

# 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 Closed

## WEEKEND LITURGY

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

## WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday no Mass Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Thursday 9:00 a.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.  
Saturday 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., and by appointment

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday evening Mass

## SACRED HEART DEVOTION

Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FRIDAYS FOR 15 MINUTES AFTER 9 AM MASS  
FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca> for articles & photos of all parish activities.**

## BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office. Baptisms are on the third Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

## 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](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)

## VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY

To volunteer in ministry or activities, go to our website and complete a volunteering form through the "Help" tile on the homepage.

## 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 registration 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Masses For The Week

#### Mass Intentions

##### Monday December 16

Numbers 24 2-7, 20, 15-17a; Matthew 21.23-27 – No Mass

##### Tuesday December 17

Genesis 49.2: 8-10, Matthew 1:-1-17

7 PM – Leo Malone

##### Wednesday December 18

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

9 AM – Helen Papin

##### Thursday December 19

Judges 13:2-7; Luke 1:5-25

9 AM – Sean Floyd / Mary Ferencich

##### Friday December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10d; Luke 1: 26-38

9 AM – Elsa & John Lucas / In Thanksgiving – Maria Campos

##### Saturday December 21

Zephaniah 3:14-18a, Luke 1.39-45

5 PM – Jim & Mary Hourigan / Bella & Lawrence Menezes

##### Sunday December 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1:38

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the Parishioners)

11 AM – Kathy Hyatt & Alex Olender / Dr. Saad Tessy



## Schedule of Events

##### Monday December 16

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

##### Wednesday December 18

Mass at Wellington Park – 11 AM

Women's Group – 6 PM – Hall

##### Thursday December 19

Mass at AgeCare Brant – 2 PM

##### Friday December 20

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall



### 2025 Offering Envelopes

Our Parish's 2025 boxed sets of offering envelopes will be available for pick up beginning next weekend. You may begin using the new envelopes in January. If you would like to support our Parish financially with a set of envelopes please contact the Parish Office to get started.

**The Parish Office will be closed from  
December 24 to December 31, 2024**

## IN OUR PARISH



### Sunday Offerings

Sunday, December 8, 2024:

\$5,213.30

Building Maintenance Fund to date:

\$22,043.04

**Thanks for your support!**

### Preparing for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus (Christmas)

#### Advent Retreat at Church

Tuesday, December 10: 6 – 8 p.m.

#### Special Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 17: 6 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18: 12 Noon - 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 19: 12 Noon - 1 p.m.

Friday, December 20: 6 - 7 p.m.

#### Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24: 5 p.m. (Family Mass)

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

#### Last Mass of the Year – New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31: 7 p.m.

#### New Year's Day Mass

Wednesday, January 1: 9 a.m.

### Sale of Olive Wood Crafts from Bethlehem to help Christians in the Holy Land December 14 - 15, 2024

Please buy at least one souvenir of Olive Wood Crafts made by their hands, faith and love. They will be displayed at the back of our Church after each Mass. They are not asking for donations, the entire profits of this sale will be returned to them. Thanks for your support and generosity.

*The cross is Christ's great sign and trophy of  
victory – St. Gregory Palamas*



## Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Faith"

Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year for the entire Church. We are invited to experience in a profound way the transforming power of God's mercy and forgiveness, and a renewal of our faith and commitment to love God and our neighbour as God has first loved us. The theme for this Holy Year is: "PILGRIMS OF HOPE". In our world suffering from the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of Covid-19, the climate crisis, economic hardships and countless afflictions of mind, body and spirit, Pope Francis is inviting us to rekindle the hope which is rooted in our faith: "*Our sure hope which never disappoints*". The year begins with the opening of THE HOLY DOOR in St. Peter's Basilica at Christmas Midnight Mass by our Holy Father. In our Diocese of Hamilton, we are beginning the Jubilee Year on December 29, the feast of the Holy Family in all the Parishes. We pray that all parishioners can attend one of that weekend's Masses. Part of the Jubilee experience is to make a pilgrimage to sacred places, where prayer is offered, the sacraments celebrated and a plenary indulgence can be obtained for the remission of punishment due of our sins. Bishop Crosby has designated six (6) pilgrimage Churches, one in every deanery of the Diocese: St. Basil in Brantford, Immaculate Conception in Formosa, St. Andrew in Oakville, Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton, Basilica of our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, St. Mary, our Lady of the Seven Sorrows in Kitchener. Let us all be "*Pilgrims of Hope*".

### Children's Liturgy Corner

All children who would like to participate in the Children's Gospel at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 24, are asked to attend a small practice in the Warren Room after the 11:00 a.m. Masses on December 15 and 22. Any questions, please e-mail Anne Marie at [childrensliturgy@stjohns@gmail.com](mailto:childrensliturgy@stjohns@gmail.com)



**THE ANGEL TREE** – *The Angel Tree is St. John's December project. The tree will be set up at the Brant Street Narthex from **November 30 to December 22**. Parishioners are asked to choose a donation suggestion from the tree. Please leave the item(s), unwrapped, in the containers by the tree. They will be given to families in our parish school community requiring support. Thank you for your generosity.*

### 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

*Franciscus*





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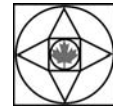
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