

November 28 and December 5, 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 1 – 9:00 am –

Maria Gallo

Friday Dec 3 - 9:00 am –

Bernie Dugas

Saturday Dec 4 – 5:00 pm – Calogero Santalucia, Seamus Treanor, Don Mahinda Athulathmudali, Frank Duff, and for special intentions

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

November 29 – December 5

MON – Rev. Tony O ‘Dell

TUE – Rev. Kiwook Kim & Rev. Florian Stasinski

WED - Discalced Carmelite Fathers

THU – Rev. John Redmond

FRI – Rev. Phillip Cook

SAT – Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak



MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday Dec 8 –

9:00am – Roy Atkinson

Friday Dec 10 - 9:00am –

Harry Bushey

Saturday Dec 11 – Wallace Khan, Alicia Milanes Bonnie Mosher, Seamus Treanor

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

December 7 – December 12

MON - Rev. Adam Wroblewicz

TUE - Rev. Kevin D’Souza

WED – Order of Preachers

THU - Rev. Peter Ciallella

FRI - Rev. Roshan Loy D’Souza

SAT – Rev. Francis Salasiar

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

Collections: November 13/14 \$ 4,047.00

November 20/21 \$2,125.00

including mail in donations and loose

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The CWL will be holding their Christmas Brunch on Sunday December 12, at 12:00 noon, right after the 11:00am Mass. Grey Cup Sunday! All CWL members are welcome to join in the celebration. Tickets are on sale now in the parish office until Wednesday December 8. Cost: \$10.00 each.



FUNDSCRIP Gift Cards - Full payment must accompany your order. The deadline for orders for Christmas is MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29. Thank you for supporting the CWL and the charitable works that they do locally and abroad!



ST VINCENT De PAUL As you entered our church today, you probably noticed our Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree in the narthex. We invite you to take a tag from the tree and purchase a gift for a child in our community who needs help and comfort during this holiday season. Please return the gift (\$20 - \$25) unwrapped by Dec. 11/12. There are fewer tags on the tree this year because of the pandemic. 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.

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First Sunday of Advent – November 28, 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).

Second Sunday of Advent - December 5, 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/

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.

An update... **TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION.** The diocesan participation has begun! The C.W.L. and Legion of Mary, existing groups in our parish are being invited to participate in "groups" and have received the necessary "kit". For the rest of the parish, there is an opportunity to participate online. There is a video which may be helpful, and The SYNOD CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE – Feel free to participate! The deadline is December 15, 2021. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>

Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? **The Diocesan Re-Start 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 be offering an evening session by zoom on Tuesday, Dec. 14th: Coping with Christmas When Divorced or Separated. To register for this event or see the dates for future courses, please check the program information online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office - (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250

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. More details to follow.

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 4th, 11th, 18th, from 4:00pm to 4:30pm

Wednesday Dec 22nd - 9:30-10:30am after the 9am Mass

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 secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on the weekend of Dec 11/12 at the 5:00pm & 11:00am Mass 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 and as you lay Jesus in the Manager, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.



The crowded school bus pulled to the curb to make way for the fire truck, zooming and clanging down the street. The kids were entranced with the Dalmation seated beside the driver. "Why did the firemen have that dog with them?" said one boy, "To bark at the crowds and keep the people out of the way," answered another.

"I know why," said another, 'he's there for good luck,' The argument ended when one lad insisted: "they use the dog to find the fire hydrant."



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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/

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.”