

Liturgies
<p>Saturday, December 14, St. John of the Cross <i>"Elijah has come already, and they did not recognize him."</i> ♦ Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Concetta Melfi, † Arselino Resendes Vocation Prayer – Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.</p>
<p>Sunday, December 15, 3rd Sunday of Advent <i>"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"</i> Mass 9:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People) Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Joe DaPonte, † Amparo Eugenio, † Pietro, Cesarina & Francesco Imola, † Lucia DiDomizio, † Souls in Purgatory, Int. of Maria DaPonte Vocation Prayer - Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, C.R.S.P.</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 17, <i>"An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David."</i> ♦ Confessions 6:00 p.m.– 6:45 p.m. ♦ Devotions 6:45 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Clotilde DiGeronimo, † Norma Zamora, Special Intentions Vocation Prayer – Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 18, <i>"Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David."</i> SJLC Mass 1:30 p.m. – Int. of Christine McMannus Vocation Prayer – Youth Ministers</p>
<p>Thursday, December 19, <i>"The angel Gabriel announces the birth of John the Baptist."</i> Mass 9:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People) Vocation Prayer – Rev. Tim Hingston</p>
<p>Friday, December 20, <i>"You will conceive in your womb and bear a son."</i> Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Mother Cecilia Gozum † Eucharistic Adoration following Mass, concluding with the Benediction, confessions available only when time permits Vocation Prayer – Rev. David Avila</p>
<p>Saturday, December 21, <i>"Why has this happened to me, that the Mother of my Lord comes to me?"</i> ♦ Confessions 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Antonio Bolognone & Vito Tangi Vocation Prayer – Rev. Jerzy Tomon</p>
<p>Sunday, December 22, 4th Sunday of Advent <i>"Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David."</i> Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Donatella & Benedetto DiRamio, † Giuseppe & Anna Colaiacovo, † Vincenzo & Joe Petitti, † Finisia & Vincenzo Girardi, † Manuela DeMelo, † Anthony DiDomizio, Nicola & Luisa DiDomizio Mass 11:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People) Vocation Prayer – Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma</p>
<p>** Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Masses will be in the Msgr. Maloney Room</p>



The Wise Men are on their way ...

2019 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

DEC 24 - 5:00 pm, 10 pm
 * 4:15 pm, 9:30 pm - Carolling

DEC 25 - 9:00 am, 11 am

DEC 31 - 5:00 pm

JAN 1 - 9:00 am, 11 am

SATURDAY & SUNDAY HOLY MASS AS USUAL!

WELCOME :-)

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 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 secret of true joy. You were all invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass this weekend to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. 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-as you lay Jesus in the manger. Allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessing we receive at Christmas.

Blessing for Nativity scene figurine of Jesus:

God our Father, you loved us so much you sent us your only Son, Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you. We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus might be a sign of our presence and love in our homes. Good Father give your blessing to all who gather with us this Christmas, family and friends. Open our hearts, that we might receive Jesus in joy, always do what he asks of us, and see him in those who need our love. Pope Benedict XVI (2008)

ADVENT CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

-St. Mary's, Tuesdays 6 pm – 6:45 pm, Saturdays 4 pm – 4:45 pm, Saturday, December 21, 3 pm – 4:45 pm
 -St. Pius X, Dec 17, Penitential Service and Confessions 7 pm
 -St. Basil's, Dec 19, Penitential Service and Confessions 7 pm

Sunday Collection for Dec. 7/8, 2019

Env. \$2849.00 + Loose \$599.15 + Online \$327.90 = \$3776.05



THANK YOU,
 for your generosity!
 Your gift and attendance truly matters.

It is the life and future for our parish!

2020 DONATION ENVELOPES

Donation envelopes are ready to be picked up in the narthex. If you do not find yours or have changes to the address, please call the office.

YOUNG HEARTS FOR JESUS!

Altar Servers and those wishing to be! Mr. Nelson Potts invites altar servers and young people in Grade 4 and above to a special meeting on **December 17th** in the church beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Have questions about what things are in the church? Why do Priests and altar servers have to wear those vestments? Fr. Luke and Mr. Potts will answer all your questions in a fun way. We will gather once a month so you can have time to think of some new questions. Parent's presence and/or consent form required. Please contact our office for more information.

