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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.



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Our talent is God's gift to us. What we DO with it is our gift back to Him.

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Monday, November 20, 2023 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

**†** Dec'd Members of the Scarfone Family - Family

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

**†** Fernando Neves & Idalina Neves

– Coralia Nogueira

#### Thursday 10:00 a.m.

Special Intention

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

Ann O'Neill – Sharon & James Dreher
Kathleen Donnelly – Janet & Ron Nicholson
Vincent Mai Xuan Hoi Tuong – Family
Special Intention – Rosemary & Bernie White
Thanksgiving for Baby – Libin & Soumya

Int. Mandy Pearcey - Family

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

For the People of Blessed Sacrament Parish **Sunday** 

8:15 a.m. † Ivan Svazic – Maryanne Weiler
10:00 a.m. † Dec'd Members of the Bajac Family – Marko & Irene Bajac
† Wieslaw Koczynasz - Family
11:45 a.m. † Claudia Santilli - Family

# **Blessed Sacrament Church**

November 12, 2023 Offertory \$ 5,870.35



**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 **Wednesday** 

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

Confirmation Rehearsals 6 & 7 p.m.

## Thursday

RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre Saturday

Confirmations 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

#### CONFESSIONS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> CANCELLED

Saturday morning confessions are cancelled because Confirmations are being held at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on that day.

#### MORNING COFFEE ON WEDNESDAYS

We are going to change up the weekly morning Coffee to a Monthly morning coffee. Starting in December the Wednesday Morning Coffee will be once a month on the last Wednesday. Thank you to all the lovely people who have helped set up and who have brought treats. If you are available on December 27<sup>th</sup> to help out with coffee or treats please let Anna know.

#### 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.

#### 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 <u>automatic debit</u>, 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

#### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Students who are interested in becoming involved in the Christmas Pageant before the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass are asked to pick up forms in the

lobby. This is for students in Grades JK to 12. All forms are to be completed and handed in by **December 1, 2023**. There will be a drop box at the back of the Church for your registration.

#### **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.)

#### **Audition Night**

For those who checked "Others" on the Pageant registration form, there is an Audition Night on

# Friday, December 1, 2023, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

The purpose of this evening is to help us assign each person to a role that will be best for them and to have fun. If you cannot make it to the Audition, we will assign you a role as everyone who signs up for the Christmas Pageant will be part of it.

#### ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Advent is the time of preparation to welcome the King of the Universe into our world! During this very busy time of preparation, we can sometimes lose sight of the reason for the season. To help us better understand and appreciate the coming of our Saviour I invite you to join Deacon Neil in studying Bishop Robert Barron's reflection on the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist: "This is my Body". The one-hour study will take place after the Tuesday evening Mass on November 28, December 5, December 12, and December 19. Copies of the book will be available. Sign-up sheets are at the entrance of the church. Please include your phone number and email address to ensure we will have enough copies available for everyone. The study will take place at the foot of the Tabernacle in the church. Please join us!

#### 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!

#### 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)

#### SUNDAY MISSAL

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

#### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

Join us on Tuesday, November 28 at 7:45 pm in the Parish Hall following Mass for our next meeting. We will explore God's call to trust and willingly follow Him by looking at the life of Moss: The Principle of Personal Transformation; How God Changes a Man's Character. We 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.

#### CHURCH CALENDARS

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

#### ANGEL TREE

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

# **DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS**

#### PAPAL HONOURS

Have been granted by Pope Francis to several recipients in the Diocese of Hamilton. The honours will be conferred by Gerald Cyprian Cardinal Lacroix, Primate of Canada and Archbishop of Quebec, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, on Sunday, November 26th, Feast of Christ the King. The ceremony that begins at 1:30 p.m. Those to be honoured are Dame of St. Gregory the Great: Carol Daly; Knight of St. Gregory the Great: Francis Doyle, Sandor Kollarich, and Arthur Smith; Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice: Father Sam Restivo, C.R., and Lisa and Tim Tuck; Benemerenti Medal: Dr. Thomas Borys, Robert Chwalyk, Winnifred Mary Doyle, Rosanna Golino, Vincent Lepore, David Lopeke, Brother Richard MacPhee, OH, Manuel Madaleno, Teresa St. Peter, and Doreen Yarascavitch. We offer our congratulations to those being honoured! Your exemplary service is inspiring!

\*\*Blessed Sacrament Parish extends Congratulations to the 3 Benemerenti Medal recipients from our parish community. Dr. Tom Borys, Doreen Yarascavitch and from the St. Brigid Mission in Ayr Theresa St. Peter.

#### **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** 

#### 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.)

# **OTHER FUNCTIONS**

#### ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar will be available at 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling 519-669-3387. Ticket prices are Adults \$30.00; Children 5-10 years \$10.00 and Children 4 & under are free. The last chance to purchase tickets is Wednesday, November 29th. A disc jockey will be providing musical entertainment during and after the Christmas Dinner. Please plan to stay and even sneak in a dance or 2!