



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday – 5:00 p.m. (Ayr) 7:00 p.m. (Kitchener) Sunday 8:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

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PASTORAL CARE (SICK/ELDERLY):

If you know someone who is sick, please call the church office

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Church door collection on the last Sunday of each month.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Judy Knight – 519-894-5599

LEGION OF MARY:

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturday – 11:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

1st Friday of the month.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:

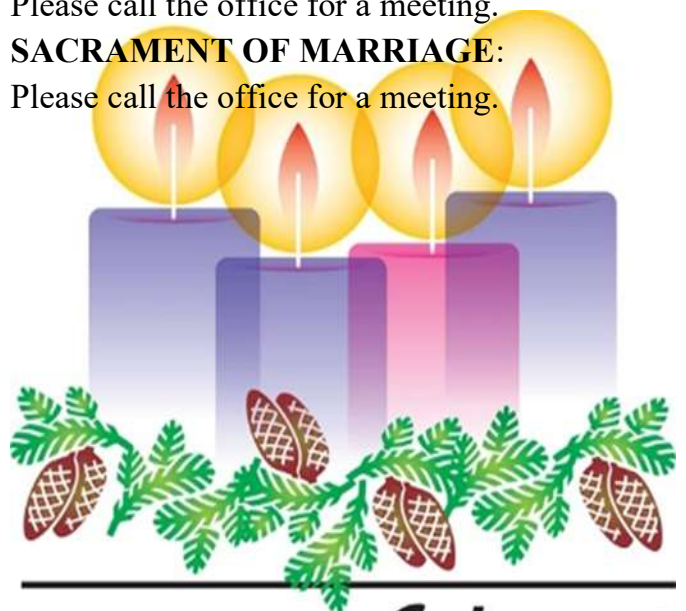
First Sunday of the month

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the office for a meeting.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please call the office for a meeting.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR WEEK OF December 20, 2021

Monday 7:00 p.m. †Dorothy MacDonald
– Liv & Jerome Moore

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Int. Thi Dung Nguyen
– Nguyen Family

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. †Joann Koehler
– Monica Atkinson

Thursday 9:00 a.m. †FelimonCacalla
– Montalban Family

Friday Ayr 4:00 p.m. Int. Edith Townes
5:00 p.m. †Jacob Mattakkal - Family
8:00 p.m. †Patricia McMahon
– Maureen & Michael McMahon

10:00 p.m. †Ed Philp, Marcus & Euncie Ide
Suzanne Philp

Midnight Mass †Dec'd Residence of the Winston
Park Nursing Home – Manju Mathew

Saturday 9:00 a.m. For the People
11:00 a.m. †Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 8:15 a.m. Int of Lynn Family
– Roy & Janet Smith

10:00 a.m. †Verica Marinic
– Marco & Irene Bajac

11:45 a.m. Our Lady of Fatima
– Maria L. Pereira

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday

Legion of Mary 7:30 p.m. Meeting Rm

Wednesday

Adoration 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday

Adoration 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

RCIA – 7:00 p.m. Meeting Rm

Friday

Office is Closed

No Morning Mass today

Christmas Eve - Ayr 4:00 p.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. Mass

10:00 p.m. Mass

Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.

Saturday

Christmas Day – 9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

No 7:00 p.m. Mass today

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 Christmas Eve

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Midnight Mass

12:00 a.m.

December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 am & 11:00 am

ADORATION ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

We will have Eucharistic Adoration from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Come and spend time with the Lord. This is a great way to bring in the New Year.



TREES OF LIFE

During the holy season of Advent, the Church's great hymn of praise during the Mass, the GLORIA has been silent. At each Mass on Christmas Eve when the Gloria is sung for the first time in four weeks, our Christmas trees will be lit. It has become a custom here at Blessed Sacrament to call these trees, "Trees of Life", for the decorations on them reflect two of the great Christian Mysteries: Birth and Death. There will be 90 Angel ornaments on the trees inscribed with the names of all persons baptized in the Parish during 2021, and 23 crosses in memory of those born to Eternal Life during the past year. When the Christmas season is over, these personalized ornaments will be available as mementos to family members.

