



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



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MASS TIMES:

Saturday – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday- 9:00 a.m. Morning Coffee follows Mass

Thursday – 9:00 a.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m. Holy Hour follows Mass

ADORATION:

First Friday of the Month

all day, Benediction at 9:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

and during Friday's Holy hour when available

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please see our Parish Website for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please see our Parish Website for information and to fill out the Preliminary Form at least 9 months in advance.

PARISH REGISTRATION

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 bskchurch.ca

We are most happy to have you join our Parish Family.

LEGACIES AND BEQUEST

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember Blessed Sacrament Parish in your will and when suggesting expressions of sympathy. If you wish to make such a bequest in your will please contact the Parish office.

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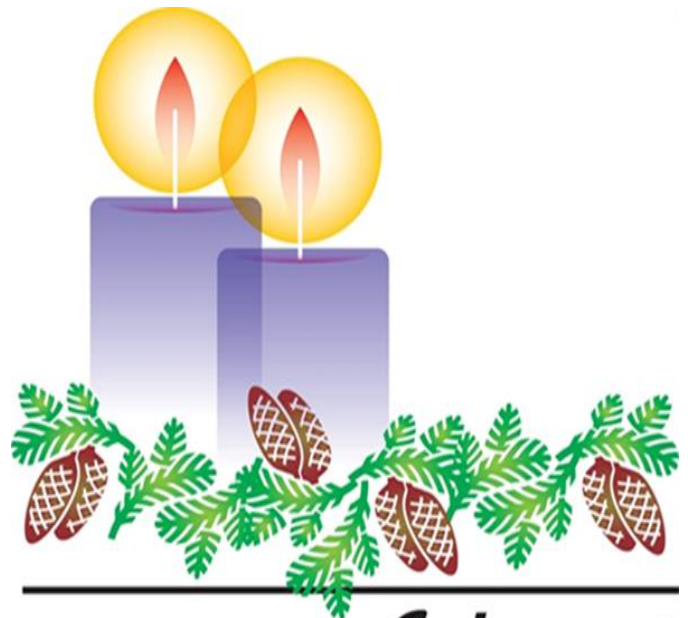
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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Advent



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Monday, December 11, 2023

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

† George VanderZanden – Ivy VanderZanden

† Inge Serschen - Family

† Maria Nguyen Thi Xuan - Family

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. * (School Mass)

† Irene Detzler – Cleasby Family

Thursday 10:00 a.m. * (School Mass)

Int. of Frank & Marie Baril – Doug & Joy

Friday 9:00 a.m.

Special Intention – Rosemary & Bernie White

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

† Ivan Svazic – Doreen & Gerald Yarascavitch

† Harvey Kitchen – Darren & Kelly Thomas

† Augustin Magnus – Gus Magnus

Sunday

8:15 a.m. † George & Teresa Chandy - Family

10:00 a.m. † Dec'd Audy & vanGent

Family Members – Joscelyne vanGent

11:45 a.m. For the People of Blessed

Sacrament Parish

Blessed Sacrament Church

December 3, 2023 Offertory \$ 7,150.50



Thank you for your generosity!

Your gift and attendance truly matters.

It is the life and future of our parish!

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ON
THE BACK PAGE!!**

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday

Blessed Sacrament School Mass 10:00 a.m.

John Sweeney School Liturgy 1:00 p.m.

Advent Book Study 7:45 p.m. Church

Legion of Mary 7:45 p.m. Music Rm

Men's Group 7:45 p.m. Parish Centre

Wednesday

**Mass Time is 10:00 a.m. Today!!

OLO Grace School Mass 10:00 a.m.

St. Josephine B. School Liturgy 1:00 p.m.

Jr. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m. Music Rm

CWL Potluck 6:00 p.m. Parish Center

Thursday

**Mass Time is 10:00 a.m. Today!!

M. Haller School Mass 10:00 a.m.

RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre

Friday

W&W Lunch 12 noon Parish Centre

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Wednesday & Thursday

Please note that because of School Advent Masses, the time of Mass has changed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday for this week. We will be back at 9:00 a.m. next week.

