

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

WEEKEND LITURGY

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon, and by appointment

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday evening Mass

SACRED HEART DEVOTION

First Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office to register for parent meeting for Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance.

PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information or assistance contact our parish priest(s) or see www.vocationinfo.ca

MINISTRY TO SICK/SHUT-INS

Please notify the Rectory Office and arrange Communion.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family please advise the priest immediately and they will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial, contact the cemetery office at (905) 522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite you to take the time to complete a census form, located at all doors of the church. Please drop it into the collection basket.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements MUST be received by the parish office no later than Monday at 3:30 p.m. to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday Bulletin.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS - 12 NOON



Mass Intentions

"Shout aloud and sing for joy..."

- Isaiah 12

Monday December 14 - *St. John of the Cross*
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 – No Mass

Tuesday December 15
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

7 PM – Intentions of Eleanor Nespal

Wednesday December 16
Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:19-23

9 AM – Brendan Enright

Thursday December 17
Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

9 AM – In Thanksgiving

Friday December 18
Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24

9 AM – Mario Giacomelli

Saturday December 19
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

5 PM – Intentions of the Lopes family

Sunday December 20 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

9 AM – William Murray

11 AM – Pro Populo



C.W.L. Message

Thank you, Father Allen, for the spiritual guidance you provided during our Advent Reflection Day. Also, thank you very much Marie and Dolene. There will be no monthly meetings in January or February. Meetings will resume in March. We would like to invite all women of the parish who are members, and those who wish to become members to a **Membership Tea** on Sunday, January 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your membership dues – the names of all who pay their dues before January 10 will be entered into a draw for one person to receive free membership for the year. We hope you will attend this event for tea, goodies and door prizes.

*If any person or family in the parish is in need of assistance at Christmas, phone the **St. Vincent de Paul** at 905-979-6460. Be assured that any information you provide is kept confidential.*

Singers are needed for the 5 and 7 o'clock Christmas Eve Masses. Rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 19 at 10 a.m. in the choir loft. For more info, visit Leslie in the choir loft or leave your name and phone number with the office.



Our Parish

Monday December 14

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday December 15

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

Wednesday December 16

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday December 17

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday December 18

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Saturday December 19

Choir Rehearsal – 10 AM – Choir Loft

The parish office will be closed at noon on December 24 and will re-open on Tuesday, December 29.



WEEKEND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

September 20, 2015.....	\$4,258
# of envelopes.....	249
September 27, 2015.....	\$6,152.25
# of envelopes.....	266
October 4, 2015.....	\$4,443.75
# of envelopes.....	260
October 11, 2015.....	\$4,710
# of envelopes.....	263
October 18, 2015.....	\$4,869
# of envelopes.....	272
October 25, 2015.....	\$4,944.50
# of envelopes.....	283
November 1, 2015.....	\$5,932.50
# of envelopes.....	295
November 8, 2015.....	\$5,017.80
# of envelopes.....	297

Christmas Mass Times

Thursday, December 24: 5 p.m., 7 p.m. & Midnight

Friday, December 25: 9 & 11 a.m.

Confession Schedule*

Saturday, December 12: 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 19: 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22: 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23: 5:30 to 7 p.m.

**In addition to the regular confession times.*

Not Catholic But Curious?

This series is being presented especially for those who might be non-Catholic, yet attend Mass with their Catholic spouse. In a series of 6 Thursday evenings in the New Year, it will focus on the Scriptures as well as the various sacraments and is designed to impart knowledge about the Catholic faith. It is not a series which expects one to become Catholic. Those who are already Catholic are welcome to attend as well and perhaps have some questions answered. If interested please leave your name and phone number at the rectory office or see Father Strohmeyer after Mass in the priest's sacristy with your contact information.

We had a great response to the sale of **Sunday Missals** to the point that they sold out. More are on order. The amount on order is limited so contact the parish office to put one on hold if you wish or wait until they are available at the Brant St. entrance. We ask that you do not remove Missals from the pews.

IN THE DIOCESE

As the **Holy Year of Mercy** begins, join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the *Door of Mercy* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on Sunday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Heal Your Heart

Are you dealing with a loss in your life such as the death of a spouse, child or miscarriage, divorce, job loss, loss of home, health, pet, culture, infertility, romantic relationship, ailing parents? There is help – you are invited to join a series of Group Bereavement Workshops aiming at mending conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. This is a 6-week course on Wednesdays at 7 to 9 p.m. starting January 20 and each Wednesday until February 24 at St. Michael's Church, 181 Sewell Dr., Oakville. To register, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. The cost is \$35 including material.

Mercy: a study in Scripture

Attend a senior adult workshop on 7 Wednesdays starting January 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. By exploring the theme of mercy in the Old Testament we hope to understand better why Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of mercy in our lives today. This course will be facilitated by Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND & David Dayler. The cost will be \$75 which includes the textbook and other resources. Kindly register by December 18. For information, phone Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

Televised Christmas Midnight Mass

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass and re-broadcast at 8 a.m. Christmas morning. Thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

Vocation View

“What ought we to do?” the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinarily well is a step toward welcoming Jesus. For information on the priesthood or religious life, talk to the pastor or contact Rev. Wojciech Kuzma, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988, ext. 2246 or email him at wkuzma@hamiltondiocese.com.

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