



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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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Monday, February 10, 2025

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

† Alan Green – Ivy VanderZanden
† Members of vanGent & Audy Families
– Joscelyne vanGent
Int. of Laura & Hector Cambell - Friend

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

† Peggy Dietrich – Mary Moore

Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Int. of Ravera Ramires Family - Family

Friday 9:00 a.m.

† Mr & Mrs Hio Yin Chan - Family

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday

8:15 a.m.

† Peter Cote – Mike & Veronica Brennan

10:00 a.m.

† Herminia Tojeira – Manuel Tojeira
† Aundrie Thomson – Yvonne Thomson

11:45 a.m.

† Janet Palmer – Scarfone Family

Blessed Sacrament Church

February 2 – Offertory \$ 6,084.15



Thank you for your generosity!

Your gift and attendance truly matters.
It is the life and future of our parish!

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

Thank you.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday

Men's Ministry 7:45 p.m. Parish Centre
Legion of Mary 7:45 p.m. Music Rm

Wednesday

CWL Card Party 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre
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

Youth Alpha 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre

EXTENSION OF DONATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR 2024 TAX YEAR

The Government of Canada announced on December 30, 2024 that “the federal government intends to amend the Income Tax Act to extend the deadline for making donations eligible for tax support in the 2024 tax year, until February 28, 2025.” This announcement means that donors intending to make donations that will qualify for a charitable donation tax receipt for the 2024 calendar year will have an extended period of time up to the end of February 2025 to make those donations. This proposed extension aims to address disruptions caused by the recent four-week Canada Post mail stoppage.

What this means for you:

We will issue a Tax Receipt to you Mid- March for donations made from January 1st 2025 to February 23rd. You can choose to use it towards your 2024 donations or keep it safe to use in 2026. Please have your donations in by **Sunday February 23**. * Monies received after this date will be credited to the Tax Receipt issued in 2026. Thank you.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

The receipts are available in the lobby of the church on the weekends and can be picked up from the office on weekdays. Thank you again for your generous support this year.

Please consider using our Automatic Giving program in which your weekly or monthly donation is automatically sent from your bank account to the parish. This saves us a lot of time

and paper while giving you the flexibility to make changes as needed.

For more info, contact the parish office.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Tuesday, February 11 - Marking the World Day of the Sick, established by St. John Paul II, we will offer a special Prayer for the Sick and Laying on of Hands following the 7:00 pm Holy Mass. The Sacrament of the Sick will also be available by appointment. Please contact the parish office to sign up.

The Sacrament is intended for baptized individuals facing serious illness, the elderly, or those in danger of death. It is administered once in the current state of health to bring spiritual strength, peace, and healing.

INDIVIDUAL BLESSING WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, February 14 – On this day of love and compassion, we invite the sick and their caregivers for an Individual Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament. This will take place during Adoration following the 9:00 am Holy Mass. Come and experience an intimate moment of prayer and grace as you present your burdens and needs to the Lord.

We warmly invite you to participate in these events, offering opportunities for healing, prayer, and the light of Christ in our lives

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our first Session begins on **Saturday, February 22 at 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM** (7:00 PM Mass) in the Parish Centre. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Registered first communicant will also receive an email reminder. First Holy Communion and Confession registration is open. Grade 2 students and older are welcome. Please check the requirements and submit your registration on our website.

NEXT ALPHA YOUTH MEETING

Our next Alpha Youth meeting is on Friday, **February 14th at 7:00 PM!** The topic will be the Bible: Why and how do I read the Bible? Come and join us for some fun, food and faith-filled discussion! If it's your first time, we welcome you!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE VALENTINE'S CARD PARTY!

The Catholic Women's League is having a Valentine's Day Games/Card Party on **Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Centre (Basement). Bring your favourite games or cards to play. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Husbands and friends are welcome. The fee is \$5.00. For more information email: wmcgratt@uoguelph.ca

BLESSED SACRAMENT MENS MINISTRY

Christian men are called to be witnesses and role models for our families, but this is difficult without support of other men! Join us on **Tuesday, February 11 at 7:45pm** in the Parish Hall following evening Mass. We will view a video and discuss what biblical manhood really means, and how to live it out in a culture opposed to authentic Catholic men. Through prayer, sharing and fellowship, we strengthen each other for the daily challenges faced as men. All men are welcome at our bi-monthly meetings. For more information, contact: Roy at 519-656-3291 or Ian at 289-253-9592.

UPCOMING EVENTS: PILGRIMAGE HOLY YEAR 2025 A FEW SPOTS LEFT!!

We are thrilled to announce our Parish Pilgrimage: "In the Footsteps of the Virgin Mary and St. Paul" (Greece, Turkey), with a 3-day Jubilee Year visit to Rome (Italy), including a 7-day Mediterranean Cruise from October 11 - 23, 2025. Check the flyer for more details. Booking is now open, and seats are limited. **For information, details, and registration, please check our website.**

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a pilgrimage.

SVDP CHEQUES

PLEASE NOTE that when you write out cheques to our St. Vincent de Paul the "Pay to the order MUST READ: "**Blessed Sacrament Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul**". Failure to do so the cheques will be rejected by the bank which is a new policy for the bank. We appreciate your help with this and sorry for any inconvenience.

DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS

Opening the Holy Door: Spring Book Club

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, *“Opening the Holy Door.”* Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **March 18-April 8, 2025.** Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Join us for this time of prayer and conversation, drawing into deeper fellowship during this Jubilee of Hope. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Offers another crucial dialogue with *Resilient Genius* **February 25, 7:00 – 9:00 PM.** The film gives voice to children and youth affected by war, conflict, and political unrest. Thirteen children and youth immerse us in memories of Syria, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Rwanda, Afghanistan and Iraq, reflecting on their lives before, during, and after experiences of violence. Their raw recollections, expressions of wisdom, and transformative acts provide a powerful call to action. Film Director Joanne Hodges and Rita Balla, Director, Diocesan Office for Refugees will provide further discussion following the film. The event will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SAVE THE DATE!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Registration online at hamiltondiocese.com.

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM –

This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings,

positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will be offered from March 24 - June 9 (no sessions April 21 & May 19) and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

LOCAL EVENTS

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFE:

In ancient times, leprosy was a frightening disease that kept people distanced & feeling “outcast” from their community. Today we ask: who are the marginalized among us? From homeless encampments, bullying, rising mental health cases & more, many today feel outcast & unloved. We are always called to love the sick, poor & suffering - even when it is easier to look the other way. When we show love, we are Christ’s merciful hands reaching out to heal. **Sunday March 2nd 2-3:30pm with guest Fr. Toby Collins**, St. Mary’s Parish, Founder “Tiny Home Takeout”. www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

HEROES OF HOPE PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for *Heros of Hope* – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service.

During February, we pray for those who serve in Diocesan Ministries:

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call to use their gifts in the service of our Diocese, working in union with our Bishop, providing counsel to our Pastors and to support their ministry as coworkers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Through their varied ministries, may they support the pastors of our Church, and through their work in our Diocese touch the hearts of all in our community that never disappoints. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION