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DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Dec 8-13, 2025

Dec 8 – ***Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Dec 9 – Rev. Ronald Voisin

Dec 10 – Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R.

Dec 11 – Catholic Youth Adults

Dec 12 - ***Our Lady of Guadalupe-Prayer Day***

Solidarity Indigenous Peoples

Dec 13 – Rev. Michael McHugh

Dec 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

Dec 15-20, 2025

Dec 15 – Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino

Dec 16 – Rev. Stanley Nwokeji

Dec 17 – Voluntas Dei Institute, i.v.Dei.

Dec 18 – Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski

Dec 19 – Rev. Donald Sanvido

Dec 20 – Rev. David Weise

Dec 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

A message from the **Legion of Mary**...



At the passing of your loved one, if you are having a time of visitation at the funeral home and you and your loved one have a devotion to our Blessed Mother, the Legion of Mary would be open to leading the rosary.

The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood a community of Contemplative Sisters, have been present in the Diocese of Hamilton since 1946. In addition to their ministry of prayer, they produce altar breads for many of our Parishes. You are welcome to contact them if you are interested in exploring a vocation to the Contemplative way of life. www.pbsisters.ca

Celebrating the Word is starting up again. Continues Wednesday Dec 10/17/25 after the 9am Mass. Everyone is welcome and come whenever you can. Refreshments to follow.

Youth Group Grades 6-8 Join us on December 12th for Youth Group. Meet us at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m.. This month we will look at the Nativity of Jesus and how it brought Hope into the world. Download a permission form from our website, if you have never attended before.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society - If you took a tag from the tree please bring it back by Dec 14/15. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



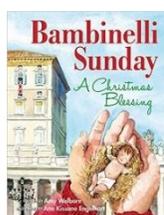
Father Murphy stopped by the fifth grade class as they were practicing some of the hymns for Sunday Mass. He noticed that all the children were singing with enthusiasm except one little boy who sat at his desk, not making a sound. When asked why he was not singing along, the lad responded with a grin: “Well, Father, somebody has to listen.” (Let’s sing with enthusiasm)



For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from nativity scenes that belong to families, and families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. This year we will have the



*blessing of the 'Bambinelli', as they are known in Rome, on the **Third Sunday of Advent**. You are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines to the **5pm Mass on Saturday December 13 or the 11am Mass on Sunday December 14**. 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 the Baby Jesus in the manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.*



There is a story book titled Bambinelli Sunday and it tells the story of a little boy named Alessandro and the lessons he learns about family, faith and love on this special day. If you are interested in the story you can order it on Amazon.

Parenting Tip for December..... Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus, through stories, Mass, prayer and discussions, on the joy of Christ’s birth and the real reason for the season.

Parenting Tip for December.... Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: “I married my best friend.” It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Do you spend time together, share parts of your day, invite them to share in an event with you, watch a movie together, or even a series that can become together time? Do you call once in awhile to say hello during the time you are not together and plan time for your spouse in your agenda – everyday? Are you patient when they make a mistake, are not perfect, or let you down? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage.

A heartfelt *thank you* to all who joined us for our annual **Breakfast with Santa**. It was such a joy to see the school gym filled with laughter, families, and the beautiful spirit of the season.

A special thank you goes out to our amazing volunteers, both youth and adults, who gave their time, energy, and kindness to make the morning run so smoothly. From flipping pancakes to welcoming families, your generosity brought so much joy to our community. We also want to thank Mrs. Frappa and Blessed Sacrament staff who supported us in providing us the space for the weekend.

And of course, thank you to Santa for taking time out of his very busy schedule to visit our parish! As we continue through this Advent season, may we carry the same spirit of joy, service, and togetherness into our homes and hearts.