

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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*Feast of the Holy Family*

Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre, Pastor  
Rev. Archange K  b  , In Residence  
Rev. Mr. Rob Thomas, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Cam Johnson, Deacon  
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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m. (3:30 Mon.)  
Friday Closed.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

**BAPTISMS**

Please contact the Parish Office.

**MARRIAGES**

Please contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance.

**IN OUR PARISH**

**Schedule of Events**

Monday December 30

Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR

Friday December 31

AA Meeting - 8 PM - Hall

***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.*



**Masses For The Week**

Monday December 30

| John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 - *No Mass*

Tuesday December 31

| John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

7 PM - Pat & Norma O'Brien

Wednesday January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luk3 2:16-21

9 AM - Mary Ferencich

Thursday January 2 - St. Basil & St. Gregory

| John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

9 AM - No Mass

Friday January 3

| John 2:29, 3:1-6; John 1:29-34

9 AM - No Mass

Saturday January 4

| John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

5 PM - Intentions of Mildred Raymond

Sunday January 5 - Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

9 AM - Pro Populo

11 AM - Nahid & Armand Korkis / Shawket & Mary Yonan & Family



*Welcome to all who are visiting our Parish during this Holy Season. We pray that you are nourished by our Liturgy. If you are new to our community, please fill out a registration form and return it to the office or place in it the collection basket. Registration forms are located at all doors of the Church and you are welcome to contact the office to obtain a personal set of Church envelopes if you would like one.*

**All donations for the 2024 tax year** must be received by the office no later than 12 Noon on Tuesday, December 31 at which time the parish books and the parish office will be closed. Please note that any donations left after noon on December 31 must count toward 2025.

**2025 Offertory Envelopes** are available for pick up in the Church. They are arranged alphabetically on the tables toward Brant Street. Please contact the Parish Office if you currently don't have envelopes but would like a box.

**The Parish Office will be closed from  
December 30, 2024 - January 1, 2025  
We will reopen on January 2, 2025  
Please have a safe and Happy New Year!**

*"...an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you..."*  
Matthew 2:13

DECEMBER 29, 2024



## 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*".



*Thanks to all of you for your kind and thoughtful Christmas cards, prayers and gifts. They were very much appreciated.*  
- Fr. Philippe, Deacon  
Rob and Deacon Cam

## St. Vincent de Paul Corner

The St. Vincent DePaul Society is extending a huge thank you to all of the Parishioners for your very generous donations toward our Christmas Program. Our neighbours thoroughly enjoyed "shopping" in our market without price tags.

## 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*



## Fundraising Notification

St. John the Baptist Parish is preparing to establish a Fundraising Committee starting in January 2025. If there are any parishioners with fundraising experience and wish to be part of this committee, please contact the parish office at 905-634-2485. "God loves a cheerful giver!"



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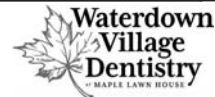


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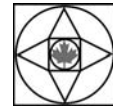


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