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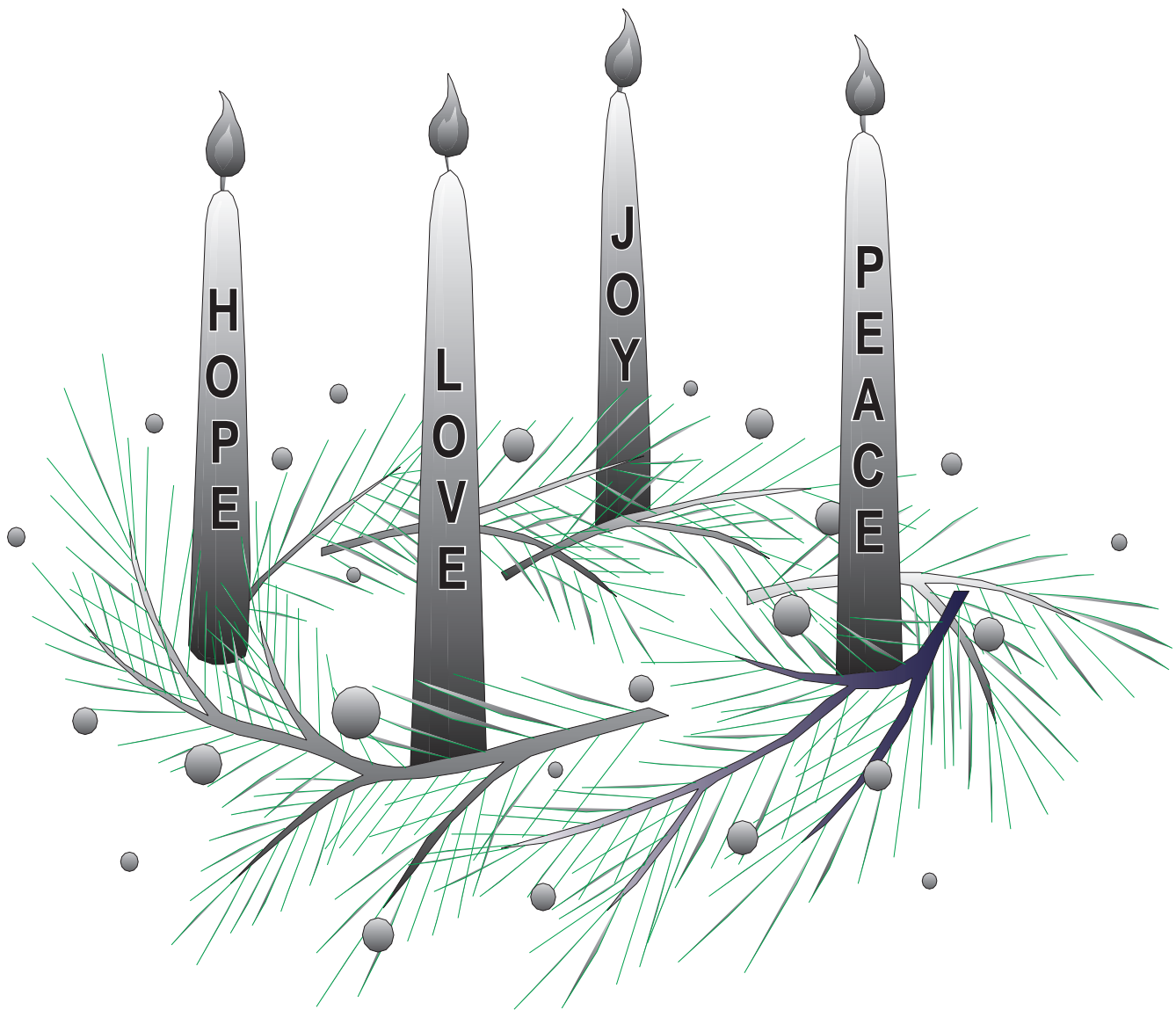
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ADVENT

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week



IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday December 1st, 2024, \$ 5126.00

Parish Appeal \$ 400.00

Building Fund \$ 98.00

Christmas \$ 50.00

EFT December 2024 \$ 2493.00

Thank you for your support!

