



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.



SCAN QR CODE TO GIVE

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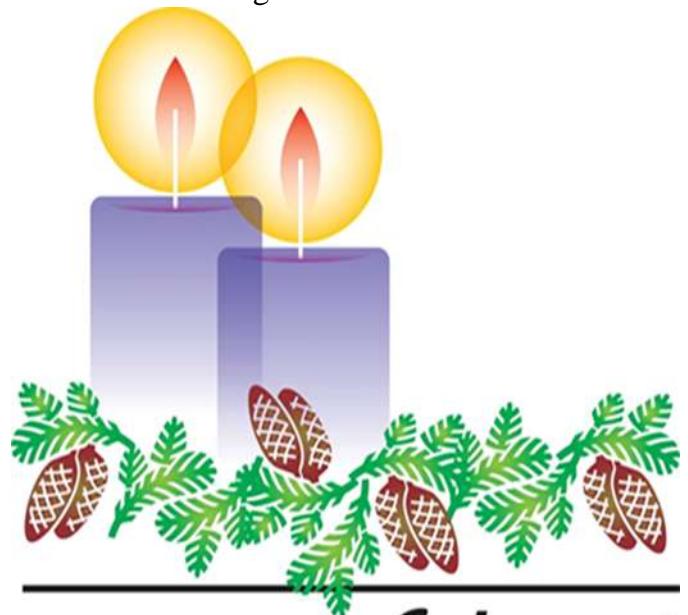
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SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Monday, December 9, 2024

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

- † Dianne Hibbs – Veronica & Mike Brennan
- † Marvin Castillo-Courtade - Family
- † Manuel Resendes - Family
- † Carmen Landavazo – Silvia Landavazo

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

- † Margot Brandreth – Kathy & Stephen Lance

Thursday 10:00 a.m. * Note Time

- † Irene Detzler – Bill & Lisa Cleasby

Friday 9:00 a.m.

- † Betty Morse – Alannah & Gerry LeJeune

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

- † Claire Gunsch, Manfred & David Kruse
- Liz Kruse

Sunday

8:15 a.m.

- † Cecilia Sze Nga Chan - Family

10:00 a.m.

- † Barbara Norcott & Dec'd Family - Jack
Int. Paul Knight – Judy Knight
- † Dec'd Friends & Family of Angelica Wanzie

11:45 a.m.

- Int. of Edwin DeSouza & Mendes Family

Blessed Sacrament Church

December 1 – Offertory

\$ 6,288.70

Donations from Canada Helps
for the Month of December

\$ 2,645.47



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

Blessed Sacrament School Mass 10:00 a.m.

J. Sweeney School Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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

SVDP Meeting 7:45 p.m. Parish Centre

Wednesday

St. Josephine B. School Liturgies 1 & 2:30
p.m.

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

Choir Practice 7:15 p.m. Music Rm

Thursday

* Mass time changed to 10:00 a.m.

OLO Grace School Mass 10:00 a.m.

M. Haller School Mass 1:00 p.m.

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

Friday

Christmas Hamper Program in Parking Lot

Youth Alpha 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre

MASS TIME CHANGE THIS WEEK

Thursday

Please note that because of School Advent Masses, the time of Mass has changed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday for this week. We will be back at 9:00 a.m. next week.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER – ANGEL TREE

Blessed Sacrament Parish will be a pickup site for families who have registered to receive a Christmas Hamper, on **Friday, December 13th** all day in the parking lot. If you are scheduled to help or are visiting the church that day, we ask that you park on the road or the tree line (rectory side). Thank you

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Tuesday Night, December 10th

After the 7 PM evening Mass

In the Parish Basement.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

December 24, 2024 at 3:30 PM

REHEARSAL TIMES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 & 21, 2024

at 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

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.

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.

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. You can also sign up for the **Christmas Pageant** in the church lobby.

Visit 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!

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.

CHURCH CALENDARS

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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024



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 Baminelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Baminelli' – 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 Baminelli Sunday. After the blessing, you are encouraged to take your 'Baminelli' 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

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH
December is an exciting month for children and families with the coming of Christmas. December is also the month we prepare for Christmas during Advent! Advent, by definition, means we are preparing for something important, which is the coming of Jesus Christ. Celebrating with an Advent wreath allows us to light a candle each week, offering a chance to discuss, on four occasions, what Christ's coming to the world means to all of us. The candles (hope, faith, joy and peace) open up the opportunity to remind our children what each candle represents and, of course, the real meaning of the season. Santa comes one night per year, but Jesus is with us always and is a true gift in our lives. This Advent, remember to make Christ the reason for the season.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN:
December 12, 2024 (7:00-8:00pm) The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to a live virtual viewing party of "The Shepherd", a special Christmas episode of "The Chosen," reflecting on the birth of Christ through the eyes of a young shepherd. This one hour gathering will include prayer, free streaming of the 20-minute episode, and well wishes for the Advent Season. Gather your friends and family, make the popcorn, and join us for this wonderful opportunity to prepare for the coming of our Savior! Registration is free and can be made here: <https://bit.ly/ChristmaswiththeChosen2024>