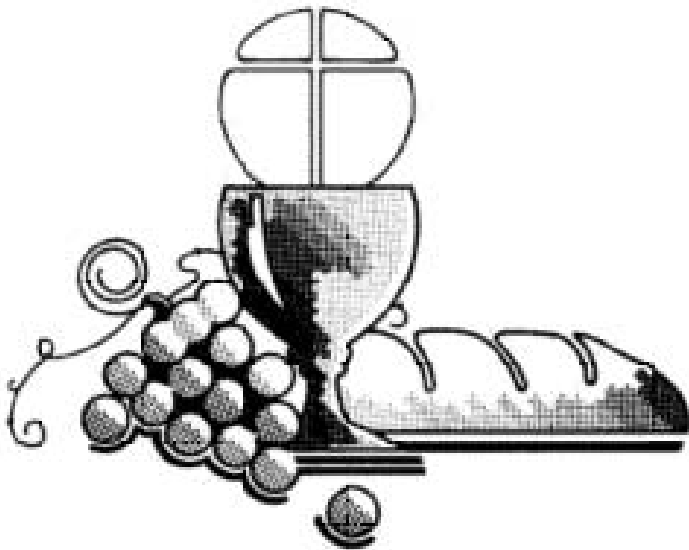


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For further information see the volunteer commitment forms in the main foyer of the church

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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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, December 4
No Mass

Tuesday, December 5
Adoration 6:00pm
Mass 7:00pm

† *Giovanna and Mike Longo offered by the Petrella family*

Wednesday, December 6
Mass 8:30am
~ *All Souls in Purgatory* ~

Thursday, December 7
Mass 8:45am
† *For all of the deceased members of the DaSilva family offered by Beatrice DaSilva*



Friday, December 8
Mass 8:30am
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

† *Kathy Borda*

Saturday, December 9
Mass 5:00pm
† *For the deceased parents of Ron & Joyce Rombout*

Sunday, December 10
Mass 9:30am
Second Sunday of Advent
~ *All Our Parishioners* ~

We Are Stewards

Weekend Contributions \$ 1,725.25
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Thought for the week

I Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023
 IS 63:16B-17,19B; 64:2-7; PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1
 COR: 1:3-9; MK 13:33-37



Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if

we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards. Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed. Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbour, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste. Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it. Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!



CWL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL POTLUCK: Tues Dec 12 @ 7:30pm (following Mass) in the church hall. There is a sign-up sheet for members, at the back of the church, to indicate attendance. Thank you

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH



Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, December 10

Mass 11:30am

Second Sunday of Advent

~ *All Our Parishioners* ~

Weekend Contributions\$ 320.00

**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.



Congratulations to our Confirmandi

May God in all His goodness continue to bless you with true happiness and love. May you always keep the memory of your Confirmation day close to your heart and allow your faith to continue to guide you through your life.



Second Sunday of Advent

The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming. It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future (promised to us through prophecies) will bring. Psalm 46:10-11 says: ...Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”

This week, we pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. Making space in our schedules for prayer and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world.

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus’ arrival as a gift to all humanity, let’s stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God’s spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we faithfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

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