

# Holy Rosary Parish

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Corina Thomas, Parish Secretary  
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# ADVENT



Tuesday, Dec 24, 2024  
8:00 a.m. †Gerard Quinn

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Vigil Masses**

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Masses at Holy Rosary Church  
5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 9:00 pm



Please note that caroling takes place 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

**Masses During Christmas Day**

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
9:00 am and 11:00 am

Thursday, Dec 26, 2024 – St. Stephen  
No Masses

Friday, Dec 27, 2024 – St. John  
No Masses

Saturday, Dec 28, 2024 – The Holy Family and Opening of the Jubilee Year  
5:00 p.m. †Anna & Franciscek Ostafin; †Maria & Edward Tomczyk; †Vittoria Tassone; S/I Moreno Family

Please Note: No Confessions Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

Sanctuary Lamp – Week of Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
In Loving Memory of Manuel Monico

Readings for Sunday, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024:  
Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 or 1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28  
Colossians 3.12-21 or 1 John 3.1-2, 21-24  
Luke 2.41-52

“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord”

† † † † †



**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Tuesday, December 31st, 2024  
5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 1st, 2025  
9:00 am and 11:00 am



**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to **Come Home for Christmas**. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. For more information, visit: <http://hamiltondiocese.com>.

**TAX DONATIONS**

Thank you so much for your support in all the many ways you give! All financial donations for the 2024 tax year should be received by **Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**. Any donations that come in after this date will be applied to the year 2025.



**CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS**

Please note that the parish office will close at noon on **Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** and will remain closed between Christmas and New Year's. Regular office hours will resume on **Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**. General mailbox messages will be checked daily.

**WELCOME HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

We wish to welcome home all the students who are studying at various colleges and universities outside of the area. It is always joyous to see our parish youth during the Christmas season. Please pray for the safety of these students and all who travel over the Christmas holidays. Welcome!



**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**



Once again, we would like to thank all the families of Holy Rosary Parish who donated to Saint Vincent de Paul's Christmas Program. Your generosity has allowed us to assist 93 families this year. You have given many families hope to move forward with their futures. You have shown them that there are people out there who still do care about each other. We wish you all a Joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

*Jesus is the Reason  
for the Season*





## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** after Mass will be the last opportunity to contribute any food donations to the Knights of Columbus **Christmas Food Drive**. Non-perishable food donations may be dropped off at the Knights trailer in the church parking lot. Cash, credit, or debit donations are welcome. **Keep Christ in Christmas lawn signs** will be available for \$10.00 each. Food Drive donations can also be made online at <https://www.holyrosaryknights.ca>. Thank you for your generosity!



## 2025 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new Offering Envelopes for 2025 are available in ALPHABETICAL ORDER on the tables in the outer foyer of the Church.



- Please ensure that you take the envelopes with your name and address on them.
- If you did not use envelopes last year and wish to contribute to the parish, or if you have changed your address, please contact the parish office.
- We ask you to please recycle all old church envelopes from previous years.
- We appreciate it when you put your name on the outside of the first couple of envelopes to ensure accurate posting of your donation to your name.

## PAJAMAS FOR CHILDREN

**Clare Cutrara** of our parish is collecting pajamas for boys and girls from 1 year old to 18 years old on behalf of Pack A Bag. To donate pajamas, please contact (905) 875-2449.

## PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:  
**Dec 23 – Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.**  
**Dec 24 – Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.**  
**Dec 25 – Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord**  
**Dec 26 – Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.**  
**Dec 27 – Rev. Rijo Jose, C.M.I.**  
**Dec 28 – The Holy Innocents**

Refer to our website: [www.holyrosaryparish.ca](http://www.holyrosaryparish.ca) for additional events, information, & updates.



## 2025 JUBILEE OF HOPE

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**.

## THE JUBILEE PRAYER



Father in heaven,  
may the **faith** you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of **charity** enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed **hope**  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.





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