SUGGESTION: During the Christmas season when family and friends come to visit why not include a visit to the church to offer a prayer and see the "Nativity Scene" and the "Trees of Life". The Church is open from early morning to mid-evening.

2022 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

All who use Church offering envelopes can pick up their 2022 box of envelopes in the lobby. They are in numerical order. For those who use automatic debit, your contribution sheet have been mailed to you. If you would like envelopes or to use automatic debit, please go to our website and register or call the office. www.blessed-sacrament.ca

For those who use automatic debit:

For January deposits to be made on time, we need to have the forms returned. Please have your form

back to the Parish by December 23 to ensure this is possible. Thank you.

A reminder from our Money Counters:

Please take the time write the dollar amount of your offering on the envelop. Thank you.

DIOCESAN BOOKKEEPING POLICY

As we approach year end, parishioners frequently wish to make contributions to the church that will be credited to their tax receipt for the current year. Diocesan bookkeeping policy requires that parish books close on December 31. Contributions made in January cannot be applied to 2021 offerings.

Please have your donations in by **Sunday, December 26**. Monies received after this date will be credited to 2022. Thank you



CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES

During the Holy Season of Christmas, it is customary to dedicate floral tributes to be placed in the Church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are both a sign of remembrance and an expression of Faith in Christ's Promise of Eternal Life. Forms are available in the Lobby if you wish to make such a contribution.

SUNDAY MISSAL

Available in the lobby for \$4.00 each. The missals begin the First Sunday of Advent.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL membership registration is continuing and dues and forms are due by Dec. 31st.

A MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Due to the Covid pandemic, we have not been able to make food deliveries to homes. Financial donations that you have made to SVDP over 2021 have been given to help support the organizations that have stepped up to help when we couldn't. We have made donations to the Food Bank who continues to support our people and the K-W area. We have made donations to support the House of Friendships Christmas program and the North of 60. In 2022 we will continue to donate to these organizations until we may one day reopen our delivery service again.

On behalf of the members of St. Vincent de Paul, we would like to thank you for your continued support.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS – CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING, HAMILTON

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on December 25, 2021. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30 p.m. on December 24. The Carols and the Mass will be shown live on Salt+Light Television and CHCH-TV. Admittance to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by ticket only – a limited number of tickets are still available by contacting the Cathedral at (905) 522-5744.

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. Visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has produced a video showcasing the wonderful ministry of our Diocesan University Chaplaincy Centres. Do share this video with a young person in your life who may be preparing for post-secondary education, or someone who is looking for a faith community on campus within the Diocese. Special thanks to the Priests Chaplains, campus ministers and students who helped make this project possible. To view the video, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/young-adult-ministry>.

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities to address the learning needs of adults in our Diocese. Whether taking courses

for professional development in ministry or for personal nourishment, the VLCFF provides a breadth of opportunity for learning including full certificate programs, five-week online courses and three-week intensive online seminars. The Youth Ministry office is now accepting applications for Youth Ministry Certification with courses beginning in January. For more information visit the Hamilton Diocese learns web page: <https://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com/> or contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis: (905) 528-7988 ext. 2339 or catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com.

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY - HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES

The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

RESTART: A SEPARATION AND DIVORCE RECOVERY PROGRAM

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

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.



VOCATIONS

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love?

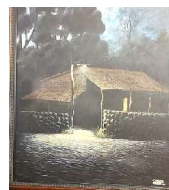
Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

LOCAL EVENTS

MENNO SINGERS IS BACK!

Join artistic director Brandon Leis and choir for an online watch party on Sunday, December 19 at 3:00 pm as we share 'Christmas Lessons and Carols', recorded live at Trillium Lutheran Church.



You can find the direct link to watch that afternoon at www.mennosingers.com

PAINTING FOR A GOOD HOME

On my last mission to El Salvador I purchased an oil painting from a self-made local artist in Suchitoto named Oscar Fierro. I am moving and do not have room for it. I would like to give it to someone from El Salvador who will cherish it as much as I did. Anyone interested call Mary at 519 573 8110

NEW TO OUR PARISH? YOU ARE MOST WELCOME

If you are new to our community or just visiting, welcome to Blessed Sacrament Parish. We

encourage all new parishioners to register with the parish. Registration forms can be found on our website. We are most happy to have you join our Parish Family.