Monday Dec 23rd- NO MASS

Tuesday December 24th-5pm & (10pm-Incense will be used as this Liturgy) Pro Populo

Wednesday December 25th 9:30am & 11:30am Pro Populo

Thursday December 26th-No Mass

Friday December 27th- 9:00am-Hilda & Kersi Parekh

Saturday December 28th- 5:00pm-Mary Emily Giordano, Corona Eni Giordano, Doug Dias, Shirley Abraham, Patrick & Patricia McKenna & Deceased family, Jack Innamorti, Eduardo Consoli, In thanksgiving for the Giordano family, Sp. Intentions of Dan & Elizabeth, Dennis Roque & Deceased family, Deceased members of the Bozzo & Veltri families

Sunday December 29th 9:30am & 11:30am-Pro Populo

PRAY TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The two blue candles by Our Mother of Perpetual Help can be lit for your intention (\$5 each). The shrine is located by our Blessed Tabernacle. We encourage all our parishioners

to take a moment and offer a prayer for these intentions:

In Loving memory of Giuseppi & Filomena D'Agata, from your loving daughter Guiseppina

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday: Rev. Jerek Scherber

Tuesday: Rev. Adam Zettel

Wednesday: Christmas Day- The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday: Rev. Jerry Punnassery

Friday: Rev. Rijo Jose

Saturday: The Holy Innocents

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



Samuel 1.20-22,24-28

John 3.1-2, 21-24

Luke 2.41-52

“Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them.”

From the Pastor's Desk

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” The words of the Prophet Isaiah that we hear at the beginning of the first reading on Christmas Eve, though they were written nearly two and half millennia ago, are directed towards us as well even today. We live in a world bereft by war, violence, division, and political uncertainty. We can experience great suffering and great stress in our daily lives. But as we celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that God has come to enter these realities, to share in them with us, to redeem them, to remove everything that might separate us from His love. Because Christ has come, we too are the people who have seen this great light. Like the shepherds who first heard the joyous announcement of the Angels that a Saviour is born for us this day in the city of David, we too are called to go and see what God has done, to recognize what God has done for us in becoming man in the person of Jesus. May our celebration of the Lord's birth bring you peace and joy from the light of his presence even amidst the darkness. On behalf of Father Pierre and our parish staff, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas.

Fr. Paul

Confessions

Please note there will be no Confessions on Tuesday December 24th.

Office Hours

Please note the Parish office will be closed from Monday Dec 23rd to Wed Jan 1st, we reopen on Thurs Jan 2nd.

Jubilee of Hope 2025

Next weekend, we will begin the Jubilee Year of Hope at the beginning of each Mass. The Jubilee year is opportunity to grow spiritually, to celebrate our faith and encounter the profound love and mercy of God. Bishop Crosby has designated holy doors for faithful to enter through as invitation to step into God's mercy in a parish in each deanery: Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, Saint Andrew Parish, Oakville, Saint Basil Parish, Brantford, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, Saint Mary's Parish, Kitchener and Immaculate Conception Parish in Formosa. In January we will begin looking at ways in which we will celebrate the Jubilee Year as a parish.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Please see below our list for our Christmas Mass times

Tuesday December 24th, Christmas Eve

5:00pm

&

10:00pm Mass during the evening, (incense will be used at this Liturgy)

Wednesday December 25th Christmas Day

9:30am

&

11:30am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday December 31st 5:00pm

&

Wednesday January 1st 10:30am

Offertory Envelopes

Our Offertory envelopes are in the Narthex of the Church, they are in alphabetical order.

Please make sure to pick up your box and double check your name on the top of the box before taking it. Some of your numbers may have changed so please don't look for your number, look for your name.

CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, 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 with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, January 4th** at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SAVE THE DATE!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1, 2025, 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 January at hamiltondiocese.com.

Birtheright Hamilton

The birth of a child is a special moment and Birtheright Hamilton has been offering support for pregnant and parenting moms in need for more than fifty years. The postal strike this year is having a severe impact on our ability to send out a Christmas donation letter to our supporters, which generally raises a large portion of our yearly budget. At this time of year, when we reflect on Christ's birth in a manger, might you consider a donation to help us through this challenging time? Donations can be made by e-transfer to birtherighthamilton@gmail.com, or by donating through Canada Helps (www.canadahelps.org/en/ and then searching Birtheright Hamilton), or by dropping a donation at the office at 370 Main St. East in Hamilton (905-527-3677). Your support is helping us to help those in need and is greatly appreciated. Tax receipts are issued for all donations.

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 and lean not to your own understanding.
 In all your ways acknowledge him,
 and he shall direct your paths.
 Proverbs 3:5-6

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