life within you and deepen your relationship with Him. Please visit our Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration located off the lower parking lot. For more information please call: Sheila or Frank at (519) 658-9414

COFFEE SUNDAY: Following ALL Masses next **Saturday, January 13** and **Sunday, January 14.** Plan to stay after Mass to celebrate the New Year with fellow parishioners!



MEETING NOTICE: Msgr. Paul J Meyer Council 4916 January Meeting is **Thursday, January 11, 2024** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Clement Parish Hall. Enter via the Westminster Drive entrance. Please join us!



CWL MEETING: Our next CWL meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 9th, 2024** immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass. We are very pleased to welcome *Marty Dever* from Lisaard House. She will give an overview of the great work that is carried out at Lisaard and Innisfree Facilities. All ladies are welcome to attend. Come and bring a friend to this great learning experience.

MILK BAG MATS: Join us in making sleeping mats on **Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. Volunteers are needed to help with the many steps of turning milk bags into sleeping mats. Teens are welcome! *Next session: Wednesday, February 28, 2024.*



MONTHLY COLLECTION: Thank you for your continued support of food and financial donations which enables us to help those in need. Our total for the December collection was \$1,098.15

VOCATIONS: The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com. Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

PARISH OFFERINGS

December 23/24, 2023

Sunday Envelopes (96): \$4,701.00
Loose Offerings \$642.00

Christmas

Christmas Offerings \$7,457.85

December 30 – January 1, 2024

To be reported in the next bulletin

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (**January 21, 2024**) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in December at www.hamiltondiocese.com

WHEN LIFE CHANGES: The Hamilton Diocese is offering a new grief program. Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! Our six-week grief program **starts January 17, 2024** and will be held from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT: SAVE THE DATE

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Friday, February 3rd at St. Michael Catholic Church** (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL kicks off the 2024 season on **January 25, 2024 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**, with the film **Gather**, an intimate portrait of the movement among Indigenous communities to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty. The dynamic duo of Kitty R Lynn Lickers and Dr. Adrienne Xavier from McMaster University's Indigenous Studies Department will be guest speakers for the evening. Educators in Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Indigenous Food Sovereignty, they also managed the Our Sustenance program, a sustainability and food sovereignty program in their community of Six Nations. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

January 8 – 13

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| Monday | Baptism of the Lord |
| Tuesday | Rev. David Reilander |
| Wednesday | Sisters of St. John the Baptist |
| Thursday | Rev. Franjo Sprajc |
| Friday | Rev. Matthew Durham |
| Saturday | Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas |

THE PASTORAL PARISH IN THE MODERN

WORLD: The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is happy to offer a three-workshop series entitled, The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World. This new handbook created by David Wells and Bill Huebsch provides a comprehensive outline of the new vocabulary of pastoral ministry, and how to enact it in your local setting. This workshop series is designed for anyone who is working or volunteering in parish life including pastoral teams, parish councils, and youth ministry leaders. Registration for this workshop series is now OPEN. You can register here: <https://bit.ly/pastoralparish>

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