



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

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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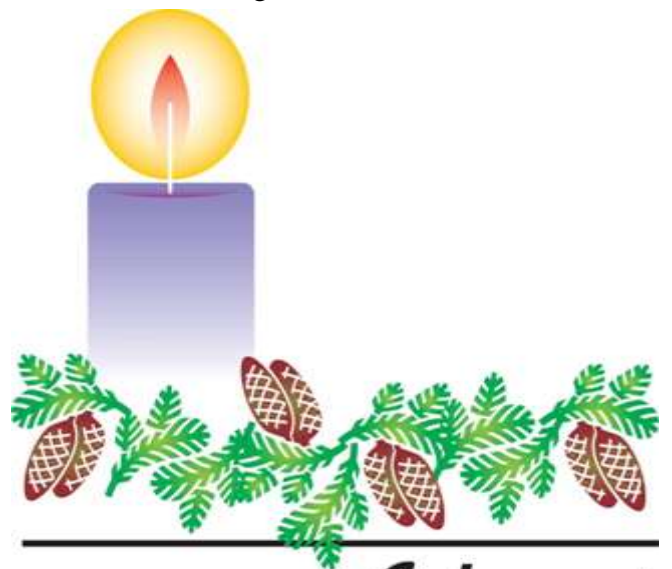
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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*



SCAN QR CODE TO GIVE

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Monday, December 2, 2024

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

† Augusto Bartolome
– Geroldine & Steve Buckley

† Ethel Devereaux

† Zeman & Willish Family - Christiana Zeman

† Marvin Castillo - Courtade - Family

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

† Joe Tavares - Maria & Family

Thursday 9:00 a.m.

† Klemens Beyfuss - Loni Beyfuss

† Priest Henryk Augustynowicz - Agata N.

Friday 9:00 a.m.

† Frank Peragine - Rita Peragine

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

† Jose Neves - Filomena Neves

† Richard Takach - Gus Magnus

† Joanne McCarraher & Maura Flood - Family

Int. of Marlene Weppler - Family

Sunday

8:15 a.m.

† Sean O'Rourke- St. Vincent de Paul

10:00 a.m.

For the People of Blessed Sacrament Parish
& St. Brigid Mission

11:45 a.m.

† Teresa Molina - Family

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Reminder that the Office is Closed Mondays

Tuesday

Legion of Mary 7:45 p.m. Parish Centre

Wednesday

Nursing Homes Masses 10:30 a.m.

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

Choir Practice 7:15 p.m. Music Rm

Thursday

RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre & Church

Friday

First Friday Adoration

Pageant Auditions 6:30 p.m. Music Room

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS LEGACY

Our parish has been blessed with two thoughtful and generous in memorial donations from cherished deceased parishioners. These acts of generosity are a beautiful testament to their faith and love for the Church. They will share in the spiritual benefits of our community, along with all our benefactors, and will be remembered in our daily prayers with gratitude and affection.

Including our parish in your will is a meaningful way to leave a lasting legacy of faith and to support the mission of the Church for generations to come. If you would like guidance on how to make a bequest, we are here to help. May God bless all who consider this special way of giving!

Blessed Sacrament Church

November 24 – Offertory

\$ 6,760.87



Thank you for your generosity!

Your gift and attendance truly matters.

It is the life and future of our parish!

2025 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.

**HAVE YOU MOVED? CHANGED YOUR
EMAIL OR PHONE NUMBER???**

**Now is a great time to let the church know!
Email Keri with any new updates for our
records**

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.

***CWL*BAKE SALE & BAZAAR**

**Our annual Bake Sale & Bazaar will be on
Dec., 7th, from 10:00am-3:00pm.**

***We welcome all bakers!* Thank you!**

Baking can be dropped off on Dec., 6th,
from 5:00pm-9:00pm in the Parish Centre or
Dec., 7th by 9:00am.

