



# 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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What Is The Most Life Changing Thing You Can Do This Lent?

**GO TO MASS!**

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## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

### ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Monday, February 19, 2024

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

Int. of Regina Zavalza – Family

Int. of Helen Howe – Angela Charles

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

† Mary Hill – Bernie & Rosemary White

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

† Doreen Gribbon – K. Smith Family

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

Int. of Shirley George – Mary Effinger

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

Int. of Helen Howe – Larry Howe

† Mark Thomas Balazic Family

† Inez Silva - Family

#### Sunday

8:15 a.m. Int. of Dora Svazic - Friend

10:00 a.m. For the People of Blessed  
Sacrament Parish

11:45 a.m. † Joaquim Rocha  
– Wife & Children

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday

Church & Office Closed for Family Day

### Tuesday

Lenten Reflection 6:30 p.m. Church

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Orientation 7:30 p.m.

Legion of Mary 7:45 p.m. Parish Centre

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

Consecration to St. Joseph 1 p.m. & 7p.m.

RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre

### Friday

Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. led by The  
Men's Group.

### Saturday

1st Communion Orientation 6:00 p.m.

### THANK YOU MADELEINE

Madeline Monette, our custodian, is retiring. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Madeline for her seven years of dedicated service to our beautiful church. She has been instrumental in maintaining the cleanliness and order of our church premises. Madeline will be greatly missed on our parish team. We wish her a happy and restful retirement. May God grant her all her heart desires as she enters this new chapter of life. Sandra Scarfone, our long-time sacristan will be taking on Madeline's responsibilities. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped maintain our church. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer and join the team.

## Blessed Sacrament Church

February 11 – Offertory

\$ 5,822.74



**Thank you for your generosity!**

Your gift and attendance truly matters.

It is the life and future of our parish!

## FIRST COMMUNION ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION

Orientation Dates: **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**, beginning with Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. for St. Josephine Bakhita School and Blessed Sacrament School.

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**, at 6:00 P.M. followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 P.M. for John Sweeney, Our Lady of Grace and Monsignor Haller.

If your child attends public school or is home schooled, you can attend the orientation and registration on either date.

Registration forms are available at our website and can be submitted online at [www.bskchurch.ca](http://www.bskchurch.ca). Forms are also available at the back of the Church.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



All CWL members are invited to Father Luke's Lenten Reflection on Tues., Feb. 27th at 6:30 p.m. before Holy Mass. A short CWL meeting in the church will follow the Mass. We hope you can join us.

## HOLY LENT

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced his path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa.

Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church throughout the world.

Parish Ministries and Groups will lead our **Way of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 7 p.m. Join us in prayer.**

## LENTEN NUGGETS - REFLECTIONS

Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart." 20-mins **Lenten Reflection on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. before Holy Mass.** Our Tuesday topics: 2. *Sunday*. 3. *Penance* 4. *Purgatory*. 5. *Pope*. 6. *Heaven*. There will be a possibility to submit questions. Perhaps these extra minutes that you can spare for reflection and prayer during Lent will change your life, sanctify you and secure you a safe path to eternity. It will cost you a little but in exchange you will taste heaven.

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

The Second Sunday of Lent, February 25, 2024, is the annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse in the Diocese of Hamilton. This day is designed not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely

injured, either inside or outside the Church, but also for families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones. **A special prayer intention for healing will be added to all Sunday Masses on February 25. “We pray for people who have been abused, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or sexually, that the Lord of all tenderness and compassion will restore them and give them peace. Amen”**

### 2023 TAX RECEIPTS

For those who used envelopes or PAD in 2023, your receipts have been prepared and are available for pickup in the lobby. Your St. Vincent de Paul receipt is included also. If you are having trouble finding your receipt, please email the office. Thank you again for your generous support this year.

### 2024 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

Have you just come back to Mass and are looking for your offertory envelopes?? Please call or email the office and Keri will help you. **If you have older envelopes we ask that you toss them out and only use the 2024 envelopes** as some numbers have changed. Anyone who does not have envelopes and wishes to, please complete the Registration Form (found online at [www.bskchurch.ca](http://www.bskchurch.ca))

## DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS

### THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

## OTHER FUNCTIONS

### ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ

Do you ever wonder how God is at work in your life? Sometimes we struggle to see it’, to hear his voice – or to find the “right words” to confidently share the truths of our faith with love, especially in challenging situations. Attend the “St. Agnes Education Cafe” talk: “Speaking our Truth as Catholics: The Truth Will Set You Free”. Special guests Bishop Wayne Lobsinger & Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, Sunday March 3rd, 1:30p.m., St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.

### PRAYER FOR FAMILY DAY

**God and Father of us all,  
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,  
you have made us  
your sons and daughters  
in the family of the Church.  
May your grace and love  
help our families  
in every part of the world  
be united to one another  
in fidelity to the Gospel.  
May the example of the Holy Family,  
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,  
guide all families, especially those  
most troubled,  
to be homes of communion and prayer  
and to always seek your truth and live  
in your love.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!**

*Happy*  
**Family**   
*day*