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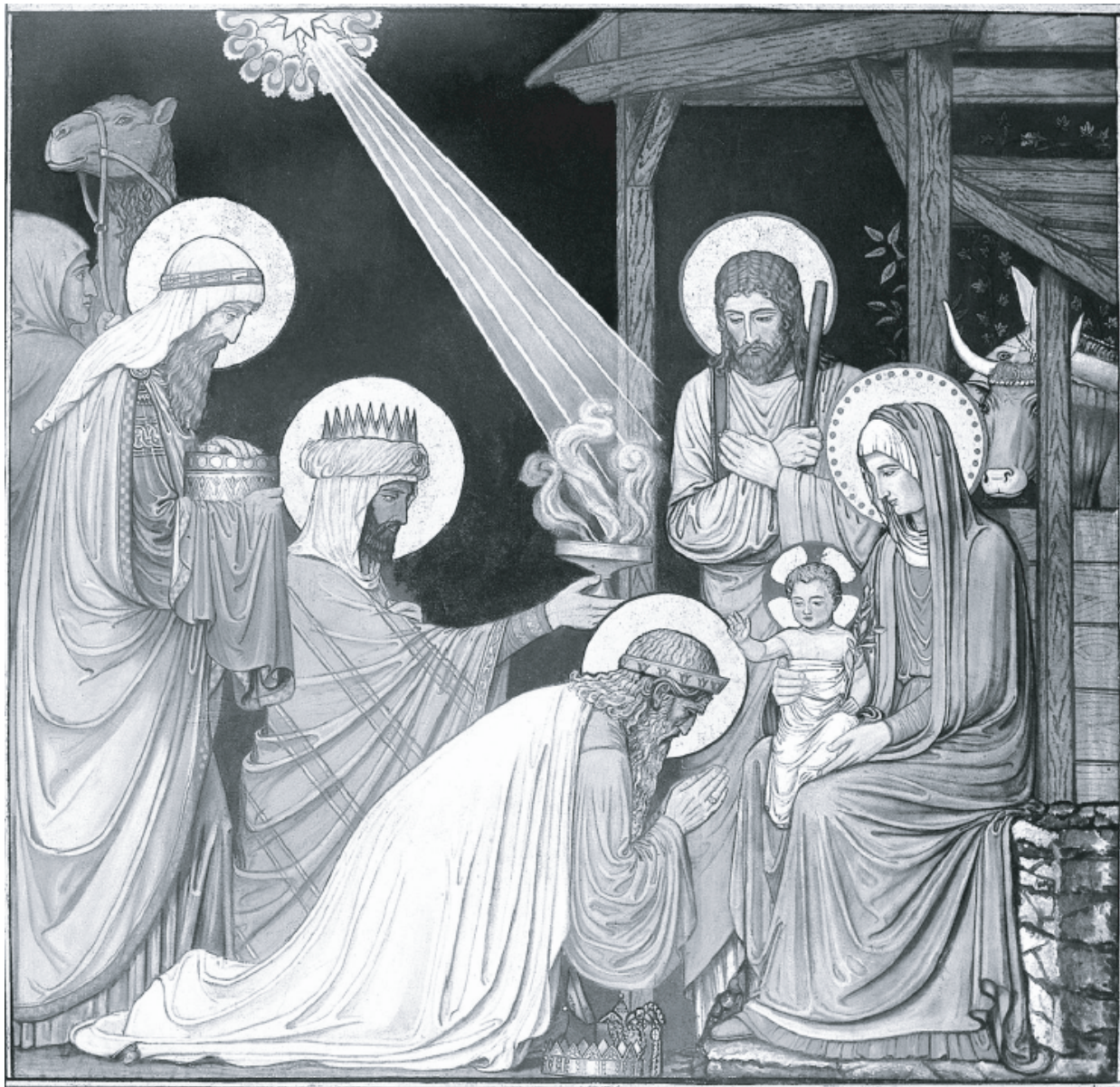
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DEACON: Rev. Mr. Brian Dunn

RETIRED IN RESIDENCE: Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger



*Feast of the Holy Family*

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

## DECEMBER 29, 2024

**Dec 30, 2024 – Jan 5, 2025**  
**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

**DATE**                      **MASS INTENTIONS**  
**MONDAY**                *Dec 30, 2024*  
No Mass

**TUESDAY**                *Dec 31, 2024*  
**5:00pm Mass**            *Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Vigil Mass*

**WEDNESDAY**            *Jan 1, 2025 – THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD*  
**9:00am**                    Mass (*Livestream*)  
**11:00am**                    Mass

*Solemnity of Mary Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation*

**THURSDAY**                *Jan 2, 2025 – ST. BASIL THE GREAT &  
ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN*  
**9:00am Mass**            Gerry & Mardi Keyes

**FRIDAY**                    *Jan 3, 2025*  
**9:00am Mass**            Michael & Jean Slavin  
**9:30am – 10:00am** *Confessions*  
**9:30am – 6:00pm** *All Day Adoration*

**SATURDAY**                *Jan 4, 2025*  
**9:00am Mass Intentions:**  
Omer, Don & Agnes Caerels            Rui Garcia  
Eduardo Monteiro                        Int. of Jerome Schentag  
**9:40am – 10:00am** *Confessions*  
**4:00pm – 4:30pm** *Confessions*  
**5:00pm Mass Intentions:**  
Rudy Korosec                                Sylvia Jean Harkness  
Val Petschar                                 Sindhu Mahendran  
Luciano & Marisa Silvestri                Carloine Mahendran  
Norma Southward

**SUNDAY**                    *Jan 5, 2025 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*  
**9:00am**                    Mass (*Livestream*)  
**11:00am**                    Mass  
**8:00pm**                    Mass

### Christmas Schedule

Our Prish 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 Jan 1, 2025. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.



### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: 1 John 2.12-17, Luke 2.36-40  
Tuesday: 1 John 2.18 -21, John 1.1-18  
Wednesday: Numbers 6.22-27, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.16-21  
Thursday: 1 John 2.22-28, John 1.19-28  
Friday: 1 John 2.29 – 3.1-6, John 1.29-34  
Saturday: 1 John 3.7-10, John 1.35-42  
Sunday: Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2.1-12

### HAMILTON DIOCESE WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for the following people or groups:

Monday: Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony  
Tuesday: Rev. Felix Nwatu  
Wednesday: **Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**  
Thursday: Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.  
Friday: Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.  
Saturday: Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.

### 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 the Epiphany of the Lord Mass

Please note that incense will be used at the January 5, 11AM Mass (*Feast of the Epiphany*). **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 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!

### Envelopes and Tax Receipts

The 2025 offertory envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex. Please kindly write your **name and address**, on the front of your envelopes, when making your contribution. 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.

## 40th Anniversary Photo Directory

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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## Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

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## 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/>

Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year. In Cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28-29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. The year will be officially launched in each Parish in the Diocese on this same day. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude on January 6, 2026.

*"In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope."*  
Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*.

## The Reel Justice Film Festival

The Reel Justice Film Festival is 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!

## 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 on the Diocesan Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).



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