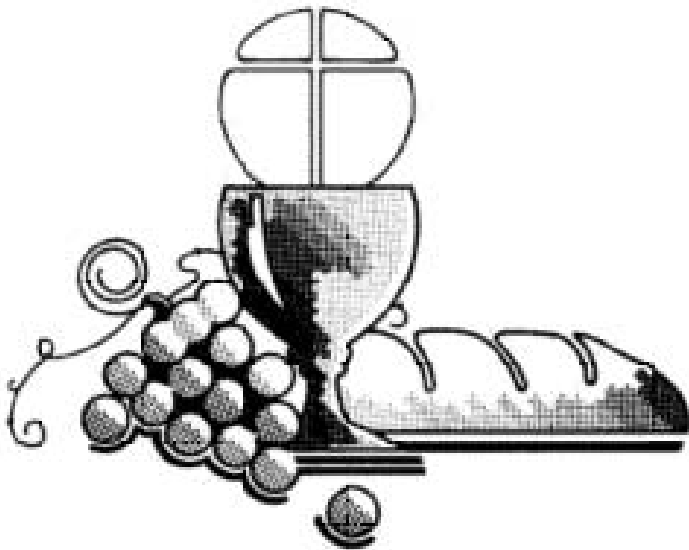


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For further information see the volunteer commitment forms in the main foyer of the church

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners! Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

A minimum of 6 months preparation, which includes a Marriage Preparation course is required for all couples wishing to be married in Hamilton Diocese.

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(Please Leave a Message)

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Burford

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Burford

11:30 a.m. Scotland

WEEKDAY MASSES

Burford: Tues. 7:00 p.m.

Burford: Wed. to Fri. - 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Application forms are available at the entrance of the church. Please fill in and place in collection basket or drop off at office. Once received Andrew Czarny will contact you.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick in home or hospital can be arranged by calling the parish office. Whenever possible, please call before any situation becomes critical.

HOLY ORDERS/RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Individuals wishing to explore a vocation to the priesthood, permanent diaconate or the religious life are encouraged to speak to the Pastor or see the vocations website at www.vocationinfo.ca

CATHOLIC FUNERALS

It is customary to celebrate the funeral of a Catholic with a Funeral Liturgy in the parish church. Please call the Funeral Home or the Parish at time of need. The time of funeral must be confirmed by the Pastor.

SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion please contact the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD. Sun.9:30 a.m.
For the young children of the parish. The children's liturgy is an opportunity for children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at a level they can understand.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

**1st Friday of every month is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:30am Mass*
**1st Saturday of every month is Mass at 9:00am followed by the Rosary and Confession*
**Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 4:15 pm-4:45 pm*

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, August 28
No Mass

Tuesday, August 29
Mass 7:00pm
† Pauline Klus offered by Carolyn & Dave Steimetz

Wednesday, August 30
Mass 8:30am
All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, August 31
Mass 8:30am
Prayers for the Homeless offered by Doreen Fader



Friday, September 1
Mass 8:30am
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
† Danielo Pace offered by family

Saturday, September 2
Mass 9:00am
followed by the Rosary and Confession

Mass 5:00pm
† Bill Cormier offered by Ann, Jen, Hannah & Grace

Sunday, September 3
Mass 9:30am
All Our Parishioners

We Are Stewards

Weekend Contributions \$ 2 024.55
Building Fund.....\$ 642.00

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: September 1

In 2015, Pope Francis declared September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It is also a day of ecumenical prayer in unity. The faithful are encouraged to take practical initiatives to combat earth's environment crisis.

