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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 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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH:

Corpus Christi: 905-389-3940

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Our Financial Stewardship:

The foundation of all stewardship is a generous heart.

December 7/8, 2024 \$ 12,091.10

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Mon	Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.
Tues	Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.
Wed	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
Thurs	Rev. Ilija Petkovic
Fri	Rev. Vinko Nenadic
Sat	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Tues Dec 17	7:00pm	Dio Didiodato Dioato & deceased family members Antonio Dandreamatteo & deceased family members Barbara Bernardo Giovanni Mari Special Intentions of Antonio Luppino
Wed Dec 18	9:00am	Sam Misale
Thurs Dec 19	9:00am	Pierino & Josephine Sottile
Fri Dec 20	9:00am	Shabow & Katreena Lazer
Sat Dec 21	5:00pm	Antonietta Daniele Domenico & Eufemia Daniele Tony Ferrer Lina Febbraro Silvio Pacini Adoracion Aragon Estela Pacheco Darcy Amaral

Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2024
 Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
.email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/



*We light two purple candles and one rose candle.
 Lord Jesus fill our hearts with joy.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Are very sincerest appreciation to all who contributed to our gift card program for those in need. The work of our society continues throughout the year and continues only because of your ongoing support. Wishing you and those you love, a very blessed Christmas season and peace filled, healthy new year.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YOUTH TEAM

We welcome students from grade 7 to grade 12 to join our newly formed youth group. For further information, please call Barb at [905 515-7059](tel:905-515-7059)



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

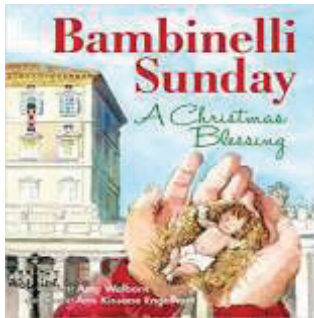
the major social event of our parish year. Last year close to 500 attended. The evening will include a three course dinner with wine, entertainment, door prizes, silent auction, children's activities, and of course lots of dancing! Saturday January 25th at Michelangelo's Banquet Hall. Doors open 6pm, 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!

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

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 22nd 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!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE
Save your empties, the Knights of Columbus are holding a Can & Bottle drive on Saturday January 4th from 8:00am until 11:00am. Accepting all alcohol beverage containers purchased in Ontario on which a deposit was paid.



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter’s

Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the *third Sunday of Advent*, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the ‘Bambinelli’ – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass *this Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 14th & 15th Masses* to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your ‘Bambinelli’ home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger and allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

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.

**Advent and Christmas
Schedule 2024**

Advent Confessions

Tues., December 17th ● 6:15pm – 6:45pm
Thur., December 19th ● 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Sat., December 21st ● 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve,

Tues., December 24th ●
5pm, 7pm, 9pm & Midnight

Christmas Day,

Wed., December 25th ● 9:00am & 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

New Year’s Eve,

Tues., December 31st ● 5pm

New Year’s Day,

Wed., January 1st ● 9am & 11am

*The office will be CLOSED
December 24th, 2024 through Jan 2nd, 2025

*No Weekday Masses: December 26th - 27th, 2024

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

**Will be available for pick up the weekend of
December 21/22, 2024**

Please pick up your envelopes located in the Narthex. If you used offertory envelopes regularly this past year, a boxed set has been prepared for you.

After January 1, 2025 please discard previous unused envelopes as assigned numbers may have changed.

If you have not used envelopes but would like to or set up **Visa/MC donations**, please call the office for assistance. Donations can also be made through our website, **catherineofsienachurch.ca** under the ‘Donate Now’ section via Canada Helps.

If you are using envelopes only a couple times in the year, we recommend that you take a few of the generic visitor envelopes from the reception desk for your giving. Donations will still be recorded and tax receipts issued for gifts over \$20.00 per year. Please include your name and full address. Thank you.

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