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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

St. John Paul II: 905-525-1300

St. Marguerite d'Youville: 905-387-4600

St. Teresa of Calcutta: 905-318-7933

St. Jean De Brebeuf Secondary: 905-388-7020

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Our Financial Stewardship:

The foundation of all stewardship is a generous heart.

October 12/13, 2024 \$ 15,877.75

Month of October

Visa/ Mastercard – Regular \$7,974.67 Building \$408.00

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Mon	Very Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei
Tues	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
Wed	Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)
Thurs	Rev. Livinus Okamgba
Fri	Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil
Sat	Rev. Romelito Guillen

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Tues Oct 22	7:00pm	Maria DelSordo Patricia Perera Pietrina Cicero Special Intentions of all the volunteers of the Heart2Hands Ministry Special Intentions of Micheal, Adrian, Dan & Marites
Wed Oct 23	9:00am	Katreena Lazer
Thurs Oct 24	9:00am	Antonio Caliri
Fri Oct 25	9:00am	Rev. Robert Dunn
Sat Oct 26	5:00pm	Deceased members for the Damaini family Michael Adams George & Cecelia Janca Matteo & Rosa Spoleti Franco Gallo Lucy Ann Gabriele Girolano Fanara

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 20, 2024

Jesus' life was the best 'job description': sympathy; mercy; service; compassion; and total giving. Life is rewarding when one lives for others. Do you want to serve or be served? If you are willing to serve as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988**. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING:

Thursday, November 14th at 7pm for St. Teresa School, St. Marguerite D'Youville School, Corpus Christi School & St. John Paul II School
Will be held at St. Catherine of Siena (620 Rymal Rd. E.) Online registrations will start December 2024

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS:

Online Registration available now.

Sun. Nov. 24, 2024, 2pm - Corpus Christi
Fri. Nov. 29, 2024, 7pm - St. Marguerite D'Youville
Sat. Nov. 30, 2024, 11am - St. John Paul II
Sat. Nov. 30, 2024, 2pm - St. Teresa

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 8th, 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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YOUTH TEAM

If you are looking to give back to your community, we welcome students from grade 7 to grade 12 to join our newly formed youth group. Our next meeting is Sunday, Oct. 27, at noon in the parish hall. For further information, please call Barb at [905 515-7059](tel:905-515-7059).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Catherine of Siena Council 12453
Charity Coats 4 Kids Drive
Special collection before and after Mass
Saturday & Sunday
October 26 & 27, 2024

Please consider donating monetarily to Coats 4 Kids. **100% of all donations go towards the purchase of new coats for children and adults to be distributed for FREE** to families who could otherwise not afford them.
Also, Hot Apple Sundaes available after all Masses for \$5.00.

October 20, 2024

**ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEDICATION OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
CHURCH
OCTOBER 22**

“Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.”

St. Catherine of Siena

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

One year ago on October 22, 2023, our new church was dedicated by Bishop Crosby with an overflowing gathering. It was an emotional and moving celebration of the grace of God working in our parish. The change within our parish, as we entered the new church, was instantaneous, with many new parishioners and a new enthusiasm. The number of children at our Sunday Children Liturgy of Word at each Mass has been one of the nice signs of this new life.

As I saw this happen within our parish I have often reflected on the experience of the Resurrection in the early church. After the suffering and death of Jesus, the experience of the Risen Lord was completely unexpected. In fact, the first disciples often did not recognize the Risen Lord who appeared in a new form. The challenge for our parish is to recognize the Risen Lord in our midst.

At the Tuesday evening 7pm Mass on October 22 this year, the dedication candles will be lit in our church for the first time since the Dedication Mass. These dedication candles are only lit on the Feast Day of St Catherine of Siena and on the anniversary of the Dedication Mass.

It is a time for us all to humbly give thanks to God for the gift of our parish. I also give thanks to our parish staff, Patrick, our facility manager and to Rachel and Yvonne in our parish office. They have all worked extra hard this past year adjusting to a new church and to the fast growth in the parish that has taken place. Please be sure to thank them for the ways they quietly serve all of us.

Once again I thank Deacon Tom Vert for all of his service throughout the building process and continued service this past year. I thank Fr. Peter, our Associate Pastor, who works as a real team with me. We are blessed with gifted music ministry, led by Sharon Fazari, they serve at our Masses, Funeral Masses, Weddings and School Masses. This includes our Serve and Glorify Choir at the 11am Mass.

I also thank all parishioners who serve as Ushers, Liturgical ministers, and in various other groups, Catholic Women’s League, Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Heart to Hands, Young Vincentians and others in various ways. We have started Faith Formation evenings to deepen the knowledge of our Catholic Faith and have subscribed to the Formed program that is now available for free to all parishioners.

One of the exciting projects that our Finance Committee is preparing for the beginning of November is a special Parish Raffle. The funds raised from this raffle will be our main fundraising endeavour to begin our process of paying down our debt. I encourage you all to buy raffle tickets for family and friends as Christmas gifts. Also, to encourage many others to also obtain these raffle tickets.

I am also glad to announce that we will have another Winter Wonderland Dinner and Dance at Michelangelos on Saturday January 25. This is not a fundraising event, but an opportunity to celebrate together with a banquet and dancing. Tickets will be on sale soon and I encourage you to come out with family and friends and enjoy a great evening together. As Pastor I want to thank all of you parishioners, it is a joy to serve in this parish and I really appreciate you all.

Let us all take this one year anniversary of the Dedication of our new church as a time to give thanks to the Living God.

St. Catherine of Siena, Pray for us.

Fr. Mark



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