



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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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Let's We Forget



SCAN QR CODE TO GIVE

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF Monday, November 11, 2024

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

† Dec'd Members of the vanGent & Audy
Families – Joscelyne vanGent

† Isaura Rossiar – Elisa Oliveira

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

† Alfredo Nogueira – Coralia Nogueira

Thursday 9:00 a.m.

† Joe Zunic – Muhic Family

Friday 9:00 a.m.

† Antonio Veloso - Daughter

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

† Pushpa Sebastian - Family

† Adam Joseph Regier – Peter & Pat Kingson

† Marilyn Koehler – Friend

Sunday

8:15 a.m.

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

10:00 a.m.

Special Intention

11:45 a.m.

† Wes Koczynasz – Wife & Family

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday

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

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

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

CWL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Music Room

Saturday

Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. Parish Centre

WELCOMING OUR ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL CO-OP STUDENTS!

We are delighted to welcome two wonderful students from St. Mary's High School, Aidan and Maryalice, who are spending their co-op term with us this semester. They're contributing across many areas of parish life, gaining hands-on experience and valuable insights that will serve them well in their future careers and personal journeys.

Aidan and Maryalice are actively involved in our parish liturgies, and you may see them at weekday Mass, where they also serve at the altar. In addition to their liturgical roles, they participate in planning and preparing for pastoral events, support administrative tasks, and help with the upkeep of our parish spaces. Their dedication and eagerness to learn have already made a positive impact, and we feel fortunate to be part of their educational journey.

Please extend a warm welcome to Aidan and Maryalice and share with them the kindness and hospitality that define our parish community.

LITTLE BLESSING FUND UPDATE

We're excited to share that the Little Blessing Fund, established last year to support our youngest parishioners, is thriving! Through this fund, we reached out to all our local Catholic schools, extending our support for any little needs they may have. With a growing number of families and children attending our church, we've found a meaningful way to invest in their faith journeys by distributing Catholic-themed books.

Blessed Sacrament Church

November 2 – Offertory

\$ 7,321.20



Thank you for your generosity!

Your gift and attendance truly matters.

It is the life and future of our parish!

In September, over 100 books were given away to eager young readers during our School Backpack Blessing Sunday. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, with Jerome the Bear helping to spread the word and promote this special initiative. And we're not stopping there—our next book giveaway will be on *Bambinelli Sunday* in Advent, where another 100 books will be available for children to win!

Thank you to all who have generously supported this unique fund. Your contributions have made this possible. The value of our September book distribution was \$ 1176.55, *and we look forward to another successful event this December, valued at \$ 800.89.* Thank you for making the Little Blessing Fund a joyful expression of our parish's commitment to nurturing young hearts in the faith.

HEY ALTAR SERVERS (AND FUTURE ALTAR SERVERS)!

You're invited to a special Altar Server Meeting on **December 7, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm!** Whether you're already serving or thinking about joining, come along for training, meet new friends, and get the inside scoop on some exciting new roles in the liturgy.

What's in store?

- Liturgy training, introducing exciting new roles, and team building skills.
- Snacks to keep us energized
- And a Christmas Bazaar in the Parish Center for your parents to explore while you will be busy!

Mark your calendar, bring your enthusiasm, and get ready for a mix of fun and duty as we prepare to serve together!

See you there!

Fr. Luke

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our next CWL meeting will be on **Nov., 14th at 7pm, in the music room upstairs.** Your attendance is important! Join us and show your support to "VOTE" our "nominated" members for the 2025 Executive! Refreshments will be served! Thank you for your support!

INVITATION TO NEW VOLUNTEERS!

We warmly welcome everyone who has expressed interest in joining our parish ministries and groups to make a difference in our community. All new volunteers are invited to an orientation and basic training session, where you'll learn about the various ministries that bring our parish to life and confirm your choice.

Choose a session that works for you:

- **Saturday, November 23 at 1:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, November 26 at 5:00 p.m.**

Thank you for your openness and willingness to serve. We can't wait to welcome you into our vibrant parish life!

MEN'S MINISTRY

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, November 12 at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall** following evening Mass. We will view and discuss what Fr. Mike Schmitz has to say about: "What is a Win?", as we explore what biblical manhood really means, and how to live it out in a culture opposed to authentic Catholic men. Through 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.

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Fiona Mendes and her family for organizing the All Saints Day & Pumpkin Party to all the wonderful volunteers in helping out making the event a fun night for everyone.

Thank you to all our Sponsors Little Blessings, Jane Lee, Cecilia Condren and for many anonymous donors for the treats and food. Special thanks to Austin D'Sa for picking up the Pizza. We are so blessed to have such wonderful volunteers.

SUNDAY MISSAL

Available in the lobby at a cost of \$5.00 each. The missals begin the First Sunday of Advent.

ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are 14 or older, haven't been baptized or were baptized in another Christian faith, or have not received the Sacraments of Initiation (First Holy Communion and Confirmation), or want to deepen your knowledge and practice of faith, we're here to help!

Our program (RCIA) starts soon and begins with a personal interview to join. Once enrolled, you're welcome to attend with your spouse, friends, or family, and we provide a safe environment for children while parents attend sessions. The program concludes at the Easter Vigil with a solemn celebration of the Sacraments and reception into the Catholic Church.

For more information, contact our office, our pastoral minister (visit bskchurch.ca), or the program coordinator, Bonnie Schroth, at bonniegschroth@gmail.com.

IN HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION

In our Catholic tradition, November is set aside as a month dedicated to the Holy Souls in purgatory. It is a time for us to reflect on our lives as a pilgrim journey to the Lord, as well as an opportunity to prayerfully remember our loved ones and friends who have gone before us. This year we, as a parish will once again highlight this month of grace by preparing our leather-bound book entitled "In Hope of the Resurrection" into which will be placed the names of our departed family members and friends. Printed sheets will be on a table at the back of the Church, on which you record the names you wish remembered. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*"

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree toy drive is an important part of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper project. St. Vincent de Paul is again working with the Food Bank and House of Friendship to make sure all families are being taken care of. If anyone would like to donate Walmart gift cards, they can be dropped off at the office or in the collection baskets at Mass until **November 28, 2024**. If you need an income tax receipt for your donation please tape the gift card receipt to the gift card, with your name and address. Thank you for your support. God Bless

CHURCH CALENDARS

They have been ordered!! We will put them out as soon as they come! Likely early December.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are not currently using envelopes and wish to begin, then please complete the Registration Form on our website www.bskchurch.ca. Found under the tab I'm New.

Have you just come back to Mass and are looking for your offertory envelopes?? Please email the office and Keri will help you.

DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS

WORLD YOUTH DAY

On Sunday, November 24th, 2024 we celebrate World Youth Day! The theme young people are called to reflect on is: "those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary". In his message addressed to young people the Holy Father, invites young people to set out on the pilgrimage of life before them, in joy and in hope! To see how others are celebrating world youth day around the Diocese and resources to celebrate yourself please visit: www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com

HEARTACHE TO HEALING

Grief Support Group at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo - Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. A monthly informal drop-in support is available at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library.

ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL

To begin the Advent season, the Diocesan Choir is pleased to announce an Advent Hymn Festival at St. Joseph Parish, 260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton, ON, on **Sunday, December 1, 2024, at 7 p.m.** Registration is not required, and there is no charge—however, a goodwill offering will go to St. Joseph's Parish Neighbours in Need Program. