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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 – 10:00 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.



SCAN QR CODE TO GIVE

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Monday, November 13, 2023 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. **†** Dec'd Members of the Legion of Mary **†** Impertrez Neves & Antonio Teixeira - Coralia Nogueira Wednesday 9:00 a.m. **†** Giuse Nguyen Hien – Nguyen Family Thursday 10:00 a.m. **†** Pushpa Sebastian - Family Friday 9:00 a.m. **†** Len Andrechek – Rosemary & Bernie White Saturday 7:00 p.m. **†** Hector Mantilla - Daughter Sunday 8:15 a.m. Int. of Lisa Cleasby & Family 10:00 a.m. ⁺ Mary Hill – Jean & Gary Krits **†** Brian Lougheed – Doug & Joy 11:45 a.m. For the People of Blessed Sacrament Parish

Blessed Sacrament Church

November 5, 2023 Offertory **\$ 8,629.95**

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 Ministry 7:45 p.m. Parish Centre

Wednesday

Jr. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m. Music Rm CWL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre

Thursday

RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre SVDP Meeting 7:00 p.m. Music Rm

Friday

W & W Lunch at Omega Restaurant 12 noon **Saturday**

Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. Parish Centre.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

Starting on **December 7th**, we are moving the Thursday Morning Mass back to **9:00 a.m**. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough participation from the schools in the previous time slot. We hope this new time works better for you!

FOR YOUR SAFETY

With shorted days and winter conditions coming, the church doors will open 30 minutes before the first Mass on Sundays and weekdays. Also, we may close the church earlier, at dusk due to the weather conditions or if the church is unattended. Afternoon and evening parish activities will not be affected.

CONFLICT IN THE HOLY LAND, WAYS TO HELP

The escalation of the conflict in the Holy Land has left many appalled and looking for ways to help. Of particular urgency is the staggering loss of life and the lack of access to basic necessities, including humanitarian aid. As we continue to navigate the challenges this situation presents, The Diocese has compiled a wonderful list of options to consider in coordinating support for those impacted. Please go to our website for more info. (www.bskchurch.ca)

NEW CHAIRS

We want to express our gratitude to St. Mary's Parish for their generous donation of 80 new chairs for our Parish Centre! If you would like to join us in thanking them, please consider making a donation to support their Tiny Home Project.

Also, we have some used pink chairs that are in need of a new home. If you are interested in taking them or helping us find a new home for them, please feel free to contact our office.

SUNDAY MISSAL

Available in the lobby at a cost of \$5.00 each. The missals begin the First Sunday of Advent.

HOLY LAND WOOD ART SALE

The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem the Birth Place of Jesus is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of The Nativity. On November, 18th & 19th, we will be having some of their beautiful art held for sale to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

You can contact the company at 647-292-4462, or jihanwoodart@hotmail.com

CWL

Our next meeting is on Nov. 15th at 7pm in the Parish Center.

"DETECTIVE" Jason Murray for the WRPS will speak to us on "Scamming" and how to prevent us from being scammed!



Bring your spouse or a friend to hear what Detective Jason Murray has to say to protect ourselves. See you there!

CWL & Executive

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Widows and Widowers will meet on Friday, November 17th 12:00 noon at Omega Restaurant, Kitchener. Everyone welcome.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Join us on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:45 pm in the Parish Hall following Mass for our next meeting. We will explore God call to trust and willingly follow Him by looking at the life of Joseph: The principle of a greater good; how God shapes men for a higher purpose. Joseph is the second of ten common men that we will study how God moulds men, past and present, for His divine purpose. As a theme for this year, we will be exploring 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.

IN HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION

In our Catholic tradition, November is set aside as a month dedicated to the Holy Souls in purgatory. It is a time for us to reflect on our lives as a pilgrim journey to the Lord, as well as an opportunity to prayerfully remember our loved ones and friends who have gone before us. This year we, as a parish will once again highlight this month of grace by preparing our leather-bound book entitled "In Hope of the Resurrection" into which will be placed the names of our departed family members and friends. This memorial book will be enshrined in the Church during the month of November, and the names inside will be remembered daily during the Masses. Printed sheets will be on a table at the back of the Church, on which you record the names you wish remembered at prayer during the month of November. "*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*"

CHURCH CALENDARS

They have been ordered!! We will put them out as soon as they come! Likely closer to December.

ANGEL TREE



The Angel Tree toy drive is an important part of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper project. St. Vincent de Paul is again working with the Food Bank and House of Friendship to make sure all families are being taken care of.

The Food Bank will be giving turkeys, hams, etc... The House of Friendship will be giving gift cards from **Walmart.** This way families can shop for what they want/need. There will be **NO toys collected.** If anyone would like to donate Walmart gift cards, they can be dropped off at the office or in the collection baskets at mass until November 26, 2023. If you need an income tax receipt for your donation please tape the gift card receipt to the gift card, with your name and address.

Thank you for your support. God Bless

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are not presently using envelopes and wish to begin, then please complete the Registration Form on our website **www.bskchurch.ca**. found under the tab *I'm New*. All charitable donations must be substantiated by receipts. Have you just come back to Mass and are looking for your offertory envelopes?? Please email the office and Keri will help you.

PARISH WEBSITE

We have established a new website address **www.bskchurch.ca** Please go check it out!! "*He* said to them, go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation"- (Mark 16:15) So, we do!

DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS

RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE

Join us for learning, support and fun on a Friday evening. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join inperson (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Please contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online.

INTERPRETERS NEEDED

Do you speak Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic or Colloquial (*Ammiya*) Arabic of Iraq), Blin (Bilen), Cantonese, Croatian, Hausa, Igbo, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai, Tigre, Tigrinya, Vietnamese, Yoruba, or Zulu? Our diocesan marriage tribunal needs your help. In some marriage annulment cases, witnesses prefer to speak these languages when they give their formal testimony. Would you like to serve as an interpreter? To find out more, please contact Mrs. Lori Lewis at tribunal@hamiltondiocese.com.

SAVE THE DATE: 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 will be available online in December at www.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 – next two sessions are November 21, and December 19, 2023. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) of St. Michael Parish, Waterloo at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, December 3^{rd} , 2023 from 1:30-3:00 pm. You are welcome to join the session in person or by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

(You must register to join by zoom; in person you can also walk in the day of the event.)

THE ANNULMENT PROCESS... THE FACTS AND MYTHS

Presented by Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, Date: Thursday, November 23 at 7 pm

Place: St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo - Parish Centre (basement)

Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, the Administrative Officer and Auditor of the Marriage Tribunal for the Hamilton Diocese will present an overview of the Annulment process. He will clarify the steps, dispel the myths, share facts and answer your questions.

To reserve your spot, please register by emailing parish@stmichaelw.ca, or phone 519-884-9311.

OTHER FUNCTIONS

FISH FRY

Friday, November 17, 2023, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Hosted by The Knights of Columbus Council 8192. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Advanced tickets are available until November 15th. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.