

December 12 and December 19, 2021

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.

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

The parish office is open Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4:00pm. Closed for lunch. The office is closed on Fridays and the weekend.



MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday Dec 15 – 9:00 am –

Bernie Dugas

Friday Dec 17 - 9:00 am –

Sam Scime

Saturday Dec 18 – 5:00 pm – Deceased family & friends of the DiOrio & Tersigni families, Angelo Marino, John Carty, Alfie Lambe

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

December 13 – December 18

MON – Rev. Sam Restivo

TUE – Rev. David Perrin

WED – Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer

THU – Rev. Robert Bulbrook

FRI – Rev. Timothy Higgins

SAT – Rev. Lawrence Parent



MASS

INTENTIONS

Wednesday Dec 22– 9:00am – Special intentions for Mary & Kevin Dunn

Friday Dec 24 – 4pm Christmas Eve

11pm – Christmas Eve

Saturday Dec 25 – 11am Christmas Day

(Nativity of the Lord)

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

December 20 – December 25

MON - Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz

TUE - Rev. Ronald Voisin

WED – Voluntas Dei Institute

THU - Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu

FRI - Rev. Miro Grubisic

SAT – Christmas Day (Nativity of the Lord)

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

Collections: November 27/28/21 \$2993.00

Dec 4/5 \$2892.00

including mail in donations and loose

Third Sunday of Advent – December 12, 2021

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 19, 2021

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Christmas Schedule



Friday Dec 24th - 4:00 P.M. Mass (must call the parish office to reserve)

Friday Dec 24th – 11:00 P.M.- Midnight Mass

Saturday Dec 25th – 11:00 A.M.

Christmas Day

(NO Saturday evening Mass Dec 25th)

Sunday Dec 26th – Mass at 11:00 A.M.

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.

Confessions Saturday Dec 18th, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday Dec 22nd 9:30 -10:30 a.m. after the 9 a.m. Mass

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Grace before the Christmas Meal

Lord our God,

The coming of your Son brings joy to the whole world.

Fill us with your love,

And the hungry with good things.

Bless our table and our home

And grant that the food we share

Increase our eagerness to serve you in each other. Glory to you, Lord,

In the wonder of your presence among us

For ever and ever.

Amen

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Blessed Sacrament Church is trying to put together a **choir to sing** at the 11:00am Mass on Christmas Day. If you would like to sing in the choir loft with other parishioners, please contact the parish office. Covid-19 protocols will be in effect. There will only be one choir practice held and this will be during the week before Christmas.

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.



ST VINCENT De PAUL We have always helped the Catholic Children's Aid Society and we will do so this year by purchasing gift cards to give to the children they are helping. We are able to do this because of your wonderful generosity! The St. Vincent de Paul Society at Most Blessed Sacrament thanks you so much for enabling us to help so many!

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.



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>

O'Henry, master of the short story, tells one about a homeless person who tried to get in jail, just a few days before Christmas. Yes, he tried to get into jail. The weather was bitter cold and the homeless one wanted a warm place to stay on Christmas. He tried jay-walking and throwing stones at windows in his effort to attract a policeman. Everything failed. He happened to pass a church from which beautiful carols were floating over the chill air. His heart was touched. He even thought of changing his ways, so he lingered before the entrance. In no time, a policeman arrested him for loitering.

YEAR END. The end of the Financial Year for the parish is Dec 31, 2021. **ALL donations** for 2021 must be 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.

PARENTING TIP - The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children's minds and understanding. Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and it's meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and, ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or getting excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable. Advent is the perfect time to daily bring all of this to light!

MARRIAGE TIP - Intentional divorce and conscious uncoupling are two terms becoming popular in North American vernacular, but what we should be promoting is intentional marriage and conscious coupling. The research is clear that couples can take steps to remain and even deepen their love. Consciously making the decision to spend time together, to share our deepest feelings (good and bad), to use touch throughout the day, to make date-night (however that looks) a priority will build your couple relationship. Looking for moments of gratitude and thanking your spouse will increase the loving bond between you. This Christmas make conscious coupling your gift to each other; it may be the best gift you will ever receive!



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



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.

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-sykessvp@outlook.com Those interested will be asked to fill out a volunteer application. Check us out at ssvphamiltonpc.org/store/