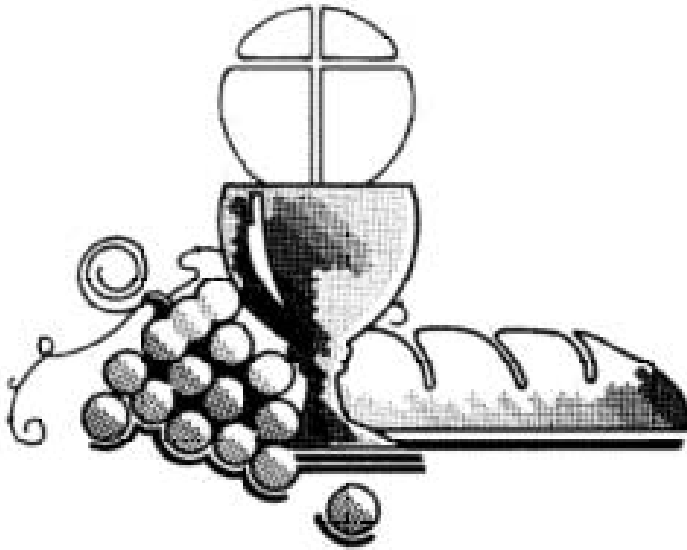


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For further information see the volunteer commitment forms in the main foyer of the church

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)

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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, December 11

No Mass

Tuesday, December 12

Adoration 6:00pm

Mass 7:00pm

† *Cathy Coupland offered by Joe & Sylvia Miller*

Wednesday, December 13

Mass 8:30am

~ *All Souls in Purgatory* ~

Thursday, December 14

Mass 8:45am

11:00am Advent Marian Celebration for Blessed Sacrament School

1:45pm Advent Marian Celebration for St. Theresa School

Friday, December 15

Mass 8:30am

† *Kathy Borda offered by Pearl Szabo and family*



Celebration of Penance

6:30pm

Saturday, December 16

Mass 5:00pm

Sunday, December 17

Bambinelli Sunday: The Blessing of baby Jesus

Mass 9:30am

Third Sunday of Advent

~ *All Our Parishioners* ~

We Are Stewards

Weekend Contributions	\$ 1, 877.00
Monthly EFT Contributions.....	.\$ 835.00
Building Fund.....	.\$ 402.00

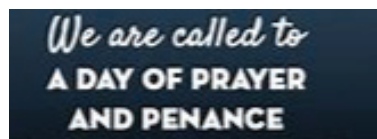
Thought for the week

Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023

IS 40:1-5, 9-11; PS 85:9-14; 2 PT 3:8-14; MK 1:1-8

We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us. The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate. St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God “is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance.” Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: “The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out.” How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple. St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves “in holiness and devotion.” Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent “reset” — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to “prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let’s be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading the of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service. In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.



Please join us on Friday, December 15th for our **Celebration of**

Penance at 6:30pm. We will welcome two more priests who will be helping with all those wishing to receive Confession so please feel free to bring the whole family as we prepare for the Nativity of Christ.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH



Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, December 17

Bambinelli Sunday: the Blessing of baby Jesus
Mass 11:30am

Third Sunday of Advent

~ All Our Parishioners ~

Weekend Contributions\$ 416.00

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 on Sunday, December 17th at 9:30am Mass for Blessed Sacrament Parish and 11:30am Mass for St. Anthony Daniel Parish. Your figurines of Jesus will be blessed. 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, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.



Third Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent in 2023 will be on Sunday, December 17th. There is so much comfort to be found in the practice of pausing to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. The third Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare in our hearts a sense of holy anticipation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus as well as for his promised second coming. We can study the Scriptures as a reminder of the ways God has been faithful to us through the fulfillment of prophecy – and find hope in the promises of God that are laid out in his Word. The third Sunday of Advent we are invited to reflect on the joy we have access to because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is their *joyful demeanor*. Let's not allow the struggles of this year steal from the great joy we have because of Jesus. Philippians 4:4-5 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near." Over this Advent, would you pray that the *joy of the Lord* would be evident in your heart and home? May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we joyfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

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