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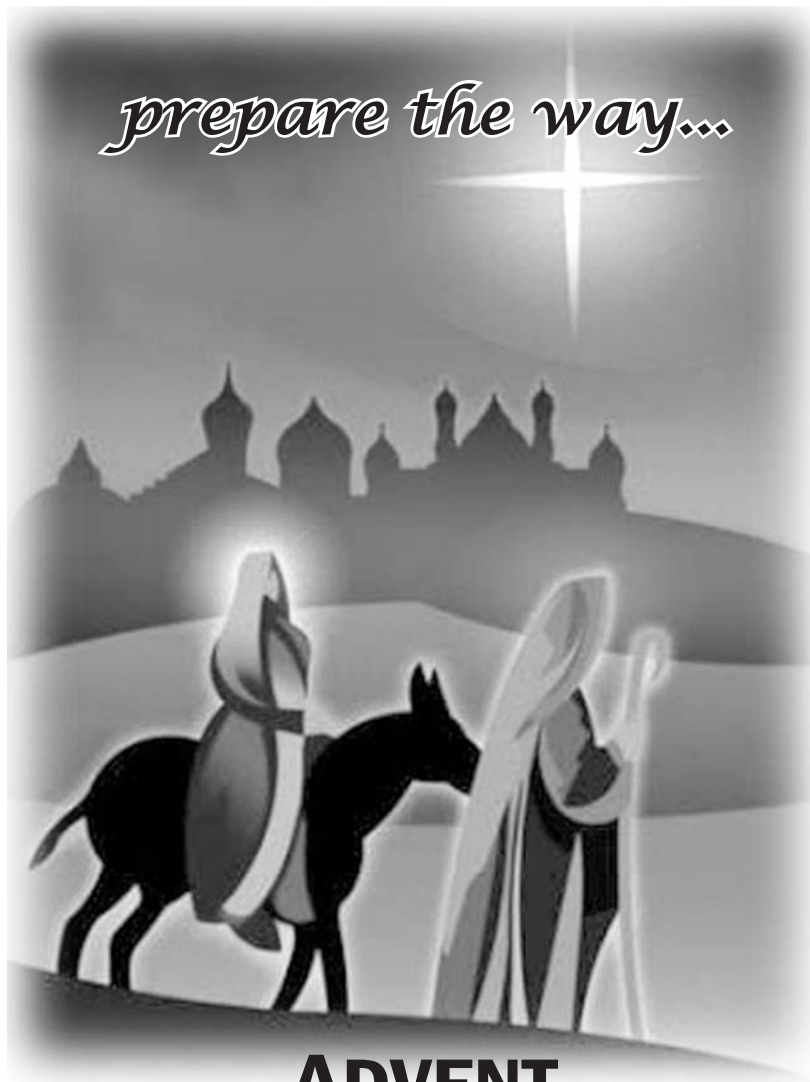
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ADVENT

The Fourth Sunday of the Season of Advent

December 22, 2024

“Behold the handmaid of the Lord!”



REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday’s Gospel throughout the week. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is: **Luke 2.41-52**

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 23	Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
Tues. Dec. 24	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
Wed. Dec. 25	Christmas Day- The Nativity of the Lord
Thurs. Dec.26	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
Fri. Dec. 27	Rev. Rijo Jose, C.M.I.
Sat. Dec. 28	The Holy Innocents

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT- DECEMBER 22, 2024

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God’s great Love? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
Website hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

CHURCH DONATIONS FOR 2024

Don’t forget: in order to receive a charitable tax receipt for 2024, donations must be received before Dec. 31st. Receipts will be available late January or early February.

*A Joyous Christmas to All
Thank you for the life we share in Christ Jesus,
at Holy Rosary Parish*

Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Community. We hope the Lord’s Day worship spiritually enriches you.



Mass Intentions

(8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Join us in praying for the Rosary for Vocations before Mass.

The rosary starts at 7:30 a.m.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, Dec. 24th

5:00 P.M. (with Children’s Choir & Pageant)
8:00 P.M. (with Cantor)

Christmas Day – Wednesday, Dec. 25th

12:00 a.m. Solemn Midnight Mass (with Adult Choir, Carols before Mass, Blessing of Nativity Scene, Use of Incense)
10:00 A.M. (with Cantor)

Feast of the Holy Family

Beginning of the Jubilee Year and Consecration of Families

Saturday, December 28: 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 29: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday, December 29: 11:00 A.M.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year’s)

Tuesday, December 31: 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, January 1: 10:00 A.M.

