



# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener, Ontario N2E 2N6 519-742-5061 [www.bskchurch.ca](http://www.bskchurch.ca)

## 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.

## CONTACT US:

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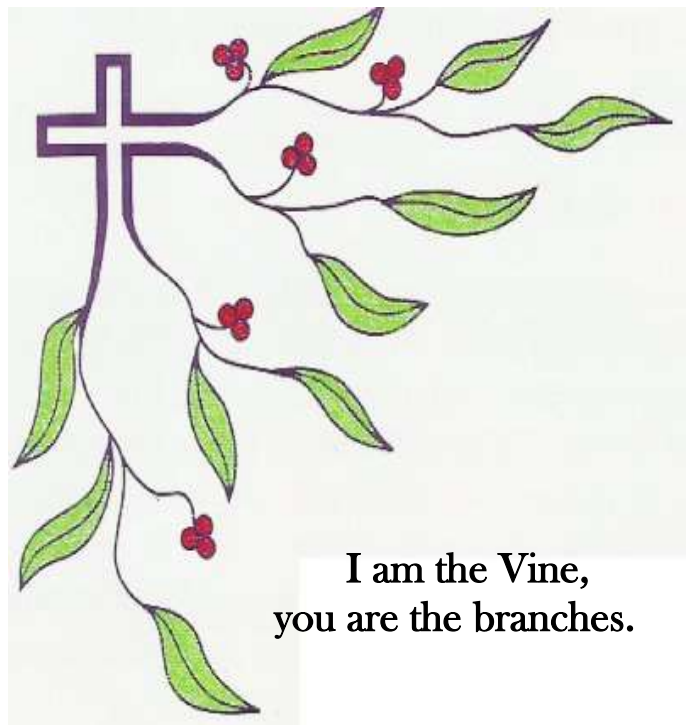
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**I am the Vine,  
you are the branches.**



**SCAN QR CODE TO GIVE**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF

Monday, April 29, 2024

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

† Dec'd Members of Borges Family  
– Lucia Neves

† Clovis LeBlanc – Paul & Judy Knight

† Margaret Slugocki  
– Gosia & Renata & Family

† Maria & Jose Goulart - Daughter

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

† Thomas Khoan - Family

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

† Inge Serschen - Family

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

† Norman S. Hamersmith  
– John & Mary Kearns

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

† Augusto Neves – Lucia Neves  
† Shirley Jean Reinhardt – Judy & Paul Knight  
† Chris Kuiack – Mom & Dad

#### Sunday

8:15 a.m.

For the People of Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:00 a.m.

† Aristides Cunha – Madalena Cunha

11:45 a.m.

Int. of Jarek Nieczyrowicz - Mom

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

### Tuesday

Legion of Mary 7:30 p.m. Music Rm

### Wednesday

Nursing Homes Mass & Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

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

### Friday

1st Friday Adoration

### Saturday

1st Communions

### SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

There will be no Confessions on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> due to 1<sup>st</sup> Communions.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR?

We have begun necessary renovations for our sacred vessels, chalices, and have acquired some new essentials for special celebrations like Holy Week and Easter. Additionally, our beautiful monstrance, used for the exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, requires repairs and renovations to properly bear the Lord when we adore Him. Furthermore, we are planning to adorn the church sanctuary with a banner matching the liturgical colors, a set of four colors.

If you would like to sponsor any of these expenses, perhaps in memory of a special occasion or person, please reach out to our pastor or the office, and we will provide further details. All donations will be tax receipted.

### MUSIC MINISTER POSITION

We are currently seeking a part-time Music Minister, and inquiries are open as of April 16, 2023. The job description is posted on the diocesan website at

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities/>

If you are interested, please contact the Diocesan Human Resources Manager, Gagan Gill, at 905-528-7988 Ext. 2229 or via email at [ggill@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:ggill@hamiltondiocese.com).

## Blessed Sacrament Church

April 21 – Offertory \$ 5,698.96



**Thank you for your generosity!**

Your gift and attendance truly matters.

