



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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The Epiphany of Our Lord



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Monday, January 6, 2025

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

† Alphie Lambe

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

† Dianne Hibbs – Mary Moore

Thursday 9:00 a.m.

† Giovanna Palermo

– Cortina Club Bingo Lady

Friday 9:00 a.m.

† Sheila Hamilton

– Bernie & Rosemary White

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

† Alan Green – David Hall

Sunday

8:15 a.m.

† Maria & Dominic Nguyen – Chinh Nguyen

10:00 a.m.

† Awn Duqoum - Family

† Mary Bahjat – Family

Int. of Marlene Wepler - Family

11:45 a.m.

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

Blessed Sacrament Church

Christmas – Offertory \$ 17,101.00

December 29 – Offertory \$ 6,217.44

New Year's – Offertory \$ 4,307.10

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Choir Practice 7:15 p.m. Music Rm

Friday

Youth Alpha 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre

*Happy
New Year*

“The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:24-26)”

SAFE TRAVELS, FR. RAJESH!

Fr. Rajesh will be departing soon for his annual holiday home to India. We wish him a safe journey and a joyful time reconnecting with his family and religious community. May his trip be filled with blessings, and perhaps he can bring back some sunshine to share! Safe travels, Fr. Rajesh, and enjoy your well-deserved time away!

Fr. Luke will take a few days off next week, and Fr. Higgins will celebrate morning liturgies.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have helped us celebrate the Lord's Nativity with such solemnity and joy. Thank you to our parish staff for all their extra efforts in this busy season, especially Mrs. Keri Smith. Thank you to all decorators who made the church visible and magical from outside and shining from inside, with Mr. Chris Ryan as the chief decorator with his team and our Chaldean friends. Thank you to all who contributed to adorn the church with fresh flowers, for all flower tributes. Thank you to our choir and musicians under the direction of Mrs. Jane Lee and to Mrs.

Shannon Smith, overlooking the junior musicians. Thank you to all liturgical ministries, altar servers and hospitality ministries coordinated by Mrs. Sandra Scarfone. We truly enjoyed watching the Nativity Play with many children involved and a three month old baby as the main character! Thank you, Mrs. Anna Gravesande our Pastoral Minister and the team for preparing the Nativity Play.

We appreciate your generosity to people in need and your donations to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and to the Christmas Hamper Program, as well as your support for the parish during the Christmas and New Year's season.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart, for your greeting cards, treats and gifts that were delivered to me, Fr. Raj & Deacon Michael and all the staff. Let Jesus, Mary, and Joseph remain with us throughout this New Year and bless us with their presence. I will offer a special Holy Mass Intention for all who have made this Christmas special on **January 19st at 11:45 a.m.** Praise the Lord.

Fr. Luke

NEXT ALPHA YOUTH MEETING

Our next Alpha Youth meeting is on Friday, January 10th at 7:00 PM! The topic will be *Faith: How can I have faith?* Come and join us for some fun, food and faith-filled discussion! If it's your first time, we welcome you!

For parents: If you haven't filled out the Youth Ministry Information Form for your child(ren) participating, please contact either Hilca or Manju at bskyministry@gmail.com so we can send you the form to complete. It is essential that we have your contact info on file!

CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES

We sincerely thank all those who made possible the beautiful floral decorations in the Church this Christmas as a memorial to deceased relatives and



friends. They were remembered at the Christmas Masses.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

Your 2024 Donation Tax Receipts will be printed in late January. When they are ready, we will invite you to pick them up after Mass in the lobby. Thank you for your generous support this year. 2025 Parish Envelopes are still available for pickup in the lobby before or after Mass or at the parish office anytime during office hours.

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. Anyone who does not have envelopes and wishes to, please complete a Registration Form (found online at www.bskchurch.ca)

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

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

SVDP CHEQUES

PLEASE NOTE that when you write out cheques to our St. Vincent de Paul the "Pay to the order of St. Vincent de Paul MUST READ: "Blessed Sacrament Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul"". Failure to put Blessed Sacrament Conference, Society before St. Vincent de Paul will be rejected by the bank which is a new policy for the bank. The name is registered under as a Government Charity and full name must be included on the payee.

We appreciate your help with this and sorry for any inconvenience.

Blessed Sacrament Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Will meet for Lunch on January 7, 2025 at Grandma's Kitchen 751 Victoria St. S. at 12 noon
Everyone Welcome!

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**. Looking forward to seeing you in our beautiful church.

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DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL Join us January 23, 2025, 7:00 – 9:00 PM for She Rises Up, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are working to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce

documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Family time matters, as much when our children age as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly. Traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys - pizza and movie nights, a special breakfast after attending Mass, games night – anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan your together time weekly and remember to share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that has to be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

January is a perfect time to sit together as a couple with a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and do a little year in review. Did we spend enough time with each other and with our families? What went well for us and where do we recognize challenges? Discuss how these things could be better in 2025 and commit to making it happen for your couple relationship. A little marriage reflection and tune-up can keep the sparks alive!

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!" 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 available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.