

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Wed 29 – 9:00am** – special intentions for Kevin Dunn

**Fri Dec 1 – 9:00am** – Amedeo Moroni

**Saturday Dec 2 – 5:00 pm**- special intentions for Joanne Belinda Upfold

**Wed Dec 6 – 9:00am**—Guiseppeini Vincelli

**Fri. Dec 8 -9:00 am – Bishop Paul Reding**

**Saturday Dec 9 - 5:00 pm** – Alicia Milanese, Bonnie Mosher, William Dermody

Nov 11/12 -- \$3,575.00 including loose

Nov 18/19 --\$2600.00 including loose

St. Vincent de Paul \$790.00

*We thank you for your continued support.*

**The Adult Choir** is preparing for the Christmas Season. If you are interested in participating in the music ministry of our parish and being a part of the Mass on Christmas Eve, please join us in the choir loft for practice, help every Tuesday evening at 5:30pm. Practices last for one hour and weekly attendance is a must!

Do you play an instrument? **The Adult Choir** is looking for someone who plays an instrument that could be used in conjunction with Christmas music, which is being prepared for the 2023 Christmas season. If you are interested please contact the parish office and leave your name and telephone number

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

### Nov 27-Dec 2, 2023

MON – Rev. Roger Yaworski, S.J.

TUE - **Parents & Guardians**

WED – Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.)

THUR – Rev. Edward Hampson

FRI – Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

SAT – Rev. David Reilander

### Dec 4-9, 2023

MON – Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.

TUE - Grandparents & Elderly

WED – **Order of Preachers (Dominicans) (O.P.)**

THUR – Rev. Donald Sanvido

FRI – *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

SAT – Rev. David Perrin

**The Catholic Women's League** of Blessed Sacrament Church monthly food drive for November is **Canned Fruit and Fruit Products**. Canned peaches and pears, and canned fruit cocktail are just a few examples. This program is aimed at increasing food donations to *Neighbour to Neighbour*, our local food bank. All donations of food can be left in the narthex

We only have 1 more week to go!



**The Poinsettia Events Committee** invite you to the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish's upcoming seasonal events.

Perfect for everyone!

### **Poinsettia Pick up dates**

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:00pm to 4:00 pm- for the School Parents and

December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> after both Masses in the Narthex.

### **Breakfast with Santa:**

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, from 8:00 am to 10:00am in the Church Hall.

So much fun for the entire family! Join the Big Guy for a healthy & nutritious breakfast, loads of fun & friends!

\$7.00 per plate of pancakes & sausage and \$3.00 for a beverage & croissant

Cash only. No need to book in advance, just show up for the fun to begin!

### **50/50 DRAW:**

It is the last week to pick up your 50/50 draw tickets from Pat & Fred in the Narthex.

Get your lucky ticket today! Cash only.

**DRAW Date:** After 5:00 pm Mass on December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Narthex.



**The Early- Bird draw for a set of Pre-Season Ti-Cat game tickets for 2024 was won by Ticket # 0048**

Call the church office at 905-385-3570 to arrange for pick up. You will need to bring the winning half of the ticket as proof.



**CWL** will be placing an order for the **FUNDSCRIP** Gift Cards for Christmas once again. The cards will make excellent Christmas gifts and are also great for other festive occasions and your everyday purchases. Order forms are available in the church narthex, in the parish office or you can even have one emailed to you! Full payment must accompany your order. The deadline for orders is next weekend **MONDAY DECEMBER 4th**, just in time for Christmas! Thank you for supporting the CWL and the charitable works that they support both locally and abroad!



The holidays are right around the corner and the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton has an opportunity for

you to help put children first through the annual Give the Gift of Joy holiday Campaign.

Three main groups are being supported:

\*Helping youth to lead independent lives through education and stable housing.

\*Supporting Kin families with the essentials needed for children in their care

\*Addressing food insecurity to support families we serve. To make a financial donation call 905-525-2012 ext 3150 check the website [www.hccas.ca](http://www.hccas.ca)

### SAVE THE DATE: THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 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 one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in December at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

The 2024 Parish envelopes will be available in the next few weeks. Because of the low demand for parish envelopes, we have only ordered 250 boxes of envelopes. Anyone with numbers from 251 to 300 will be getting a new number for 2024. This does not have any effect on the tax receipts.

Thank you for your generosity. If you would like parish envelopes, please call the parish office and we can certainly help you. You can receive envelopes anytime during the year.

### ADVENT PRAYER NIGHT FOR YOUTH MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelton for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email [youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

Whether you are afraid of public speaking or would you like to take on a leadership role within your parish, the Christopher Leadership Course in Effective Speaking can help. The next course begins Thursday evening, January 11, 2024, at McMaster University in Hamilton. To register or for more information, please visit [www.clchamilton.com](http://www.clchamilton.com) or call Frank at 905-662-4076.

**Youth Group 7+\*\*\*\*\***The Branches of Faith Youth Group will be on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. All young people in Grades 7+ are invited to join us. Permission forms can be found in the Narthex or on our parish website. Bring a friend.



**World Youth Day \*\*\*\*** At the conclusion of the Solemnity of Christ the King in 2021, Pope Francis announced that he had decided to transfer the diocesan celebration of World Youth Day to Christ the King Sunday from Palm Sunday. The theme for this year's World Youth Day 2023, is "Rejoicing in Hope" (Romans 12:12). We are so fortunate for the young people in our community who contribute to our parish. Thank you for being witnesses of faith.

*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. We will have the blessing on the Second Sunday of Advent. 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.*



*You are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass **on Saturday Dec 9 - 5pm or Sunday December 10- 11am**. After the blessing of you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap and 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.*

**Waters of Italy Trip!** With Fr. Mark Gatto. October 9 to 18, 2024. For more information contact Fr. Mark at [mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com)

The pastor said to the organist: "When I get through with my sermon, I intend to ask those of the congregation who want to contribute to the building fund to stand up. In the meantime, I want you to play some appropriate music." "What do you mean by appropriate music?" asked the organist. "Play 'O Canada'!" replied the pastor.



**GRIEF RELIEF**

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will offer a six week grief program starting January 17, 2024. The sessions are held from 1:30-3:00pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look for the start date under upcoming events.