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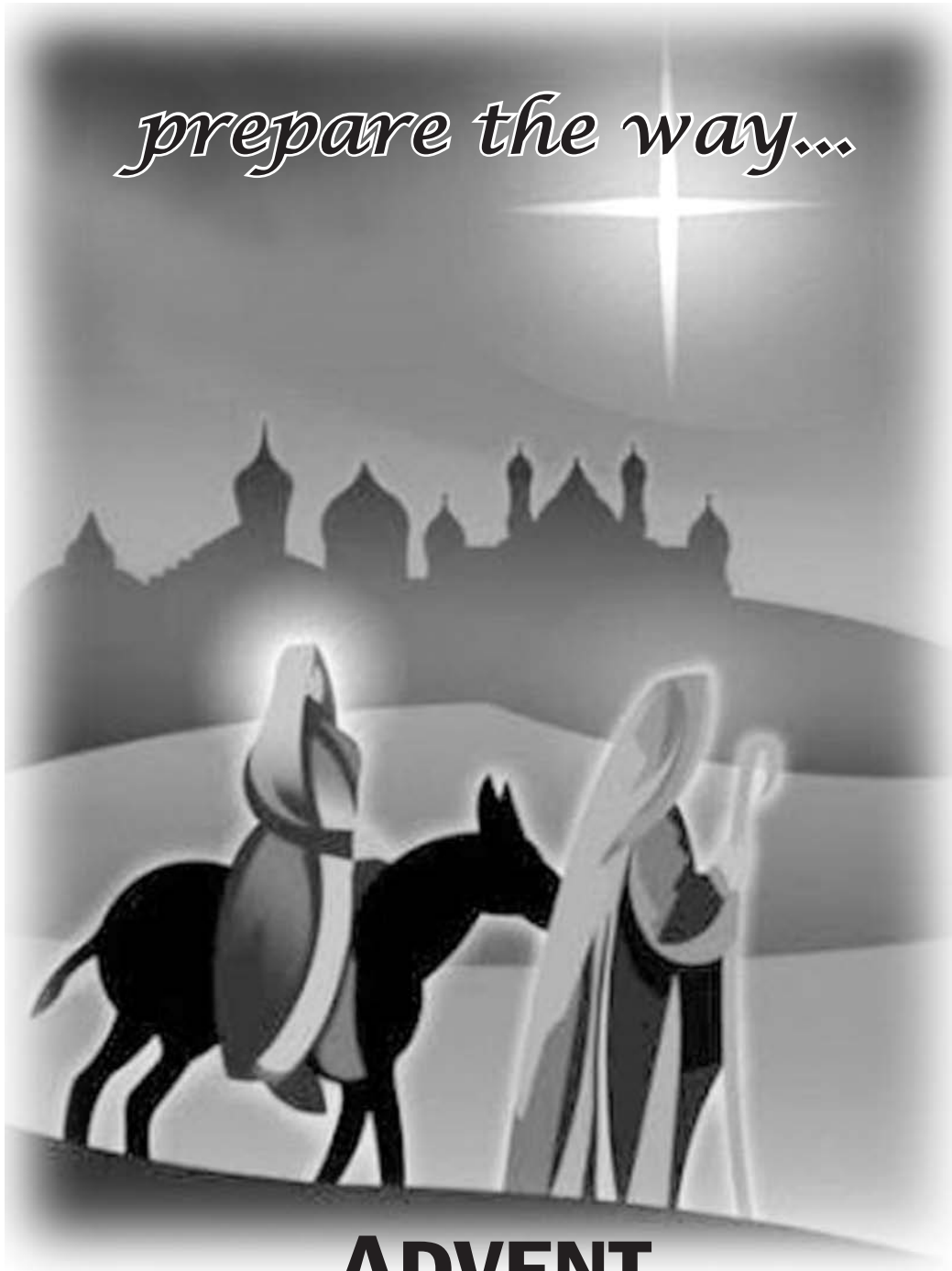
PASTOR: Rev. John Schnurr

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. John Ha

DEACON: Rev. Mr. Brian Dunn

RETIRED IN RESIDENCE: Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger

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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 22, 2024

Dec 23 – Dec 29, 2024
WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
MONDAY	<i>Dec 23, 2024</i>
9:00am Mass	Egidio Mannarino

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY	<i>Dec 24, 2024</i> – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, Vigil Mass
5:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY	<i>Dec 25, 2024</i> – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
12:00am Mass	Midnight Mass - Carols starting at 11:30pm
9:00am Mass	Livestream
11:00am Mass	Incense to be Used

THURSDAY	<i>Dec 26, 2024</i> – ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR No Mass
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FRIDAY	<i>Dec 27, 2024</i> – ST. JOHN, APOSTLE
9:00am Mass	Geoffrey Artz
Note: No Adoration or Confessions today	

SATURDAY	<i>Dec 28, 2024</i> – THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
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9:00am Mass Intentions:
 Int. of the Waller Family Int. of the Sawaya Family
Consecration of the Holy Family following Mass
 9:30am – 10:00am Confessions
 4:00pm – 4:30pm Confessions
 5:00pm Mass Intentions:
 Rosa Parisse Kaye Himel
 Rudy Korosec Emmanuel & Lonza Zammit
 Isabelle Beardsley Int. of Mary Nelufa De Silva & Family
 Steve Pozzobon

SUNDAY	<i>Dec 29, 2024</i> – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
9:00am	Mass (Livestream)
11:00am	Mass – Inauguration of Jubilee of Hope
8:00pm	Mass

Christmas and Advent Schedule

Our Prish Advent and Christmas Schedule is posted on our website. Visit our [website](#) or scan the code for detailed information. Please note the Parish Office will be closed Dec 24-26, 2024, and Jan 1, 2025.



SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6, Luke 1.57-66
 Tuesday: Isaiah 62.1-5, Acts 13.16-17, 22-25, Matthew 1.1-25
 Wednesday: Isaiah 62.11-12, Titus 3.4-7, Luke 2.15-20
 Thursday: Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59, Matthew 10.17-22
 Friday: 1 John 1.1-4, John 20.2-8
 Saturday: 1 John 1.5 – 2.2, Matthew 2.13-18
 Sunday: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3.12-21, Luke 2.41-52

HAMILTON DIOCESE WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for the following people or groups:
 Monday: Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
 Tuesday: Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
 Wednesday: **Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord**
 Thursday: Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
 Friday: Rev. Rijo Jose, C.M.I.
 Saturday: **The Holy Innocents**



December 8, 2024

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A Very Big Thank you from the Priests & Parish Staff

On behalf Fr. John Ha, Fr. Malcolm, and Deacon Brian, I wish to thank you to all the parishioners for your prayers and gifts over the Christmas holidays. The many cards, gifts, prayers, and well wishes are sincerely appreciated. Thanks to the musicians, cantors, and choir members for all their hard work in preparing and providing music for the liturgies throughout the year. Thanks to the Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy leaders, Ushers, and Greeters for your faithful service each weekend. Thanks to everyone who has participated in the various ministries, volunteer activities, and community events that has not only strengthened the unity within our parish but has also left a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

As we begin the Jubilee of 2025 as Pilgrims of Hope, I offer these words from St. Paul in his letter to the Romans (15:13) "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in Hope!" May you have a blessed Christmas Season, and let us all "abound in Hope" in 2025!

Sincerely, Fr. John Schnurr.

Incense to be Used at

Christmas Day & Epiphany Masses

Please note that incense will be used at the following Masses: December 25, 11AM Mass (*Christmas Day*) and January 5, 11AM Mass (*Feast of the Epiphany*). There will be no incense in all other masses during this season. **DID YOU KNOW?** The incense we use at mass is actually frankincense, which, along with gold and myrrh, was one of the gifts offered to Jesus by the Three Wise Men. Therefore, it is often used during the Christmas season to commemorate the birth of Jesus.

Children's Liturgy Update

There will be no Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 9AM & 11AM Masses on the following dates: December 29th and January 5th. This ministry will resume in the new year starting January 12th. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back in the new year!

40th Anniversary Photo Directory

Exciting news! St Paul the Apostle Parish is approaching the milestone of our **40th Anniversary!** Your presence in our church congregation is a **significant** part of this celebration. We formally invite all parishioners and their families to participate in our parish photo directory to capture the vibrant, generous and blessed community we have here at St. Paul's. Take advantage of this **free of charge** opportunity to receive:

- **Free copy of the photo directory**
- A place to connect **names with faces** of both new and seasoned parishioners
- **Feel connected** to the greater community of our large parish
- A chance to purchase a **professional copy** of your portrait(s) for very reasonable rates
- **Be a part** of our parish HISTORY as we celebrate 40 years!

Photo sessions begin on **January 28, 2025. Grab the best slots early!** For more information and to sign up for your photo session, please see the parish [40th Anniversary](#) webpage. You may also book your photo session directly, by using this QR code:



Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2025 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637



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End of Year Donations

Please ensure that all cash and cheque donations for the 2024 tax year are submitted to the parish office by **December 29, 2024**, to allow time to process and deposit these donations. E-transfers received in 2024 will be credited for the 2024 tax year.

Envelopes and Tax Receipts

The 2025 offertory envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex. Envelopes will be re-issued in 2025 for parishioners who have contributed a minimum of \$50 in the last year. The 2025 tax receipts will be issued for those who contributed \$50 or more in 2024 and can be issued for amounts less than \$50 by request. We sincerely thank all donors for their ongoing financial support of our parish.

E-Transfer Donation Update

The new St. Paul the Apostle email address for **e-transfers** is stpaulburlington@hamiltondiocese.com. Please include your full name and contact information so that we can provide a tax receipt.

Consecration to the Holy Family

As a way to "Keep Christ in Christmas", the Knights of Columbus are promoting a period of greater devotion to the Holy Family. Whether we are children, parents or grandparents we can all learn from the actions of the Holy Family. Over the next weeks consider reflecting on your day's activities and whether your behaviour was like that of the Holy Family. A Consecration to the Holy Family will be held at the morning Mass on December 28th. More information is available at the back of the church.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Thank you to our parishioners for your generous contributions to the 2024 Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Angel Tree program. Your support allowed us to help those less fortunate in our community celebrate Christmas. This year's program assisted 61 families living within our St. Paul The Apostle parish boundary, including 120 adults and 90 children. We also assisted 25 children currently in the care of Halton Children's Aid Society, Burlington Office. A sincere thank you and have a Blessed Merry Christmas.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) will hold its final loose change collection for 2024 at all Masses on **December 28th/29th**. Please note that we also accept donations through pre-authorized debit, through the blue envelopes that are included with your church envelopes, online through our website and via eTransfer to ssvpstpaultheapostle@gmail.com. For online donations or for further details visit our website at ssvpstpaulburlington.com. To ensure that you receive a 2024 income tax receipt for your donation, it must be **RECEIVED by SSVP no later than December 29th**. Cheques must be dated no later than December 29, 2024.

Jubilee of Hope, 2025

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: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee/>



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