



# 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.

**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](http://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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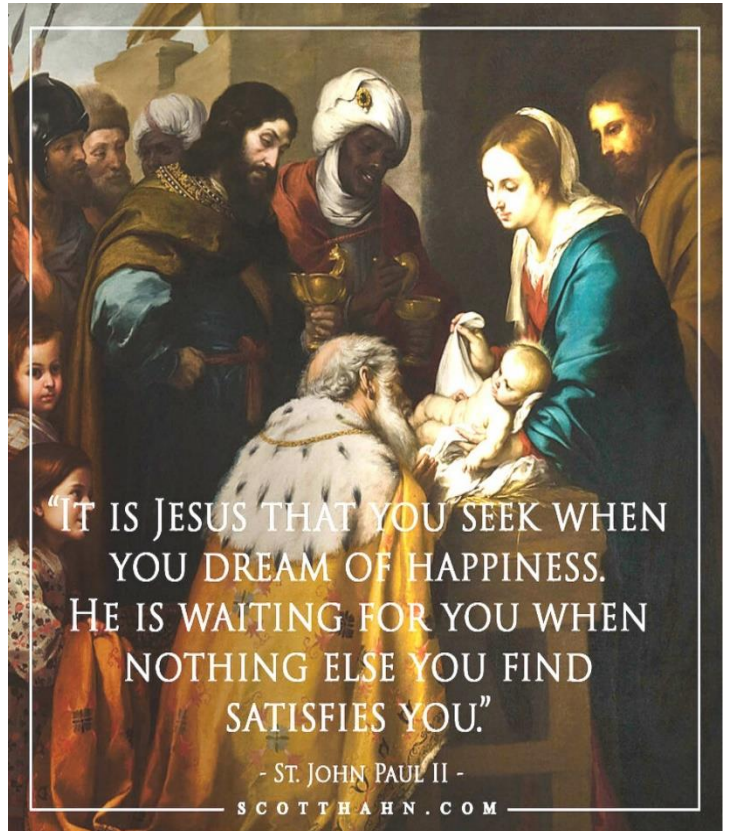
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Sunday, December 24, 2023

#### Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m. † Joanne Koehler – Smith Family

6:00 p.m. † Vera Conway – Betty MacInnis

9:00 p.m. † Jaquie Parent – Black Family

#### Christmas Day:

10:00 a.m. † Erwin & Marlene Preiditisch  
- Family

11:45 a.m. † Ross Penna – Missere Family

#### Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

† Phil George & Dec'd Family Members  
– Mary George

#### Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

† Joseph Fernandes, Tertulliano & Inacin  
Fernandes – Jennifer Dsa

#### Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Int. of Mariedel Zapanta – Dad & Mom

#### Friday 9:00 a.m.

† Dec'd Members of the Dsa &  
Fernandes Families - Family

#### Saturday 7:00 p.m.

For the People of Blessed  
Sacrament Parish

#### Sunday

8:15 a.m. † Maureen Walsh, Marty & Peggy  
- Mike & Veronica Brennon

10:00 a.m. † Paul Connolly  
– Steve & Monica Bondy

11:45 a.m. † Janko Fraculj - Son

## Blessed Sacrament Church

December 17, 2023 Offertory \$ 8,017.80



**Thank you for your generosity!**

Your gift and attendance truly matters.

It is the life and future of our parish!

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

**\*\* Please note the office is closed this week**

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

Morning Coffee after Mass today - Music Rm

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM Bishop Crosby

“Dear Friends,

We will soon celebrate the great Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas. Already Christmas cards are in the mail, Christmas music fills the airwaves, and Christmas décor can be seen on, and in, our homes....” Please go to our website to read the rest of Bishop Crosby’s Message.

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FATHER

Dear Friends,

We gather around Jesus’ Manger to celebrate the miracle of peace and love. Jesus’ birthday reminds us of our identity and call. Our Bethlehem is here, in our community, in our church, around the altar of the Holy Eucharist before the Blessed Sacrament.

During our Christmas Masses, let us ask Jesus to bless all our families, relatives, and friends with peace and love.

Let us remember parishioners who are unwell, homebound, travelling, or unable to join us in the church. Let us pray for the residents of our retirement homes and the communities of our elementary schools. We welcome new members to our parish community and those who return. We renew our loving bond with our deceased sisters and brothers in the communion of saints.

Filled with love and peace at the table of the Holy Eucharist, like the shepherds, let us go out to share the NEWS that Jesus is among us.

May the peace and love of Christ dwell in us and the world.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Your Pastor.

### THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

We are so happy you could join us this weekend. There are a number of green invitations at the back of the church to help you invite others to join our parish community.



## 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 89 Angel ornaments on the trees inscribed with the names of all persons baptized in the Parish during 2023, and 22 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.

## THANK YOU'S

We thank the Catholic Women's League for sponsoring the Pizza Party for the Christmas Eve Pageant participants.

Thank you also for the many volunteers who help make this pageant possible.

Special thank you for the Legion of Mary members for supervising and bringing snacks to the rehearsals.

Thanks to Maria Milicic who takes care of organizing the costumes for the pageant.

And finally a special thank you to all the children who performed in the pageant and to the Junior Choir for their singing. You all did wonderfully!

