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MASS INTENTIONS

Wed Jan 11 – 9:00am – Susan Taggart
Friday Jan 13 – 9:00am – special intentions for Helen Mahoney
Saturday Jan 14 – 5:00pm – Felice Mastroianni, Zygmunt Gorski

Wed Jan 18- 9:00 am- special intentions Greta Innis
Friday Jan 20 – 9:00 am – Hilda Pust
Sat Jan 21 – 5:00 pm – Helen Daley Vladyslav Malinowski

Christmas \$7,734.00 including loose.
New Years - \$3,330.00 including loose

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DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Jan 9-14, 2023


MON – Baptism of the Lord
TUE - Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto
WED – Sisters of St. John the Baptist
THU – Rev. Allen Varlaki
FRI – Rev. Jerzy Tomon
SAT – Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas

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MON – Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma
TUE - Rev. Francis Hubilla
WED – Youth Ministers
THUR – Rev. Luc Payett
FRI – Rev. Joseph Okoko
SAT – Rev. Ireneusz Koziak

Jan 18-25 – Prayer for Christian Unity

For the First Saturday of each month we are asking families to say a decade of the Rosary at 4:15pm, before 5pm Mass. If you as a family are interested in participating in this parish ongoing event please call the parish office or let Ed Daley know and give your name.

 Coming soon....homemade Chili for Superbowl Sunday! The CWL will be offering homemade chili for sale just in time for Superbowl Sunday on February 12th. More details to follow in the next bulletin.



The World Youth Day Pilgrims are selling tickets for the Taste of Portugal Fundraiser Dinner. On Saturday, February 4th at St. Mary's Parish downtown, join the pilgrims across the Diocese of Hamilton to experience the Portuguese culture. Tickets are \$75.00 and will be sold until the middle of January at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish. The Pilgrims are also selling Tiny Saints, for a suggested donation of \$10.00. We have a stock of St. Nicholas, but if you are inquiring about another saint, please call the parish office and we can see what we can do.

Youth Group Grades 7-12!

All young people are invited to join us for a evening of games, food and friendship. Our meetings for the time being will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall from 7:00-8:30 p.m.. Permission forms can be found on our parish website or in the Narthex. Our next meeting will be held Friday, January 27th. We will be explore the great outdoors. Dress for the weather!



Young Adults Night – February 4th in Guelph Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 4th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Now that the Christmas celebratons are over, the **Adult Choir** is looking forward to preparing for Easter. New members, especially men, are encouraged to join **Now** as new music is being prepared for the Easter Vigil celebration. So if you were thinking of joining and being a part of our wonderful choir, the time is now! Call the parish office for details.



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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.

Parenting Tip for January 2023 - As the New Year begins we often set “resolutions” to changes habits, behaviours or actions. This year set a resolution that will benefit the whole family: decide to purposely spend more time with your children, sending a message that family time matters. Build a snow fort together, make snow angels or go for a midnight walk in the snow. Cook, clean and play together. Look back on family albums and share memories and stories. Pray before/after meals, attend Mass and say the Rosary, all as a family. The possibilities are endless, as are the benefits.

Marriage Tip for January 2023 - Time is often a major problem in our day, since there never seems to be enough of it! As a result, couples spend less time together, seeing it as a solution to the short on time phenomena. But love grows and there is a sense of cohesiveness when the relationship is seen as a priority. Making time together an essential part of your planning will build a closeness between the two of you, give you time to reflect on the good and challenging events in your life and help you to know each other in a deep and caring way. So find time somewhere else, instead of taking it from your couple relationship! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MASTERING YOUR MONEY: A Financial Wellness Presentation for the Diocese of Hamilton - Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles. The need for financial literacy has never been more pressing. Join us for this special zoom session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 7-8:30 p.m., presented by Mr. Fred Masters, President & Founder of Masters Money Management Inc., and the author of the critically-acclaimed new book 'Lessons on Mastering Money'. He has delivered dozens and dozens of personal financial literacy presentations and is a sought-after media commentator on financial literacy. This is a free virtual event, but you must register at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming events, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, to receive the Zoom link.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2023- on Saturday March 4th from 9am -5:30pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. North Building, 255 Front St. West.
For information and tickets call Sadie at 905-270-2510

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RESTART: Refresh, Renew Revive – A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support and fun! These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required, but for ZOOM link please contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

ReSTART: Moving Forward – This is a new and updated 10 week program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The program runs from Tuesday, March 21st to May 23rd. The sessions take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join using our zoom classroom. Cost is \$25 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register on line at ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton www.hamiltondiocese.com.



WHO ARE THE WISE MEN?

Matthew refers to the Epiphany visitors as “*wise men (and/or kings) from the East*” – literally they came from the direction of the rising sun (this being the **only** concrete information Matthew offers as to who they were and from where). By what other names have these wise men been known throughout history? They have been called: Magi, Astrologers, Kings, Foreigners, Gentiles, Pagan Priests, Visionaries and witnesses to the manifestation of God (Epiphany). And while there is no historical proof as to their names and places of origin, tradition has suggested they were: Melchior, King of Persia; Caspar, King of India; and Balthasar, King of Arabia. Some scholars suggest that perhaps *more than three* wise men witnessed the Epiphany. While historical proof is lacking as to the actual number of wise men, tradition has settled upon three – this corresponds to the number of gifts that were presented. A common understanding is that the three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh give witness to the royalty, divinity and humanity of the Messiah.

A small boy in kindergarten was assigned by his teacher to make a Christmas drawing of the three Wise Men, riding their camels across the desert. When the drawing was finished, the youngster took it to the teacher for her approval. She studied it, then pointed to an item – a square box with a couple of wires sticking out of it. “what’s that?” she asked. “Oh, that,” said the boy. “That’s the portable TV, I don’t want them to miss ‘Gunsmoke’”