Christmas Flower and Decoration Donations

As we do every year, we are planning to fill the sanctuary with poinsettias and other seasonal decorative elements for Advent. Donations are also welcome for this. The Christmas Manger, constructed by a group of Vietnamese parishioners, is located on the right side of the altar. We are using our original statues. We welcome donations towards decorating the church for Christmas. Please use an envelope and mark it "Flowers/Church Decorations" or visit our office personally. We also welcome donations In Memoriam. Submitted names will be displayed next to the manger. Thank you for your generosity. Have a blessed Advent!

ANGEL'S TREE

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Angel's Tree. Any late donations can be dropped off in the office (*during regular office hours, give us a call before you come*). We also need volunteer drivers (*Santas on wheels*) to deliver the presents to our Christmas recipients. More instructions will follow. You can contact kristinepaul at rogers dot com for more information.

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING PRAYER

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Saviour of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BIBLE SUNDAY

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio "Aperuit illis"*, published on 30 September, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." This will henceforth replace our Diocesan "Bible Sunday" which has taken place on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. To observe Bible Sunday this year, all the faithful will be asked to join in a prayer of thanksgiving for the Word of God at the conclusion of the General Intercessions at all Masses on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

For those celebrating special milestones, the Anniversary Mass will be celebrated Sunday June 14, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. For more information call Teresa Hartnett in the Family Ministry Office in the Diocese of Hamilton Chancery at 905-528-7988.

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31 and January 1. We will be open on December 27, January 2 and 3. There will be no Masses on December 26, 27 and January 2.

MIDNIGHT MASS AT CATHEDRAL

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Wednesday, December 25th at 12:00 a.m. The celebration will be live streamed and telecast on S+L and CHTV. The broadcast will begin on Christmas Eve at 11:30 p.m. with Carols from the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend or to watch via live stream or television.

CARE MINISTRY IN OUR PARISHES

"Our parishes must be capable of generating a people, that is, offering and creating relationships where people feel that they are known, recognized, welcomed, listened to, loved – in other words, not anonymous parts of a whole...we must have a revolution of tenderness in parishes and the Diocese...pastoral care is based in baptism and blossoms from brotherhood and is not the task only of the Pastor and Priests, but of all the baptized," according to Pope Francis. To that end, the Family Ministry Office will be offering three sessions meant to be a come & see event that will include many ways to reach out to your Parish Community. An individual Parish can't provide for every need, but we believe that you will find one or two recommendations that will work for your own Parish Community. In our Parish Community you will find St. Vincent de Paul, Mass at St. Joseph Lifecare, bringing communion to the homebound parishioners, Christmas Angel's Tree, and supporting our schools.

PILGRIMAGE ANYONE??

Here are just a few from our area:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage May 2-7, 2020 with Msgr. Ted Slaman and Deacon Randy Matters with visits to the Shrine and other holy places in the Mexico City Area. We will also take in the birthday celebrations of San Juan Diego. For more information please visit www.pilgrimdeaconrandy.com or email matters@talkofthetowntravel.com.

Poland, Hungary, Austria and Germany featuring The Passion Play May 14-25, 2020 with Fr. Peter Ciallella. Visiting Poland following the footsteps of St. John Paul II, Hungary, Austria and Germany with a performance of the Passionsspiele (Passion Play), a dramatic re-creation of Jesus Christ's last days on Earth – a tradition since 1634, taking place every ten years in the village of Oberammergau. In 2020, it will be performed for the 42nd time. If interested, please call 1-800-268-0900 Ext. 233 or email edgar@gateways-international.com.

Pallottine Pilgrimage to Poland June 27-July 6, 2020 Walk in the footsteps of St. John Paul II and The Pallottine Fathers in Poland. For further information contact Corinne Kennedy at ckennedy222@hotmail.com.

REMARriage COURSE

If you are planning on getting married and one or both of you have already been married, the specialized remarriage course is best for your needs. Go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/familyministry/ptm/remarriage> to register.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, making his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.