Thurs., Dec.26	NO MASS TODAY
Fri., Dec. 27 8:00 a.m.	Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist Octave of the Nativity †Matilde Estrela
Sat. Dec. 28 5:00 p.m.	†Joanne Forget †Anibal Sousa †Patrick Colangelo †Margaret Gavin †Salvatore Castiglione †Irena Czekala

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

We do our best to provide Mass times that meet the needs of our parishioners adequately. This year, we will follow the same schedule as last year.

If you are hoping to attend a prayerful liturgy with a smaller crowd, we would encourage you to avoid the 5:00 p.m. Mass, which is usually the most “chaotic.” If you don’t mind large crowds with lots of holy noise, this mass will work for you. If you want a seat at this Mass, you will need to come early. Pews are filled on a first come first served basis, so if you want your family to join you, they will need to arrive with you.

If you prefer a more solemn liturgy, we would suggest either the 8:00 p.m., Midnight or Christmas morning, 10:00 a.m. Mass. The most solemn liturgy will be the 12:00 Solemn Midnight Mass. All will be celebrated, however, with joy.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Closed

Monday December 23 to December 26 inclusive.

Parish Office Open

Friday, December 27, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Parish Office Closed

December 30, 2024 to January 2, 2025 Inclusive

Parish Office Open

Friday, January 3, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Regular Office Hours Resume on January 7, 2025

Thank you for your understanding and generosity in giving our staff a much-deserved holiday!

2025 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Church envelopes for 2025 are still available for a while longer in the Parish Centre, arranged in alphabetical order. Free 2025 Church Calendars, sponsored again this year by Smith's Funeral Homes, are available nearby.

If you do not have regular Sunday envelopes, please consider registering for these, especially with the new year 2025 coming soon. It does not matter how much you contribute to the parish, but it is important to contribute something each week as a sign of support and gratitude to God for our blessings. Remember the gospel of the widow's mite! Be aware that the parish issues Official Receipts for Income Tax purposes, which helps to reduce your taxable income. To arrange for Sunday envelopes, please get in touch with Divine Dimaranan at the rectory office, and a set will be prepared for you.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

This way of giving for your regular weekly Sunday contributions is available for your convenience, call Divine at the church office at 905-634-7441 to sign up.

If you already use pre-authorized giving and still wish to use envelopes to place in the collection basket or for any Special Collections, please don't hesitate to give us a call or email hrosary@cogeco.net and request envelopes. A set will be provided for you. Write PAD on the front of the envelope and place it in the collection basket at the mass you attend.

A NOTE ABOUT CHRISTMAS DONATIONS THIS YEAR

Because of the postal strike prior to Christmas, we have not been able to mail out our Reconciliation and Mass schedule. The practice has historically been to insert a special Christmas offering envelope as a means of soliciting additional support from parishioners who are not able to attend regularly. The collection from these envelopes represents a significant portion of our Christmas receipts, which we, like all charities, rely on to meet our annual expenses.

We have placed those Christmas envelopes on the table in the main entrance way, in hopes that those who join us over the Christmas holidays will make use of them so we can meet our annual expenses. Please keep your parish in mind when you contribute and be assured of the gratitude of everyone in our parish community for your generosity.

Donations can also be made online through our parish website

OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR, 2025 AND THE CONSECRATION OF FAMILIES

Next weekend at all the Masses our parish will celebrate the annual Consecration of Families sponsored by our parish Knights of Columbus Council.

We will also be officially beginning the opening of the Jubilee Year in our Parish Community. The theme of this Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. The 2025 Jubilee Year, also known as a Holy Year, is a significant event in the Catholic Church, celebrated every 25 years. Here are some key points about its significance:

The Jubilee begins with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Holy Doors at other major basilicas in Rome will also be opened, symbolizing the passage to salvation. In the Diocese of Hamilton, the Year will be promulgated in all parishes in the Diocese.

The concept of Jubilee originates from the Old Testament, where every 50th year was designated as a time of forgiveness of debts, liberation of slaves, and return of lands to their original owners. The first Christian Jubilee was proclaimed in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII. Since then, it has been celebrated every 25 years, with some extraordinary Jubilees declared for special occasions.

Millions of pilgrims are expected to visit Rome, participating in acts of devotion, receiving sacraments, and performing works of mercy. There are Church sites designated throughout the Diocese of Hamilton for this purpose for those who are not able to travel to Rome.

The Church offers special opportunities for obtaining indulgences during the Jubilee Year, emphasizing the remission of temporal punishment for sins that have already been forgiven.

The Jubilee aims to foster peace and unity in a world facing various challenges, including climate change and global conflicts. The event also serves as a time for cultural and social renewal, encouraging the faithful to reflect on their relationship with God, each other, and creation.

The 2025 Jubilee Year is a profound period for spiritual growth, reflection, and communal rejuvenation, offering a unique opportunity for Catholics worldwide to deepen their faith and hope.



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