



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. Morning Coffee follows Mass

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

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Monday, December 4, 2023

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

† Willish & Zeman Family Members
– Christiana Zeman

† Joe Tavares – Family
Int. of Jose Santos – Santos Family

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

† Inacin Fernandes, Jack & Mary Rodrigues
– Jennifer Dsa

Thursday 9:00 a.m.

† Augusto & Jose Neves & Dec'd Members of
the Borges Family – Lucia Neves

Friday 9:00 a.m.

† Clare Gunsch & Dec'd Family Members
- Family
† Dec'd Members of the Zunic Family
– Anton Zunic

† Richard Takach – Gus Magnus

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

† Maria Pham Thi Van – Family
† Gennaro Lucibello - Family

Sunday

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

10:00 a.m. Int. of Katheryn & Steve Finn
– Marie & Brian Lynch

11:45 a.m. † Joanne Mc Carraher - Family

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday

Advent Book Study 7:45 p.m. Church
Legion of Mary 7:45 p.m. Music Rm

Wednesday

Nursing Home Mass & Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Jr. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m. Music Rm

Thursday

RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre

Friday

Y Ministry 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre

Weekend

Christmas Bazaar hosted by CWL after all
Masses in Parish Centre

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 **automatic debit**, 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

For those who use automatic debit:

In order for January deposits to be made
on time, we need to have the forms for
2024 returned by December 31 to ensure
this is possible. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This Advent we will be reaching out to our
neighbours at Glencairn Church who offer food to
the needy in our area on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of
the month.

We ask that you bring one item per week as
suggested below during Advent.

Week 1 - a can of tuna; **Week 2** - a box of Kraft
Dinner; **Week 3** - Lipton Soup in a box; **Week 4** - a
cake mix or box of jello or pudding.

By giving each week we reach those who are
struggling to make ends meet this Christmas. Pray
for those who are in need and let our hearts reach
them in this small way. God bless.

Blessed Sacrament Church

November 26, 2023 Offertory \$ 7,584.55



Thank you for your generosity!

Your gift and attendance truly matters.

It is the life and future of our parish!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023



4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 24, 8:15 a.m.

December 24 Christmas Eve

Pageant 3:30 pm
Masses: 4:00 pm
6:00 pm
9:00 pm
Carols Sing Along 8:30 pm

December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am & 11:45 am

Holy Family Mass

Saturday, December 30, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday December 31, 8:15 am,
10:00am & 11:45 am

January 1 New Year's Day

Mary, Mother of God Mass
10:00 am & 11:45 am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE IN PREPARATION FOR CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Confession opportunities at our church:

Fridays during the Holy Hour
(after 9:00 am Mass until 10:15 am)

Saturdays 11:00 am

Except on December 23rd and 30th

Our Parish Penance Celebration
(With Several Priests)

Thursday, December 21st, 7:00 pm

KITCHENER ADVENT CONFESSIONS

December 12, 7 pm - St. Joseph
December 13, 7 pm - St. Aloysius
December 14, 7 pm - St. Mark
December 15, 7 pm - St. Teresa
December 19, 7 pm – St. Anne
December 20, 7 pm - St. Anthony Daniel

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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.)



INVITATION TO YOUTH AGES 12 AND UP OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Are you looking for FAITH-PRAYER-
COMMUNITY-SPIRITUALITY-HEART-
CHARITY? Join us for our next "youth night" on
Friday, December 8, 2023 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM!
There will be fun games, talks and videos as we
unpack our Catholic faith together. Food and snacks
will be provided. We will meet at Blessed
Sacrament Parish Centre (downstairs). If you have
any questions, feel free to email
bskymistry@gmail.com. See you there!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!

The CWL is hosting a Christmas Bazaar and Bake
Sale after all Masses on **Dec., 9th & 10th** in the
Parish Center. "Cash Only!" Delicious Treats *
Crafts * Raffles * Knights of Columbus will be
selling their cutouts & More!! Feel free to donate
any baking! We look forward to seeing you there!

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



For the past several decades, the
Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus
figurines from Nativity Scenes that
belong to families, and the families
themselves, in St. Peter's Square in
Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete
Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known
as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the
'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds
us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where
we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines
from your homes to any of the Masses on the
weekend of **December 16/17**, to be blessed as we
too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the
blessing, you are encouraged to take your
'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap
the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first
gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus
in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder
of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS

ADVENT PRAYER NIGHT FOR YOUTH MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on Wednesday, December 13th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelon for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR TEENS

The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to announce the release of the 2023 Advent Resource, "Shine Your Light". This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The resource is an interactive journal, inspiring prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels, in addition to suggestions for living out the Advent Season. You are invited to share this resource with the teens of your school communities. The resource is located here: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs>

OTHER FUNCTIONS

JOHN B. MILLER AT ST TERESA OF AVILA PARISH

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting John B. Miller & Friends Advent/Christmas Music on December 8th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. A perfect way to kick off the Advent/Christmas Season. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. No tickets are needed, freewill offering.

WAITING IN HOPE MINI RETREAT

Please join School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sister Celeste Reinhart and Sister Barbara Paleczny, for a mini-retreat on Sunday, December 10 from 1:00-3:00 pm at St Anne Church, Parish Hall (268 East Avenue, Kitchener). The theme, "Waiting in Hope", will explore Mary's life in the Gospel of Luke. It is the hope that we can build a deeper relationship between ourselves and Mary, Holy Mother of God. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact St Anne Parish at 519-745-5302 or stannekitchener@hamiltondiocese.com to register.

ADVENT WREATH HOME PRAYERS

For the blessing of the wreath, the following prayer is suggested:

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then follows the prayer which is said in the evening each night in Advent.

The First Week

O, Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each night the first purple candle is lit.

The Second Week

O, Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the second purple candle is lit. Both candles burn.

The Third Week

The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as Gaudete) is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the purple colour. The third pink candle is lit as well as the two previously burned purple candles.

O, Lord, we beg Thee incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Fourth Week

O, Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each night of this week, remaining days, all four candles burn.