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**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Friday 9:00am -12:00noon**

**WEEKDAY MASS:**

**Tuesday, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
9:00am**

**SUNDAY MASS:**

**Saturday, 5:00pm  
Sunday, 9:00am, 11:00am**

**RECONCILIATION:**

**Tuesday, 6:15pm -6:45pm  
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm  
(or by appointment)**

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the office at least 3 months prior to desired date.

**Becoming Catholic-RCIA:** For those not Baptized, or who have not yet completed their initiation, please call the office or speak to one of the priests.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:** [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca) 905-522-7727

**FUNERALS:** When a family death occurs, please contact the office for assistance with arrangements.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples intending to marry, kindly contact the office about a year in advance.  
Wedding Anniversary Blessing on the last Sunday of the month.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Do you know someone in need? Please contact 905-512-5475 or visit our website at <https://www.ssvphamiltonpc.org/scos>

**VOCATIONS:** Diocese of Hamilton [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

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**Our Financial Stewardship:**

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*Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar*

<b>Mon</b>	Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger
<b>Tues</b>	Rev. Carlos Diaz
<b>Wed</b>	Order of Preachers (Dominican, O.P.)
<b>Thurs</b>	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
<b>Fri</b>	Rev. John Van Hees
<b>Sat</b>	Engaged Couples

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**



<b>Tues Dec 3</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Germano & Elda Crinella Nicola & Domenica Di Pietro Lora & Gegori Di Pietro Frank Della Maestra Vic Uzbalis Emmett & Isobel Kelly Special Intentions of S.J.
<b>Wed Dec 4</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Gunther Tamm
<b>Thurs Dec 5</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Jean Simpson
<b>Fri Dec 6</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Sandra Laidley Anne Thibodeau Betty MacLean
<b>Sat Dec 7</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Francisca Cruz & deceased family members Carmen Micallef Cosmo Amore Mary & James Hanlon Jerard Hanlon James William Hanlon Ellen Hanlon Veader Elaine Hanlon Jenkins

**First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2024**

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.** email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)



*We light one purple candle.  
Lord Jesus fill our hearts  
with hope*

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Christmas - A Time of Giving

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be providing Christmas assistance to those in need within our parish boundary. We kindly ask your support by taking a tag from the Christmas tree, purchase a gift card, **clearly indicate the amount on the outside** and place it in the designated box beside the tree, by **December 8**.

Examples: purchase a \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 card. You may take more than one card. We are also supporting students in our four schools and high school. Suggested stores include Toys "R" Us, Walmart, Giant Tiger, Old Navy. **Please do not purchase any gifts or toys, only gift cards.** Families will also receive food vouchers from donations previously received.

Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated.



Join us at our annual *St. Catherine of Siena Winter Wonderland Dinner and*

*Dance.* This is the major social event of our parish year. Last year close to 500 attended. The evening will include a three course dinner with wine, entertainment, door prizes, silent auction, children's activities, and of course lots of dancing! Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> at Michelangelo's Banquet Hall. Doors open 6pm, dinner at 7pm. Tickets are \$75, \$25 for children under 12.

*Tickets are available at the parish office now and will also be on sale after Masses beginning the weekend of November 30, December 1.* Come with family, friends, neighbours. It might make a nice Christmas gift!



**COFFEE SUNDAY** - Please join us for Coffee & Timbits this Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> after the 9am & 11am Mass. Hope you all can join us!

### **ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL**

To begin the Advent Season, the Diocesan Choir is pleased to announce an Advent Hymn Festival at our Parish on Sunday, December 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.. A goodwill offering will be received for the Neighbours in Need Program.

### **BLESSED IS SHE! ADVENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

Experience how God calls you personally during this Advent season, to become his sacred presence to others; and how your Advent this year can re-create the Song of the Magnificent in your own heart.

WHEN: Tuesday, 3rd of December 7:30 PM

WHERE: St. Andre Bessette Room

Retreat Leader: Simone Robinson

Suggested Donation: \$10.00

Please register for the retreat at [s.k.robinson@icloud.com](mailto:s.k.robinson@icloud.com)

**THE ABRUZZESE FEDERATION** invites you to our annual Christmas concert to be held on December 12th; 7:00pm at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Free admission with donations of non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd gratefully accepted.

### **ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel at Rymal and Garth (391 Rymal Rd. W.) is a part of our parish. Everyone is welcome to attend. Daily weekday Mass at 8:30am, Sun. Mass at 9:30am.

### **HARLEQUIN SINGERS – CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Tickets on sale now**

The Harlequin Singers of Hamilton have been booked to perform at St. Catherine of Siena Parish on Sunday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM**. This concert promises to be filled with a wide variety of heartwarming Christmas music providing “food for the soul” and enjoyment for all age groups. ***Tickets will be available for purchase after Mass this weekend and at the Office.*** (Children 12 & under: Free; Seniors & Students: \$15; Adults: \$20) For additional details re this event, please feel free to contact David Quinton @ 905-388-6595

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are happy to invite all children from St. Catherine of Siena Parish to join in a “**Christmas Sing Along with St. Nicholas**” on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 11 am Mass in our Church Hall. Children will be treated with drinks, crafts and lots of laughter. **Join us, and don’t forget to bring your cameras for a Photo op with St. Nicholas!**

*The Knights of Columbus* would like to thank Fr. Peter, his wife Simone and the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena that attended the breakfast with Fr. Peter. Together we raised \$1,300 towards the churches mortgage.

Christmas Cards will be on sale after mass.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE**

LADIES: ‘Tis the season for sharing laughs, time, and of course.. FOOD! Join the CWL on Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 6:30 PM for a festive Christmas Potluck – bring a dish of your choice, main course or dessert, just enough to share with a few people! Join us for some fun activities, time together, door prizes and a delicious dinner! We look forward to sharing this last meeting of 2024 with all of you.

**BACH ELGAR CHOIR.** On **Friday, December 13 at 7:30PM** and **Sunday, December 15 at 3PM**, HPO Music Director [James Kahane](#) leads the orchestra in an annual holiday tradition of *Handel’s Messiah* co-presented by **Bach Elgar Choir**. This year’s concert will take place on the mountain for the first time ever at **St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church**, located on **620 Rymel Rd E. Purchase your tickets today at [HPO.org](http://HPO.org).**

### **[Handel’s Messiah](#)**

**Friday, December 13 - 7:30PM**

**Sunday, December 15 - 7:30PM**

### **MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS**

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton hosts a Monthly Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington on the second Tuesday of each month. The names of people interred in one of the Hamilton/Burlington area Catholic cemeteries during the previous month are read during the Universal Prayer, and their relatives receive an invitation to attend. The next Mass will be on Tuesday, December 10 at 4:30pm. All are welcome.

***Missals are for sale at the back of the church for \$5.00 each. Please place in offertory box***

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