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## *Feast of the Holy Family*

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# Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Dec 30 to Jan 5

Mon 9:00 am Margaret McCaig +

New Year's Eve – December 31

9:30 am Lion's Head – The Lee Family (Int)

5:00 pm OS – Irena Zottl (Int)

New Year's Day – Mary, the Holy Mother of God -  
January 1

9:00 am OS – Marianne MacArthur (Int)

11:00 am OS – Bill van Trigt +

9:00 am Chatsworth – Frank Beirnes +

11:00 am Meaford – Ken Krafchik +

9:00 am Hepworth – Jeremy Fleming +

11:00 am Wiarton – David Jones +

1:00 pm – Cape Croker - Mass

Thu 9:00 am Alex McMillan +

7:00 pm For all the Souls in Purgatory

Fri 9:00 am Marek Powichrowski & Bernadette Lewis (Int)

Saturday – January 4

9:30 am Lion's Head – Fr. Francis Ahuekwe (Int)

11:30 am Tobermory – Donna Campbell (Int)

5:00 pm Owen Sound – Darlene Lee +

Sunday – January 5

9:00 am OS – Sara Cook & family (Int)

11:00 am OS – Bill Carey +

9:00 am Chatsworth – Dennis Solomon +

11:00 am Meaford – Elizabeth Dunning (Int)

9:00 am Hepworth – Fr. David Reitzel +

11:00 am Wiarton – Clare Bechtel +

1:00 pm Cape Croker – Pro Populo

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

This week we pray for:

Mon. Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony

Tue. Rev. Felix Nwatu

Wed. **Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**

Thu. Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

Fri. Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.

Sat. Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.

\* **Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:**  
Available upon request. Please call the office. \*

Adoration is every Friday starting at 9:30 until 10:30 am



## Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate  
the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools  
of the Gospel  
and small domestic churches.  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may families never again experience violence, rejection and  
division;  
may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready  
comfort and healing.  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its  
beauty in God's plan.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer.  
Amen.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrate the Solemnity  
of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art  
thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### \* *In the Parish* \*

Parish Office Closure – Our Parish office will be  
closed for Christmas starting at noon on  
**Tuesday, December 24, 2024.** The office  
will open again on **Thursday, January 2,  
2025, at 9:00 am.** Merry Christmas to all  
our parishioners and to your families near  
and far and Happy New Year!



2025 Offering Envelopes - Boxed sets of  
envelopes for 2025 are now available. Please note that we  
are putting out fewer boxes than in previous years; your  
favourite number might not be available. Please choose  
any number but be sure to print your name and address on  
the first few you use. If you are new to our parish, please  
choose any number.

The snowy weather has arrived again –  
Please be kind to those who clean  
the floors of our churches. It would be  
very helpful if you would stamp the  
snow and salt off your boots before  
entering the church. Thank you very  
much for your help.



Sacraments of First Communion and  
Confirmation – In the coming weeks we will have  
registration information, and the schedule posted for First

Communion and Confirmation. Please continue to watch the bulletin for further details.

Catholic Women's League – Just a reminder that



St. Mary of the Assumption CWL memberships are due in January 2025. The fees are \$40. Please put your envelope in the collection basket or in the mailbox in front of the parish office. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and email address on the envelope.

Meetings are in the Parish Centre the first Wednesday of every month, beginning with the Rosary at 6:15 pm. The first meeting for the new year will be Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Come out and see what we do.

### \* *In the Diocese* \*

Vocations - By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) or visit the website: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

Marriage Tip of the Month - December can be a stressful month with all the preparation and planning that goes on before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out in ways we often would not, especially towards our spouses. This year make a conscious decision to break the cycle. Get out your calendars and plan some quiet couple time: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighborhood, watching a shared movie, or a dinner out. At least once a week make the gift of the season time with each other because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

The Reel Justice Film Festival is excited to release our dates for the 2025 season. Our films this year focus on hope and the personal stories that give voice to those that often go unheard. Themes include women's empowerment, refugees, youth, Indigenous justice, and environmental care. We start the season on **January 23, 2025**, with **She Rises Up**, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are fighting to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. Film screenings are shown online, once a month from

January to May. You can view our full film lineup at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> We hope you can join us!

Jubilee of Hope, 2025 - The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year. In Cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28-29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. The year will be officially launched in each Parish in the Diocese on this same day. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude on January 6, 2026.

**For the Sick**, our fellow parishioners and family members



who need our prayers: Ida Foch, Cecile Renaud, Bob Pointon, Rob Hillyer, Mark Topping, Kenny Dunkley, Sandra Hill, Pat McIntyre, Anne Loisel, Sharon Richard, Fr. Bill Scanlon, Ryan Warmington, Stan Juras, Anne MacDonald, Jackie Furlotte, Donelda Woods, Bill Schinbein, Josee Costantini, Mike McFayden, Colleen Warmington, Marie Beckberger, Rob Zaltron, James Gamble, Cheryl Watters, Lydia Foch, Alwyn D'Silva, Joan West, Colleen Wright, Andrew Gambal, Mike Adams, Bernadette Lewis, Lyn Hannigan, Becki Knisley, Tom McDonnell, Sharon Cantlon, Brad Cahoon, Ben Meissner, Helen Hunter, Felix Poole, Matt Bell, Arnold Hodgkinson, and Mike Couture. **We pray to the Lord.**

#### Donations received the week of Dec 14/15, 2024

Owen Sound	\$ 7, 833
Sauble Beach	283
Meaford	1, 067
Warton	873
Hepworth	691
Chatsworth	642
Tobermory	297
Lion's Head	<u>243</u>
	\$ 11, 929

**Donations received the week of Dec 21/22, 2024, were not available at the time of printing.**

*May God bless you for your generosity.*

#### The Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2024

##### For Pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. Amen.

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