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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

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ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Our Financial Stewardship:

The foundation of all stewardship is a generous heart.

November 30/December 1, 2024 \$ 11777.75

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Mon	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tues	Rev. Lawrence Parent
Wed	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
Thurs	<i>National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples</i>
Fri	Rev. John Ha
Sat	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Tues Dec 10	7:00pm	Anna Coleman Alicia Milanese Cecelia Janca Flora & Gabriel Marini Joseph Lynch Andrea, Nunzita & Tony Livoti Eduardo Consoli
Wed Dec 11	9:00am	Gunther Tamm
Thurs Dec 12	9:00am	Margherita Tollis
Fri Dec 13	9:00am	Special Intentions of Timothy Lim (A Mass of Thanksgiving)
Sat Dec 14	5:00pm	Assunta Damaini Teresa Cattafi Giovanni Mallia Manuel Cabral Clem Cavanaugh Adoracion Aragon Estela Pacheco Bill Noseworthy Lina Vennero

Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2024

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? 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 hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/**



*We light two purple candles.
Lord Jesus fill our hearts
with peace.*

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:9055157059)

SOCIETY AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL all gift cards and tags must be placed in the box by Sunday, **December 8**. In addition to receiving food vouchers, your gift will help to create smiles! As always, our sincerest thanks for supporting those in need.

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.



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

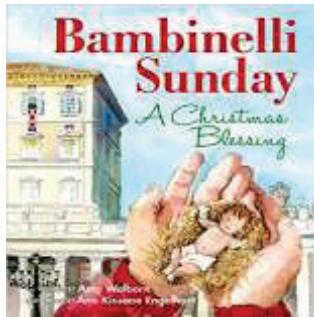
the major social event of our parish year. Last year close to 500 attended. The evening will include a three course dinner with wine, entertainment, door prizes, silent auction, children's activities, and of course lots of dancing! Saturday January 25th at Michelangelo's Banquet Hall. Doors open 6pm,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

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.

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!**

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 Rymal Rd E**. **Purchase your tickets today at <https://www.hpo.org/handels-messiah-2024/>**
Friday, December 13 - 7:30PM
Sunday, December 15 - 3:00PM



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 next 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.

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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