

December 26 2021 and January 2, 2022

Please note: The church is open to a capacity of approx. 140. No reservations are required. You must continue to social distance and wear a mask.

The parish office will be closed Dec 27-31st and January 3rd, 2022.

The office will reopen on Tuesday January 4th 2022

There will be NO morning Masses the week of Dec 29 and Dec 31

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

December 27 – December 31

MON – Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
TUE – Rev. Francisco Cruz
WED – Sisters of St. Anne
THU – Rev. Adam Wroblewicz
FRI – Rev. Melvin Pinto
SAT – The Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday Jan 5– 9:00am –
Friday Jan 7 – 9:00am – Alice Habinski
Saturday Jan 8 – 5:00pm – Bernie Dugas, Adele Quinn, Rick Tessier, George Arnone Terry Connell

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

January 3-8, 2022

MON – Most Rev. Douglas Crosby
TUE - Rev. Vivek Trindade
WED – Diocesan Priests
THU - Rev. Murray McDermott
FRI - Rev. Stanley Zaryczny
SAT – Raphael Ma

Rosary is said before Mass on Wednesday and Friday. Come early and join in.

Collections: December 11/12 \$2930.00
Dec 18/19 \$2765.00
including mail in donations and loose

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY AT THIS TIME

@MSTBLSSDS CRMNT! Follow Us @branchesoffaith!
We are on social media. Stay up to date, with happenings in the parish, Spread the faithful posts, and much more! word that we have social media to your family/ friends, so they are also up-to-date. See you online



New Years

Dec 31st – 5:00 P.M.
January 1, 2022 –
11:00 A.M.

(NO Saturday evening Mass Jan 1)
Sunday January 2, 2022 – 11:00 A.M.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has

started a National Food Drive program aimed at increasing food donations to local food banks. The CWL of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is participating in this food drive and we need your help! This month our focus is on **Rice, Noodles, Pasta and Pasta Sauce**. Please drop off your donations in the narthex and help those who are in need during the holidays.



We are currently accepting registrations for Confirmation

2022. If your child is in grade 7 or higher they are welcome to participate in our Spring Confirmation preparations. Registrations are available on the Parish Website.



YEAR END. The end of the Financial Year for the parish is Dec 31, 2021. ALL donations for 2021 must in the collection by the weekend of Dec 25/26 in order to receive a tax receipt for 2021. The office will be closed from Dec 27-31, therefore no donations will be taken at that time for 2021.

Thank you for your co-operation. Income Tax Receipts will be out the end of Feb. 2021. The 2022 envelopes are in the narthex for pick up. If you would like to have parish envelopes please contact the parish office to arrange for them.

THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY SPEAKER SERIES

A monthly virtual event starting January 2022. To attend the zoom sessions, register online or contact the family ministry office at
905.528.7988
Ext 2249



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FROM THE DIOCESE -THE 2021 – 2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>

RESTART: A SEPARATION AND DIVORCE RECOVERY PROGRAM - Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. While the program has not been able to run due to COVID restrictions, we will offering an evening session by zoom on Tuesday, Dec. 14th: Coping with Christmas When Divorced or Separated. To register or see the dates for future courses, please check the information online: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office: (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250.

From Fr. Charlie and the Staff at



**Most Blessed Sacrament.
Have a Blessed Merry Christmas and a
Safe and Healthy New Year 2022!**

The names on the Christmas trees on the altar, Baptisms, Marriages, Confirmation, First Communion, and Deaths for the past two years the tags will be available for the family in the Narthex once the trees are down. Please take your tags.

Congratulations and best wishes to Shirley Moran as she “retires” at the end of the month. Shirley has been our back-up in the office for several years as well as maintaining the rectory and office areas. She prepared meals for Fr. Ted and Fr. Gus for several years and occasionally prepares the odd meal for me (Fr. Charlie). Shirley looks forward to settling in one of the maritime provinces once she sells her house. She’ll continue being a lector in the parish until that time comes.

2021

Christmas Message from Bishop Douglas Crosby

My dear friends,

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shone!” Is.9.2

The fact that we are now dealing with the Omicron variant of the pernicious COVID-19 virus is discouraging indeed. We have worked so hard to do what we can to “manage” the pandemic protocols, but the daily bad news of increased infections, after we thought we were getting ahead of things, makes it difficult to remain positive.

The scripture passages given to us by the Church in the daily readings during the Christmas season remind us over and over again that we are a people of HOPE – darkness does not overwhelm us. The powerful recounting of the Christmas story lifts us up out of darkness, sadness, and sorrow, and reminds us that God has given us a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. This announcement gladdens us and reassures us that the Lord is with us – especially in the darkest of nights. It is the blessing of Christmas!

*May the God of infinite goodness,
Who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven
darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth
has illumined this most holy night,
Drive far from you the darkness of death
And illumine your hearts with the light of life!*

(From the solemn blessing of Midnight Mass)

Merry Christmas! Enjoy the season.
Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton.



SACRED HEART PARISH, HAMILTON 100TH ANNIVERSARY

This September 12th, Sacred Heart Parish celebrated 100 years. We ask former and present parishioners to please send photos of memories at Sacred Heart either by email: sacred.heart@cogeco.ca or to bring them to the parish rectory. Due to ongoing pandemic uncertainties, it has been decided to extend our celebration into next year. Bishop Crosby has agreed to celebrate the Anniversary Mass on June 5, 2022 which is the Feast of Pentecost and which is in the month of June – the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This will be followed by brunch at Michelangelo's. We hope to have a large gathering of former & present parishioners for such a momentous occasion.



World Meeting Of Families Diocese Event – being held May 28, 2022 at Mount Mary in Ancaster. Pope Francis is urging diocesan administrators to begin preparations for the 2022 World Meeting of Families and this is exactly what the Diocese of Hamilton has begun to do! The Pope has asked that, “wherever it is possible, I would like to invite diocesan communities to plan initiatives based on the theme of the meeting, and to use the symbols being prepared by the Diocese of Rome.” More information will follow, for now, we encourage you to keep Saturday, May 28th open. As Pope Francis reminds us, this is “a great opportunity for Catholics to renew their commitment to family ministry.”

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Hamilton Particular council We are looking for volunteers who wish to have some fun and help out at the same time. Whether you are looking to interact with customers, sort donations behind the scenes, put your cleaning skills to good use or just donate one of your many skills at our store. Please join us and bring a friend. Our store is called “Vinnie’s Feel-Good Shopping” and is located at 200 Parkdale Ave. North, Hamilton. We are open Tuesdays – Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Your choice of flexible hours. For more information, please call the store and leave a brief msg. (905)549-3902 or e-mail us at kelsey-sykesssvp@outlook.com Those interested will be asked to fill out a volunteer application. Check us out at ssvphamiltonpc.org/store/