



# 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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# EPIPHANY



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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Monday, January 8, 2024

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

† Vicki Tucker, Julie Fleming, Rosa Salazar  
- Family

† Albert Slugoeki – Lucyna

Int. of Peter & Marg Dooley & Family - Friend

Int. of Carl & Theresa Schropp - Family

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

† Marta & Joseph Prsa – Steve & Vera Prsa

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

† David, Manfred & all Dec'd Members of  
the Kruse Family – Liz Kruse

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

† Maria & Dominic Nguyen - Family

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

† J.B. Nguyen Kien – Family

† Cecelia Chan – Family

† Eddy Gascon – Madeleine Monette

#### Sunday

**8:15 a.m.** For the People of Blessed Sacrament  
Parish

**10:00 a.m.** Special Intention

**11:45 a.m.** † Myra & Jerome Fernandes  
– Dianne & Rohan Fernandes

### Blessed Sacrament Church

December 24 – Offertory \$ 4,228.85

Christmas – Offertory \$ 16,463.40

December 31 – Offertory \$ 4,574.05

New Year's – Offertory \$ 4,216.30



**Thank you for your generosity!**

Your gift and attendance truly matters.

It is the life and future of our parish!

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

### Tuesday

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

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

### Wednesday

Nursing Home Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

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

### Friday

Youth Night 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre

*Happy  
New Year*

**“The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:24-26)”**

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have helped us celebrate the Lord's Nativity with such solemnity and joy. Thank you to our parish staff for all their extra efforts in this busy season, especially Mrs. Keri Smith. Thank you to all decorators who made the church visible and magical from outside and shining from inside, with Mr. Chris Ryan as the chief decorator with his team and our Chaldean friends. Thank you to all who contributed to adorn the church with fresh flowers, for all flower tributes. Thank you to our choir and musicians and Mrs. Shannon Smith, overlooking the junior musicians. Thank you to all liturgical ministries, altar servers and hospitality ministries coordinated by Mrs. Sandra Scarfone. We truly enjoyed watching the Nativity Play with many children involved and a four-week-old baby as the main character! Thank you, Mrs. Anna Gravesande our Pastoral Minister and the team for preparing the Nativity Play.

We appreciate your generosity to people in need and your donations to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and to the Christmas Hamper Program, as well as your support for the parish during the Christmas and New Year's season.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart, for your greeting cards, treats and gifts that were

delivered to me, for Deacon Neil and all the staff. Let Jesus, Mary, and Joseph remain with us throughout this New Year and bless us with their presence. I will offer a special Holy Mass Intention for all who have made this Christmas special on January 21st at 11:45 a.m. Praise the Lord. / Fr. Luke

### **NEXT YOUTH NIGHT ON JAN. 12, 2024 AT 7 PM**

Are you looking for FAITH-PRAYER-COMMUNITY-SPIRITUALITY-HEART-CHARITY? Meet other young people in a fun and friendly environment?

Join us for our "youth night" on Friday, January 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM! There will be a light meal, fun games and small group discussion on topics of our Catholic faith. We will meet at Blessed Sacrament Parish Centre (downstairs).

### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT GIFT**

Thanks to our anonymous donor who gave 96 beautiful Christmas wooden ornaments and chocolates to all our Christmas pageant participants including the Junior Choir. What a generous gesture, thank you.

### **WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS**

Attention all members of the widow/widower group. We regret to inform you that Madeleine, who was leading the group, is no longer available to do so. Therefore, we are in search of a new leader to take on this role. If you are interested, please call the parish office. It is important that we find someone soon, as the group cannot continue without a leader. Also, please note that there will be no get-together for the month of January.

### **BLESSED SACRAMENT MEN'S MINISTRY**

Join us on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall following Mass for our next meeting. We will view a video and continue in our study of how God makes men, in the past and present, for His divine purpose. Join us as we explore what biblical manhood really means, and how to live it out in a culture opposed to authentic Catholic men. All men are welcome. God asks Christian men to be witnesses and role models for our families by living the faith. Ministry to Men seeks to equip us for this challenge. For more information, contact Roy Smith at 519-656-3291 or Ian Mendes at 289-253-9592.

### **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 eaves trough 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)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### **2023 TAX RECEIPTS**

Your 2023 Donation Tax Receipts will be printed in late January. When they are ready, we will invite you to pick them up after Mass in the lobby. Thank you for your generous support this year. 2024 Parish Envelopes are still available for pickup in the lobby before or after Mass or at the parish office anytime during office hours.

Please consider using our Automatic Giving program in which your weekly or monthly donation is automatically sent from your bank account to the parish. This saves us a lot of time and paper while giving you the flexibility to make changes as needed.

For more info, contact the parish office. Anyone who does not have envelopes and wishes to, please complete a Registration Form (found online at [www.bskchurch.ca](http://www.bskchurch.ca))

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

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

### **NEW TO OUR PARISH? YOU ARE MOST WELCOME**

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# DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS

## YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Friday, February 3rd at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** kicks off the 2024 season on January 25, 2024 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, with the film Gather, an intimate portrait of the movement among Indigenous communities to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. Three and five week e-seminars are available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. [www.hamiltondiocesearns.com](http://www.hamiltondiocesearns.com) for more information.

## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.

## SMART STEPS

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? This program is designed to offer

practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. Sessions are held at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: Saturday, March 9, 2024. Register on line at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

## 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 pm. (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).

## WHEN LIFE CHANGES

The Hamilton Diocese is offering a new grief program. Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! Our six-week grief program starts January 17 and will be held from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)

## SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm – January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18.

Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)