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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday Jan 6th - NO MASS

Tuesday January 7th - 7pm Mass-Rosaria Catinella, Ramani Leanlage, Marino Bugiardini, Mary Emily Giordano, Special Intentions of John & Trish Woolcott, Special Intentions of Dan & Elizabeth Vandesompele, Special Intentions of Cora Manuel

Wednesday January 8th - 9:00am-Alice & Brian Sinnamon

Thursday January 9th - 9:00am-Ralph & Rita Clow

Friday January 10th 9:00am-Roger & Dorothy Shivak

Saturday January 11th 5:00pm-Jadwiga Szczesniak, Michael Chiarelli, Antonio Angemi, Lilia Cruz, John Bellini, Special Intentions of Gilbert Coutto, Special Intentions of Tristan D'Souza

Sunday January 12th 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:

For all that are suffering in silence

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday: Rev. Joseph Ahilan
Tuesday: Rev. Benedict T. Insigne
Wednesday: Diocesan Priests
Thursday: Rev. Louis Lenssen
Friday: Rev. David Avila
Saturday: Married Couples

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



Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11
Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7
Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”



IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday December 14th, 2024, \$ 9358.60
Building Fund \$ 621.00
Christmas \$ 115.00

Thank you for your support!

Epiphany of the Lord



“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of

gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Christmas Thank You

Thanks to all who made our Christmas celebrations so wonderful. Thank you to our choirs for raising our voices to God. Thank you to our Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers. Thanks to our very dedicated team of sacristans for their hard work throughout, making sure both Priests know what they’re doing, but particularly during Christmas. Thank you to all who helped decorate the Church. Lastly, thanks to everyone who came out to help us celebrate the birth of our Saviour born for us in Bethlehem. Also thank you to Vinnie Amadeo for putting up the Christmas lights.

Bible Study

In mid-February we are pleased to be starting an 8week Bible study through Ascension Press called "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible". The series begins with the book of Genesis and will go through the story of Israel, the coming of Jesus, the sending of the Holy Spirit and concludes at with the book of Revelation. There are sign-up sheets on the tables in the Narthex for those interested. There are a couple of proposed times, please indicate which time you would prefer.

Offertory Envelopes

Our Offertory envelopes are now in the hallway, just outside the parish center. 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.

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.

STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?

Your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help – you can heal from the pain. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850. Your call is important to us.

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

We are 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!

Birthright Hamilton

The birth of a child is a special moment and Birthright 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 birthrighthamilton@gmail.com, or by donating through Canada Helps (www.canadahelps.org/en/ and then searching Birthright 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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