Thought for the week

XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2023
IS 22:19-23; PS 138:1-3, 6, 8; ROM 11:33-36; MT 16:13-20



Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to the disciples. He leads up to it gently enough: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they offer varying responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them. "But who do you say that I am?" Peter gets the answer right: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. Surely, we would not hesitate to answer just as Peter did, that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God. But do our lives truly reflect this answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to Heaven, then we must say so, not just with words but with our actions. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Saviour, and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family life, my entertainment say so? The gifts and blessings that God has given us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — are meant to be used in a manner that says, "Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There is a great need in our Parish for volunteers for everything from ushers to coffee clean-up. To coincide with the start of the school year we are conducting an active volunteer drive. There will be a sign-up area in the vestibule for the next 3 weeks. Please consider becoming a volunteer because, as the prophet Nehemiah wrote, "Many hands make the work light".



Saturday, September 9th, 2023 is the date of the Great Burford Yard Sale. We are participating this year from the rectory driveway. If you have anything you would like to donate, please bring the item to the hall during the weekend masses of September 2 and 3rd.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH



Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, September 3

Mass 11:30am

All Our Parishioners

Weekend Contributions\$ 715.00

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Martyr August 29th

John, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, was born approximately six months before the Savior of the World. He was likely born in the small, rural Jewish town of Ein Karem, located in the hill country about five miles west of Jerusalem. Uniquely, John was blessed with the presence of both the Son of God and the Mother of God at his birth. Though he would have been raised devoutly in the Jewish faith by his parents in their hometown, John eventually entered the desert, about twenty miles east of his hometown, to live as a hermit, praying, practicing penance, and preparing for his mission. John's first mission was to serve as the precursor of the Lord. As the last of the Old Testament prophets and the first of the New Testament prophets, he bridges the gap to Christ. John's mission was to precede Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord" (Luke 1:17). Sometime between the years 27–29, John received inspiration from God in the Judean desert and started to gather disciples whom he taught, called to repentance, and baptized with water. John's preaching was fierce, branding some a "brood of vipers" and demanding evidence of their conversion. He called tax collectors, soldiers, religious leaders, the average townspeople, and even Herod to repent. Many responded. John's life reached its earthly climax when he saw Jesus, the Son of God, approaching him in the desert while he was baptizing. John immediately exclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". John reluctantly baptized Jesus, after which the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in a visible form and the Voice of the Father thundered, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

With that, John's life began to recede into the background, "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30). Today, the Church commemorates one of the oldest feasts within the Church, the Memorial of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Just as John preceded Jesus in birth, preaching, and baptizing, so too did he precede Jesus in death, dying as a prefiguration of the one who would give His life sacrificially on the Cross. John's death resulted from his bold proclamation of the truth. His call to repentance extended to everyone, including Herod Antipas, the tetrarch, ruler of Galilee and Perea. Herod seemed to fear John and his disciples because of John's popularity and the power of his words, he decided to appease Herodias' hatred of John for condemning her and Herod. On Herod's birthday, Herodias' daughter named Salome, performed a dance for Herod and his guests. He loved the dance so much that he promised her anything. She asked him to give up half of his kingdom. Her mother saw her opportunity for revenge and convinced her daughter to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. In his weakness, Herod complied. After John's death, the Bible tells us that "His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus" (Matthew 14:12). The news caused Jesus to withdraw alone in a boat to a deserted place to pray. Jesus not only grieved with human sorrow over the death of his cousin, but he also came face-to-face with the reality of His own fate. As we honour this man so highly honored by our Lord, we also honour our Lord Himself. John's life was given to the mission to which he was called. He never wavered and willingly accepted even death, rather than shy away from God's will. He introduced the Lamb of God to the world and led the way for Jesus by his preaching, baptism of repentance, and death, which prefigured Jesus' own death. As you ponder Saint John's life, reflect especially upon the wholehearted commitment he made to selflessly give himself to the mission he received. Where you see hesitancy in your own life, take inspiration from Saint John the Baptist, praying that you will exemplify his courage and resolve to fulfill the will of God.



Saint John the Baptist, you were given a holy mission and sanctified in the womb of your mother in preparation for that mission. You never deviated from your calling and always pointed the way to Christ, the Savior of all. Please pray for me, that I will have the same courage you had and the resolve to fulfill my duties, no matter the cost. Saint John the Baptist, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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