

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

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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.

St. Vincent de Paul: 519-865-1562

(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

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, January 23

No Mass

Tuesday, January 24

Mass 7:00pm

Special Intention offered by Violet Osztrovics

Wednesday, January 25

Mass 8:30am

† Lanie Albers offered by the Hoogstraten family

Thursday, January 26

Mass 8:45am

Friday, January 27

Mass 8:30am

† Leona Bosmans offered by Violet Osztrovics

Saturday, January 28

Mass 5:00pm

Special Intention offered by Violet Osztrovics

Sunday, January 29

Mass 9:30am

All Our Parishioners

We Are Stewards

Weekend Contributions\$ 1, 659.50

Building Fund \$ 285.00



Parish News...

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25th, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has also been a long-standing practice by a number of communities to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates in order to include two Sundays. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet up to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

SAVE THE DATE: THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS BACK!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available on line by mid-November at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

PLEASE JOIN US! Blessed Sacrament welcomes everyone to come out for indoor walking in our large hall. Mondays and Thursdays- 9:00am-11:00am. Cost is \$4.00/visit. Please bring dry shoes to wear in the hall. For further info call Veronica 519.757. 9696.

LINE DANCING/ZUMBA AT ST. MARY'S IN BRANTFORD:

Please join us at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Mondays- Line Dancing \$5/visit 6:00pm-7:30pm
Wednesdays- Zumba \$5/visit 7:00pm-8:00pm
All are welcome, don't forget your water bottle ☺

THE BLESSING OF THE PAINTING *The Immaculate*

Conception of Los Venerables, a gift from the Bensen family to St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton Hospital, took place in December. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, in the hospital chapel. The artwork was given in memory of Dr. William Bensen, renowned Rheumatologist at St. Joseph's Hospital. The beautiful painting, gratefully accepted by Liz Buller, President of St. Joseph's Health System, now hangs in the hospital Chapel and adds to the sacred environment there. Dr. Bensen's wife, Wynn, one of their sons and his two boys attended the event.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH

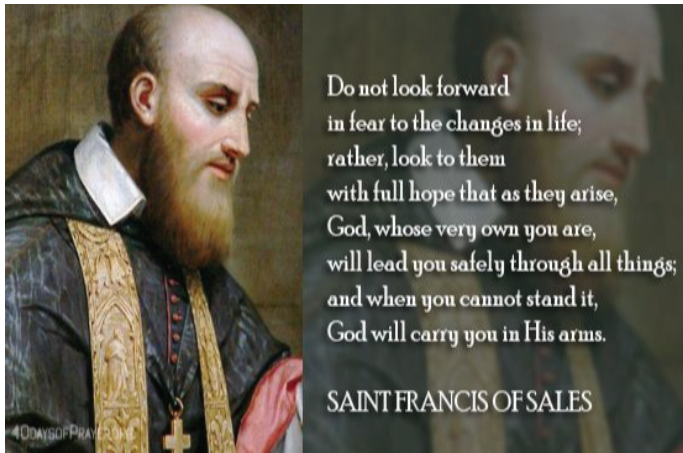


Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, January 29

No Mass

Weekend Contributions\$ 242.00



**Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
January 24th (1567–1622)**

Patron Saint of authors, journalists, writers, deaf persons, educators. Canonized April 8, 1665, by Pope Alexander VII

Declared a Doctor of the Church in 1877 by Pope Pius IX Saint Francis de Sales was born fifty years after an Augustinian priest named Father Martin Luther ignited the Protestant Reformation, and just twenty-five years after John Calvin’s anti-Catholic teachings spread to Geneva, Switzerland. Francis was born into a noble family in the Duchy of Savoy, modern-day France, not far from Geneva. Because of his noble family heritage and his father’s influence, Francis was given an excellent education, eventually earning doctorates in civil law and theology. His father had selected a noblewoman for Francis to marry. He also had planned for his gifted son to enter into politics, but Francis was led in a different direction. In 1586, at the age of nineteen, Francis attended a Calvinist lecture on predestination, which led him to believe he was destined for hell. This greatly affected him, and he struggled with the idea for months. Eventually, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and the Memorare prayer, Francis was freed from this error and turned his focus to the pure love of

God. After experiencing firsthand the effects that erroneous theology can have on a person, Francis devoted himself to a life of celibacy and began pursuing his God-given desire to be a priest. Though reluctant at first, his father eventually agreed to his son’s ordination and then helped to have him appointed to an important position in the Diocese of Geneva. Because Geneva was under the control of the Calvinists, Father de Sales preached and resided in a cathedral some twenty miles south of Geneva. As a newly ordained priest, he began to make a name for himself. His sermons were preached with gentlemanlike qualities, showing great respect for those who disagreed with him. He avoided controversy and criticism, focusing instead on virtues, prayer, holiness, and overcoming sin. Despite his kind nature and charitable approach, he was harshly treated by the many local anti-Catholics, some of whom even threatened his life. In 1602, at the age of thirty-five, Father de Sales was ordained Bishop of Geneva, his intention was to win back the citizens of Geneva to the Catholic Church. Little by little, one soul at a time, he began to have success. His success especially came in the form of placing written explanations of the faith under people’s doors, inviting them back to the Catholic Church. His preaching was clear, respectful, truthful, and charitable. His motto was “He who preaches with love, preaches effectively.” Bishop de Sales was a very practical man, especially when it came to his theology. He believed that holiness was not reserved for those in the monastery or convent. He believed that everyone, in every state in life, within every occupation, was called to a life of sanctity. This conviction is most clearly seen in his most famous published book, *Introduction to the Devout Life*. This book was a compilation of letters he had sent to his spiritual directees over the years, which began by giving clear and practical advice on the importance of being purged of sin and of attachment to sinful habits. It then taught how to grow in the virtues, especially humility; navigate temptations; and overcome anxiety and sadness. It also provided exercises on how to renew one’s life of devotion, which was nothing other than loving and pleasing God with one’s life. This book, along with other writings, won many to the faith. In 1610, he assisted one of his spiritual directees, the future Saint Jane de Chantal, to establish the women’s Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary. It is said that Bishop de Sales won back as many as 40,000 Catholics who had become Calvinists. After nine years as a priest and twenty years as a bishop, Bishop de Sales suffered a stroke and died soon after. It is believed that one of the last things he wrote were the words “Humility, humility, humility,” As we honor this holy bishop, try to imagine what it would have been like had he been your shepherd. He would have taken your call to holiness seriously. He would have exhorted you to overcome sin by fully confessing your sins in the Sacrament, and to then grow in virtue, especially humility.

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