

# The Roman Catholic Communities of **BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, BURFORD & ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH, SCOTLAND**

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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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## **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](http://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**

*\*1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:30am Mass*  
*\*1<sup>st</sup> 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 18**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, December 19**  
No Mass

**Wednesday, December 20**  
Mass 8:30am  
~ All Souls in Purgatory ~

**Thursday, December 21**  
Mass 8:45am  
† Brian Phillippo offered by Pearl Szabo

**Friday, December 22**  
Mass 8:30am  
† Antonia DaSilva offered by Beatrice DaSilva

**Saturday, December 23**  
Mass 5:00pm  
Prayers for the homeless offered by Doreen Fader



**Sunday, December 24**  
Mass 9:30am  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
~All Our Parishioners~

Christmas Eve Mass 5:00pm

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**Thought for the week**

**III Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023**

IS 61:1-2A, 10-11; LK 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 THES 5:16-24; JN 1:6-8, 19-28

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. “Gaudete” is a Latin word, meaning “rejoice.” The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing. Our First Reading, from Isaiah, expresses a fitting motto for us. “I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.” It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God. This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord. In fact, we can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: “He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light.” This is our calling too — to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior — by the way we make use of the time, talent, and treasure He has entrusted to our care. When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any “clutter” in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.



**OFFETORY ENVELOPES 2024:** Please pick up your new box set of envelopes at the back of the church. Use the 2024 envelopes beginning in the New Year. **Please note, the last day for contributions for 2023 tax receipts will be December 29<sup>th</sup> 2023.** Any contributions received after December 29<sup>th</sup> will be recorded for 2024. Your contributions have been greatly appreciated.

## ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH



### Liturgical Calendar

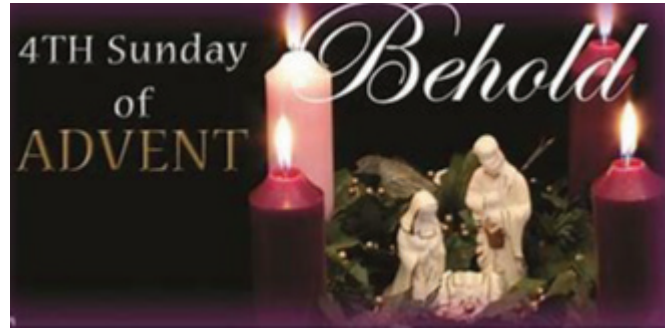
**Sunday, December 24**

Mass 11:30am

~ All Our Parishioners ~

### **St. Peter Canisius      December 21<sup>st</sup>**

St. Peter Canisius was born on May 8, 1521, Nijmegen now in the Netherlands—died December 21, 1597 in Fribourg, Switzerland. He was canonized in 1925. He is a doctor of the church, a Jesuit scholar, and a strong opponent of Protestantism. He has been called the second apostle of Germany (with St. Boniface being the first) for his ardent defense of Roman Catholicism there. Educated at the University of Cologne, Canisius became a Jesuit (1543) and taught at the universities of Cologne, Ingolstadt, and Vienna. He founded colleges in Munich, Innsbruck, Dillingen, Würzburg, Augsburg, and Vienna. Perhaps more than any of his contemporaries, Canisius delayed the advance of Protestantism by his participation in the religious discussions at Worms (1557) and at the Council of Trent and the Diet of Augsburg (1559). He sought to renew the Roman Catholic Church in Germany by means of his friendship with the Holy Roman emperor and numerous magnates, by his zealous preaching in various German towns, by the extension of the Jesuit order, and especially by his desire to provide worthy and scholarly priests. His German missions won him fast friendships with persons in all walks of life, including the emperor. He did important work in southern Germany and Austria, Bohemia, and Switzerland, where in 1580 he settled in Fribourg and founded a Jesuit college (now the University of Fribourg). His major work was the *Triple Catechism* (1555–58), containing a lucid exposition of Roman Catholic dogma. It became the most famous catechism of the Counter-Reformation, going through 400 editions in 150 years. His feast day is December 21<sup>st</sup>.



### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

The fourth and final Sunday of Advent in 2023 will be on Sunday, December 24th. Advent is the season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. Reading, prayer, and reflection are ways we can cultivate a sense of holy anticipation this Advent. The fourth Sunday of Advent we meditate on the peace that Jesus brings to our hearts and our world. Scripture is the place we can find the promises of God. Let us meditate on these truths and allow them to comfort our hearts this Advent season! 2 Thessalonians 3:16 says, "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." This week we focus our hearts on the "Lord of peace" who came down from heaven in the form of a baby. God knows that we are in a constant battle against fear! Fear wants to cripple us, to push us to react rather than carefully respond, and fear steals our joy. God has given us the gift of peace so we can live joy-filled lives! Over this Advent, would you pray that God's unexplainable peace would be evident in your heart and home. This year we all have faced so much chaos and uncertainty. God's peace is something we need to grab tightly onto more than ever. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time to joyfully await our King!

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