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEMBERS

Would like to thank all parishioners who helped with the Christmas Hampers. Your donations of money, and gift cards, was a tremendous help to our Society in helping those in need. We were able to help 45 families over and above the 600 families we helped with the House of Friendship. May God bless each and every one of you.

## 2024 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

All who use Church offering envelopes can pick up their 2024 box of envelopes in the lobby. They are in numerical order. For those who use automatic debit, your contribution sheets 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.bskchurch.ca](http://www.bskchurch.ca)

## **For those who use automatic debit:**

For January deposits to be made on time, please have your form back to the Parish by December 31 to ensure this is possible. Thank you.

## **A reminder from our Money Counters:**

Please take the time to **write the dollar amount** of your offering on the envelope. Thank you.

## New Year's SCHEDULE 2023

### **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

**Adoration** after the 11:45 a.m. Mass  
until 1:15 p.m.

## BULLETIN

There will be no bulletins printed for the week of January 1. Masses for the week are listed below.

## ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR WEEK OF January 1, 2024

### **Monday New Year's Day**

**10:00 a.m.** Int. of Father Luke & Deacon Neil  
- Parishioners

**11:45 a.m.** † Nancy Devereaux  
- Tony & Grace Capa

**Tuesday 7:00 p.m.** † Alphonus Lambe

**Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Int of Chinh & Thi  
Nguyen - Family

**Thursday 9:00 a.m.** † Maridel Zapanta  
- Mom & Dad

**Friday 9:00 a.m.**

† Lilianna & Holbeche Botelho - Family

**Saturday**

**7:00 p.m.** For the People of Blessed  
Sacrament Parish

**Sunday**

**8:15 a.m.** † Mary Hill – Alannah &  
Gerry LeJeune

**10:00 a.m.** † Awn Duqoum - Family

**11:45 a.m.** † Inge Serschen - Family

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday**

Office is closed today.

Legion of Mary 7:30 p.m.

**Friday**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration all day

## COMMUNION REMINDER:

On the parishioner's request, we remind you of the guidelines regarding receiving Holy Communion in the Diocese of Hamilton and in our church.

§ Join the communion procession line closest to your seat. Fold your hands in front of you, making “prayer hands.” Reflect on Jesus, the Bread of Life, who is coming to you.

§ Holy Communion is offered as unleavened bread – a white host. (You can request low gluten host if you’re gluten intolerant in the sacristy before Mass)

§ When the person before you receives Holy Communion, bow reverently or genuflect and stand. Approach the priest, deacon, or minister, respecting personal space. “In the Dioceses of Canada, Communion is to be received standing though individual members of the faithful may choose to receive Communion while kneeling.”

§ Place your hands together, palms up, with one hand on top of the other, creating a throne ready to receive the host. Remove gloves or anything covering your hand. (If you receive on the tongue, keep your hands folded. Bishop recommends to receive in the hand)

§ The priest, deacon or minister says, “The Body of Christ.” You answer: “Amen.” (I believe it!)

§ Pick the host with your other hand and consume it right away. (To receive on the tongue, keep your head straight, stick out your tongue far so the host can easily fit on it, and consume the host, careful not to touch the priest’s or minister’s fingers with your tongue or mouth.)

§ Return to your pew with folded hands, contemplating the presence of the Lord. Kneel and pray in the pew.

\* If you can not receive Holy Communion, you can join the communion line and ask the priest for a blessing with your arms crossed on your chest.

\* Persons with a disability can receive Communion in their pew with an exception to the above protocol. Please notify the priest of your request before Mass and sit close to the altar.

## ONE HEART ONE SOUL UPDATE

Dear Blessed Sacrament Parishioners, we have made fantastic progress with our ONE HEART ONE SOUL Campaign. The amount of \$401,978 has been paid out of \$417,580 pledges. We are almost there! Using the Campaign funds, we have resurfaced our parking lot and surroundings and provided necessary repairs to the eavestrough and roof (\$ 245,000). We have \$56,484 left in trust for the Youth Ministry, which was the other item we were raising monies for in the campaign. The Campaign is on, and you can still contribute and/or pay off your pledge. The more of our goal (or above) we collect, the more funds will return to us. If you have any inquiries regarding the campaign, don't hesitate to get in touch with [campaign@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:campaign@hamiltondiocese.com)

As part of our ONE HEART ONE SOUL Project to invigorate youth ministry in our parish, we are exploring possibilities to invite and host a NET MISTRY TEAM.

## What is the NET MINISTRY?

NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries officially began in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1982. After a team of young adults spent a few weeks conducting retreats in local high schools, high demand for these retreats developed and NET Ministries was born. In 1994, James Mikulasik and Tiffany Scott, two Canadians who were missionaries in Minnesota, responded to an invitation from Archbishop Emeritus Marcel Gervais, to come to Ottawa and NET Canada was born.

NET Canada began as one travelling retreat team but quickly expanded with the addition of more teams. Soon, parishes began requesting more follow-up to NET retreats and parish ministry teams were born. Over the years, NET Canada has sent teams to Ireland and multiple French communities in Canada, as well to northern Indigenous communities in the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith and the Archdiocese of Keewatin- La Pas.

Since the founding of NET Canada, over 700 young adults have served as NET missionaries and over 300,000 young people have heard the Gospel through an encounter with a NET team. Young people’s lives are being transformed through an encounter with Jesus Christ and we hope to continue bringing hope and re-engaging youth in their Catholic faith for years to come!