

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Wednesday Jan 8 – 9:00 am** – Alice Sullivan

**Friday Jan 10 – 8:00 am** – Kathy Martin

**Sat January 11 – 5:00 pm-** Mario & Ines Bosa, Lucio Battision, Francine Giacomelli, Tomasina Barletta, Agnes Bolan

**Wednesday Jan 15- 0:00 am** – Nino DiFilippo

**Friday Jan 17 -9:00 am** – Maxine Stauth

**Saturday Jan 18 – 5:00 pm** – Antonio Cacinio (kaknio), Annie Settimi, Bruno & Cyrienne Houndolo, Kathy Martin, Oreste DiFonte, Felice Mastroianni

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

**January 6-11, 2025**

MON – Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.

TUE – Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P.

WED – **Diocesan Priests**

THUR – Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

FRI – Rev. David Avila

SAT – Married Couples

**January 13-18, 2025**

MON – Rev. Allen Varlaki

TUE - Rev. Rajesh Dsouza, O.C.D.

WED –**Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.**

THUR – Rev. Jerzy Tomon

FRI – Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen

SAT – Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J.

Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25.

**Donations received – Dec 24/24**

**Christmas - \$4,864.00**

**Loose- \$1,718.00**

**Dec 28/29- \$2,489.00 Loose 328.00**



**CWL** – The next meeting for the CWL is being held on Sunday February 2, 2025 in the parish hall at Blessed Sacrament Church. A light lunch will be provided. All women from both Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament Churches are invited to attend. There will be no meeting in January 2025.

**‘Celebrating the Word’** resumes Wednesday January 8, 2025 after the morning mass in the Parish hall. All are welcome! Refreshments provided.

**The 2025 Parish envelopes are in the narthex.** 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.

**Youth Group Grades 7+** Join us on January 31st for Youth Group. Meet us at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m.. Download a permission form from our website, if you have never attended before.



We would like to thank all the young people who ministered over the Christmas Holidays. If you are an Altar Server, participated in the youth choir, youth Usher or assisted with Children's Liturgy, please consider joining our Christmas Party. We will meet after Mass on Sunday, January 12th. Please RSVP to Rachel at [blessedsacrametnyouth@hotmail.com](mailto:blessedsacrametnyouth@hotmail.com)

**BIRTHRIGHT**

The birth of a child is a special moment and Birthright Hamilton has been offering support for pregnant and parenting moms in need for more than fifty years. The postal strike this year is having a severe impact on our ability to send out a Christmas donation letter to our supporters, which generally raises a large portion of our yearly budget. At this time of year, when we reflect on Christ's birth in a manger, might you consider a donation to help us through this challenging time? Donations can be made by e-transfer to [birthrighthamilton@gmail.com](mailto:birthrighthamilton@gmail.com), or by donating through Canada Helps ([www.canadahelps.org/en/](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/) and then searching Birthright Hamilton), or by dropping a donation at the office at 370 Main St. East in Hamilton (905-527-3677). Your support is helping us to help those in need and is greatly appreciated. Tax receipts are issued for all donations.



**THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SAVE THE DATE!** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, 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 January at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** Family time matters, as much when our children age as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly. Traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys - pizza and movie nights, a special breakfast after attending Mass, games night – anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan your together time weekly and remember to share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that has to be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH** **Marriage**

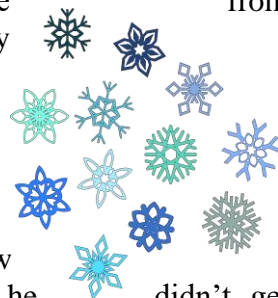
January is a perfect time to sit together as a couple with a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and do a little year in review. Did we spend enough time with each other and with our families? What went well for us and where do we recognize challenges? Discuss how these things could be better in 2025 and commit to making it happen for your couple relationship. A little marriage reflection and tune-up can keep the sparks alive!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT** Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations on Saturday, February 1st. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) **on Saturday, February 1st at the St. Michael’s Church** (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo).

Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

A mother was very annoyed because a written excuse explained her little son’s absence from school following a heavy snowfall was demanded by his teacher. Whereupon she wrote: “Dear Teacher: My little Eddie’s legs are fourteen inches long. The snow was eighteen inches deep. Now maybe you understand why he didn’t get to school yesterday.”



**JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025** The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as “Pilgrims of Hope!” All invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all available on the Diocesan Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for **Heros of Hope** – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

*Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.*

*We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call*

*to be leaders in our parish community and for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts*

*for the building up of your Church*

*and the service of their sisters and brothers.*

*Through their varied ministries,*

*may they touch the hearts of all in our community*

*who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Follow the Star to Bethlehem**

This might help to explain where the often-cited words of support to “follow your own star” came from. We are invited on Epiphany to join with the wise men in



following the star to the place of God's manifestation, to behold the incarnation of God's only Son. We are invited to set our sights on the star, to let go, to trust and follow. What wonders await us as we follow our star!

What incredible wonders the wise men did see; what amazing radiance the wise men experienced; the very hearts of the wise men were thrilled beyond imagining causing them to rejoice as never before. Non-believing wise men came to believe simply by beholding a newborn child who they clearly identified as the long-awaited Messiah. Their gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh indicated that Jesus was seen as the King to be obeyed, the God to be adored and the man who is to die.

What emotions does this stir within you? As you stand before a nativity scene, what radiance do you see? Is your heart thrilled? Is it a moment of rejoicing?