



# 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](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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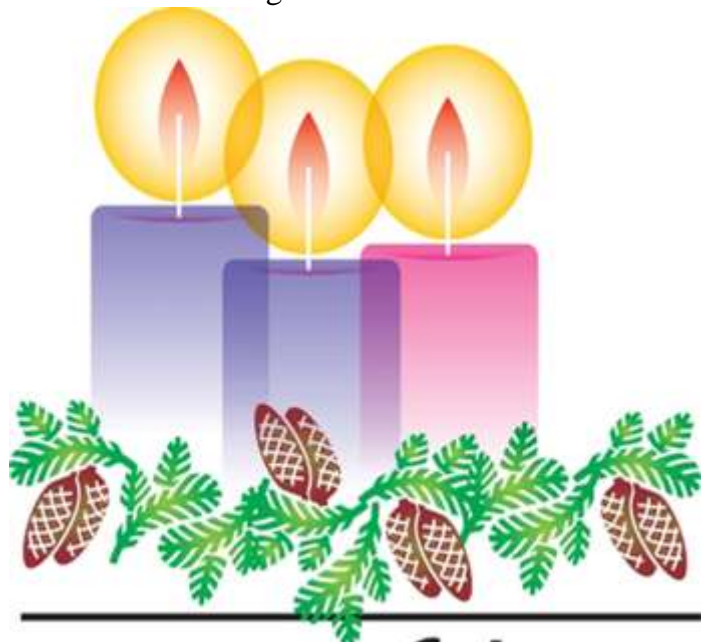
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Monday, December 16, 2024

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

- † George VanderZanden - Ivy VanderZanden
- † Marvin Castillo - Courtade – Family

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

- † Augustin Magnus - Gus Magnus

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

- † Stefan Muhic - Helen & Sarah Zunic
- † Priest Henryk Augustynowicz  
– Borowic Family

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

- † Dec'd Maio, Diotte & Giovinazzo Family  
- Diotte – Maio Family

For the people of Blessed Sacrament Parish  
and the St. Brigid Mission

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

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#### Sunday

##### 8:15 a.m.

- † Dora Svazic - Friend

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

- † Bob Muss – CWL
- † Barbara Kopera – Family
- † Marvin Castillo – Courtade – Family
- † Giovanna Palermo  
– Cortina Club & Bingo Lady

- † CK Anthappan – Family

##### 11:45 a.m.

Marion Roeder & Choir members  
– Shannon Smith

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ON THE BACK PAGE!!

## Blessed Sacrament Church

December 8 – Offertory

\$ 7,169.84



**Thank you for your generosity!**

Your gift and attendance truly matters.

It is the life and future of our parish!

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday

Reminder that the Office is Closed Mondays

### Tuesday

Legion of Mary 7:45 p.m. Music Rm

Men's Group 7:45 p.m. Parish Centre

### Wednesday

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

Choir Practice 7:15 p.m. Music Rm

### Thursday

Office Closed 10am-2pm Today

Confessions with visiting Priests 7:00 p.m.

RCIA 6:00 p.m. Parish Centre & Church

### Friday

Youth Alpha 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre

### CALENDARS - They are here!!

2025 Religious calendars are available in the  
lobby for \$4.00 each.

They are going fast!!!

### PENANCE CELEBRATION

Join us for the Community Penitential Celebration  
on Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 pm. Jesus is  
waiting to forgive our sins and fill our hearts with  
peace this Christmas. Several priests will be  
available for confessions in multiple languages  
and will stay as long as needed.

### 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.



### ALPHA YOUTH ADORATION NIGHT

We invite all youth in grades 7 to 12 to join us on  
Friday, December 20th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM for a  
time of Eucharistic Adoration with prayer and  
music, led by Father Rajesh. Following this, we  
will have a Christmas potluck and games! Feel  
free to bring a dish or drink to the potluck.

## 2025 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

All who use Church offering envelopes can pick up their 2025 box of envelopes in the lobby. They are in numerical order. For those who use automatic debit, your contribution sheets have been mailed to you. If you would like envelopes or to use automatic debit, please go to our website and register or call the office. [www.bskchurch.ca](http://www.bskchurch.ca)

### **For those who use automatic debit:**

For January deposits to be made on time, we need to have the forms returned. Please have your form back to the Parish by December 31 to ensure this is possible. Thank you.

### **A reminder from our Money Counters:**

Please take the time to write the dollar amount of your offering on the envelope. Thank you.

## DIOCESAN BOOKKEEPING POLICY

As we approach year-end, parishioners frequently wish to make contributions to the church that will be credited to their tax receipts for the current year. Diocesan bookkeeping policy requires that parish books close on December 31. Contributions made in January cannot be applied to 2024 offerings. Please have your donations in by **Sunday, December 29**. Monies received after this date will be credited to 2025. 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 SIGNUP FOR MINISTRIES Lector, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers & Altar Servers

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

## BLESSED SACRAMENT MINISTRY TO MEN

Christian men are asked to be witnesses and role models for our families, but this is difficult today without support of other men! Ministry to Men seeks to equip us for this challenge. Join us on **Tuesday, December 17 at 7:45pm** in the Parish Hall following evening Mass. This will be a meeting of Christmas fellowship and reflection on Advent, as we explore what biblical manhood really means, and how to live it out in a culture

opposed to authentic Catholic men. Though discussion, prayer and fellowship, we strengthen each other for the daily challenges faced as men. All men are welcome at our bi-monthly (2nd and 4th Tuesdays) meetings. For more information, contact Roy Smith at 519-656-3291 or Ian Mendes at 289-253-9592.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thank you to all who donated baking or raffles for our Bake Sale Bazaar! It was a success! We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas 🎄 & a Blessed New Year! God Bless,  
Wendy Ignor & CWL President & Executive

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION STAND-BY

Dear Grade 2 Children and Families,  
Your special time to meet Jesus in the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion is approaching! We invite you to an **orientation meeting on Tuesday, January 21, at 6:00 PM** in the church, followed by Holy Mass. During the meeting, we will share important dates and details. **Registration** will open online before this date—please ensure you have a copy of your child's **Baptismal Certificate**, as it will be required for registration.

We are excited to begin this journey with you! In the meantime, join us for Sunday Mass, with special liturgies for children at **10:00 AM** and **11:45 AM**. On **Sunday, December 22**, children attending these Masses can win a book. Visit [bskchurch.ca](http://bskchurch.ca) for our Sunday and Christmas Mass schedule.

Looking forward to seeing you in our beautiful church. Wishing you a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

## DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS

## MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

December can be a stressful month with all the preparation and planning that goes on before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out in ways we often would not, especially towards our spouses. This year make a conscious decision to break the cycle. Get out your calendars and plan some quiet couple time: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighborhood, watching a shared movie, or

a dinner out. At least once a week make the gift of the season time with each other because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

### JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as “Pilgrims of Hope!” We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter’s in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year. In Cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28-29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. The year will be officially launched in each Parish in the Diocese on this same day. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude in January 6, 2026.

“In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope.”

Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*.

### CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, January 4th** at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton, ON). For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024

### December 24 Christmas Eve



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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 17, 2 pm - St. Francis of Assisi

December 17, 7 pm - St. Anne

December 18, 7 pm - St. Anthony Daniel