DIOCESAN BOOKKEEPING POLICY

As we approach year-end, parishioners frequently wish to make contributions to the church that will be credited to their tax receipts for the current year. Diocesan bookkeeping policy requires that parish books close on December 31. Contributions made in January cannot be applied to 2023 offerings. Please have your donations in by **Monday, December 25**. Monies received after this date will be credited to 2024. Thank you

CHRISTMAS HAMPER – ANGEL TREE

Blessed Sacrament Parish will be a pickup site for families who have registered to receive a Christmas Hamper, on **Monday, December 11th** all day in the parking lot. If you are scheduled to help or are visiting the church that day, we ask that you park on the road or the tree line (rectory side). Thank you

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



All Ladies are cordially invited to the Catholic Women's League Christmas Potluck Dinner on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023**. The doors open at **6:00 p.m.** and we will start our supper at **6:30 p.m.** Bring your favourite dish to share plus your plate and cutlery. Wear your festive colours. Door prizes, Raffles and a 50/50 draw. Once again, we are collecting non-perishable food items to share our many blessings with those less fortunate through St. Vincent de Paul join us for lots of fun, fellowship and Cheer!

2024 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

all who use Church offering envelopes can pick up their 2024 box of envelopes in the music room. They are in numerical order.

For those who use **automatic debit**, your contribution sheet is in an envelope in alphabetical order in the Lobby

If you would like envelopes or to use automatic debit please go to our website and register

For those who use automatic debit:

For January deposits to be made on time, we need to have the forms for 2024 returned by December 31 to ensure this is possible. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This Advent we will be reaching out to our neighbours at Glencairn Church who offer food to the needy in our area on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

We ask that you bring one item per week as suggested below during Advent.

Week 1 - a can of tuna; **Week 2** - a box of Kraft Dinner; **Week 3** - Lipton Soup in a box; **Week 4** - a cake mix or box of jello or pudding.

By giving each week we reach those who are struggling to make ends meet this Christmas. Pray for those who are in need and let our hearts reach them in this small way. God bless.

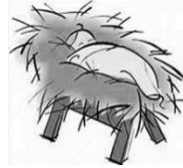
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

REHEARSAL TIMES

Friday, December 15 & 22
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

(In case of a snow day, backup rehearsal will be Saturday, December 23 @ 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.)

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to any of the Masses next weekend **December 16/17**, to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. 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 Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

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.



DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS

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 13th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelton for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com

VOCATIONS MASS AND YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – January 5th – Hamilton

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a Mass for vocations at 6:00pm. Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-

7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:30pm), praise night and vocations talk (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Friday, January 5th at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C 2V2). Co-sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

OTHER FUNCTIONS

ADVENT WREATH HOME PRAYERS

For the blessing of the wreath, the following prayer is suggested:

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then follows the prayer which is said in the evening each night in Advent.

The Second Week

O, Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the second purple candle is lit. Both candles burn.

The Third Week

The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as Gaudete) is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the purple colour. The third pink candle is lit as well as the two previously burned purple candles.

O, Lord, we beg Thee incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Fourth Week

O, Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each night of this week, remaining days, all four candles burn.

Blessed Sacrament Parish CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023



4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 24, 8:15 a.m.

December 24 Christmas Eve

Pageant 3:30 pm
Masses: 4:00 pm
6:00 pm
9:00 pm
Carols Sing Along 8:30 pm

December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am & 11:45 am

Holy Family Mass

Saturday, December 30, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday December 31, 8:15 am,
10:00am & 11:45 am

January 1 New Year's Day

Mary, Mother of God Mass
10:00 am & 11:45 am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE IN PREPARATION FOR CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Confession opportunities at our church:

Fridays during the Holy Hour
(after 9:00 am Mass until 10:15 am)

Saturdays 11:00 am

Except on December 23rd and 30th

Our Parish Penance Celebration
(With Several Priests)

Thursday, December 21st, 7:00 pm

KITCHENER ADVENT CONFESSIONS

December 12, 7 pm - St. Joseph

December 13, 7 pm - St. Aloysius

December 14, 7 pm - St. Mark

December 15, 7 pm - St. Teresa

December 19, 7 pm - St. Anne

December 20, 7 pm - St. Anthony Daniel