Raffles, Christmas Baking & Vendors

CASH ONLY

Proceeds will be donated to

The Working Centre & The Food Bank

**MINISTRIES FORMATION SESSIONS
(NEW & CURRENT)**

We invite current volunteers in the Liturgical ministries (Usher, Lector, Eucharist Minister at Mass and Nursing homes, Children's Liturgy) to attend **formation sessions** to stay updated on requirements and protocols. If new ministers are unable to attend their designated orientation sessions, they are welcome to join these sessions instead. Please choose one of the following dates:

- **Saturday, December 7th at 3:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, December 10th at 5:00 p.m.**

****Altar Servers**, current and new, meet on **Saturday, December 7th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Thank you for your dedication and service to our parish community!

**CHRISTMAS SIGNUP FOR MINISTRIES
Lector, E. Ministers, Ushers & Altar Servers**

**Please take a minute to sign up in the sacristy for
Christmas, New Year's and January Masses.**

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Will meet for Lunch December 3rd, 2024 at Grandma's Kitchen 751 Victoria St. S. at 12 noon Everyone Welcome! Please come dressed in your holiday best.

LOM ANNUAL GENERAL REUNION

The Legion of Mary, Our Lady of the Tabernacles Praesidium, invites all its members (active and auxiliary) to the

Annual General Reunion

on Sunday December 8, 2024 at 2 pm

Blessed Sacrament Parish Centre.

We will pray the Legion prayers, followed by a social, entertainment and potluck. Family and guests are welcome to attend! Please RSVP Lisa Cleasby, President: lamcleasby@hotmail.com; 519-572-2618.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

December 24, 2024 at 3:30 PM

Students from JK-Grade 12 are encouraged to participate.

Registration forms are at the back of the Church.

We need Angels, Shepherds, Actors, Singers, Narrators, etc.

REHEARSAL TIMES

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 & 21, 2024
at 2:00 PM-4:00 PM**

Audition Night

There will be an Audition Night for students who would like speaking parts, singing or acting parts on **Friday, December 6, 2024**

at 6:30 PM- 7:30 PM in the Music Room.

HOLY LAND WOOD ART

Bethlehem's Christian community relies on selling handcrafted olive wood religious artifacts to visiting pilgrims, forming its primary income. Declining tourism has hit them hard in recent years, leading some Christians to leave The Holy Land, posing a threat to key sites like the Church of The Nativity.

Mark your calendars for December 7 & 8. We are hosting a sale featuring beautiful artifacts. Your purchase will not only enrich your collection but also contribute to strengthening the Christian presence in The Holy Land.

Blessings, Jenny - Holy Land Wood Art

647-292-4462 or jihanwoodart@hotmail.com.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024



4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22, 8:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
11:45 a.m.

December 24 Christmas Eve

Pageant 3:30 pm

Masses: 4:00 pm

6:00 pm

9:00 pm

Carols Sing A Long 8:30 pm

December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am & 11:45 am

Holy Family Mass

Saturday, December 28, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday December 29, 8:15 am,

10:00am & 11:45 am

December 31 New Year's Eve

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

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**

**Our Parish Penance Celebration
(With Several Priests)**

Thursday, December 19th, 7:00 pm

Kitchener Advent Confessions

December 11, 7 pm - St. Joseph

December 11, 7 pm - St. Aloysius

December 12, 7 pm - St. Mark

December 12, 7 pm - St. Teresa

December 17, 2 pm - St. Francis of Assisi

December 17, 7 pm - St. Anne

December 18, 7 pm - St. Anthony Daniel

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 14/15**, 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.

CHURCH CALENDARS

Still not here yet! But they have been ordered!!
We will put them out as soon as they come

DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS

HEARTACHE TO HEALING

Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead.

Date: Wednesday, December 4th 2024

Time: 7 – 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Location: St. Michael Parish (Parish Centre – basement) – 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo

For more information and to register, please phone or email our Parish office (519-884-9311 / parish@stmichaelw.ca).