It is the life and future of our parish!

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

A special THANK YOU to all who attended our Spring Tea! It was a great Fundraiser & Social! We were able to donate a sizeable amount to Marillac Place!

Our CWL Outreach Project in partnership with St. Josephine Bakhita CES was a huge success! THANK YOU to all who donated items benefitting the Anti-Human Trafficking of Waterloo Region. They were overjoyed to receive the substantial goods collected!

## BLESSED SACRAMENT MINISTRY TO MEN

If you are interested in learning about Men's Ministry, join us for our last meeting before the fall, on **Tuesday, May 7 at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall** following Mass. We will explore God's call to trust Him by looking at the lives of two great Saints, Peter and Paul, and how God forms men 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. 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.

## DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024

Catholic Education Week 2024 begins on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "*We are called to love*", and is grounded in our Holy Scriptures: "*If we love one another,*

*God lives in us.*" (1 John 4:12) To learn more about Catholic Education Week in the Diocese of Hamilton, visit us at <https://www.hamiltondiocesecew.com/>

## WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

A Women's Cursillo Weekend will be held in Deemerton from Thursday, May 30 to Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. For information or application forms, please contact Mary Ann Kirkconnell (Weekend Coordinator) [rmkirkconnell@gmail.com](mailto:rmkirkconnell@gmail.com).

## RELICS OF ST. BROTHER ANDRE BESSETTE VISIT HAMILTON DIOCESE

The major reliquary of St. Andre Bessette (Brother Andre of Montreal Oratory) will visit the Diocese of Hamilton May 17-24, 2024. The relics of Brother Andre start their tour at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King and finish at Holy Family, Hanover. See the diocesan website, Saint Brother André in the Diocese of Hamilton ([hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)) for dates and times. This is a wonderful opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our own Canadian Saints. We are truly blessed to have the relics of St. Andre Bessette visit our Diocese.

## THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED

In his poem, *The Art of Marriage*, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 – 3:00 pm** at Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

## **350TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC**

This year marks the 350th Anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Church in Canada, with the establishment of the Archdiocese of Quebec. To make this occasion, a Diocesan pilgrimage has been planned to take place from **July 13th- July 17th, 2024.**

The pilgrimage will include a visit to the Cathedral Basilica of Notre Dame in Quebec City and the Holy Door, visits to the sites made famous by the saintly founders of the Canadian Church, visits to St. Anne de Beaupre, Notre-Dame-du-Cap in Trois Rivieres, Notre Dame Basilica and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

The five-day pilgrimage will include guided tours exploring Quebec's religious and cultural heritage and will be led by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. Registration deadline is April 30th.

For more information, please contact Matthew Trafford at the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. Tel. 905-528-7988, x 2339. Email: [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com)

## **VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024**

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. Please contact [serrahamilton1965@gmail.com](mailto:serrahamilton1965@gmail.com) for tickets and more information. Co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

## **OTHER FUNCTIONS**

### **PRAYER VIGIL**

Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted.

All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: [cmlamers@rogers.com](mailto:cmlamers@rogers.com)

## **2000 HAIL MARY'S DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

St. Agnes Church invites you to join us in praying the 2000 Hail Mary's Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday May 11, 2024. The day begins at 7:30am. We anticipate the Devotion will finish by 8 pm. Attendees are invited to bring their water bottles and their own lunch and/or supper. A light Lunch and Supper will be available. You can download a copy of the devotion from [www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org) enabling you to pray with us in May or at your convenience. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer throughout the day, if even for only a short time. Come when you can, leave when you must. For information contact Marilynne at [canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com](mailto:canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com).

## **WALKING FROM GUELPH TO MIDLAND**

**WALKING PILGRIMAGE IS ABOUT:**

- nourishing your spirituality
- enjoying the great outdoors
- getting great exercise: 20+km per day
- having fun and enjoying good company

Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days! Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. Aug. 3-10 to register or for more information go to [www.ignatiusguelph.ca](http://www.ignatiusguelph.ca) (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) NOTE registration deadline June 20 2024.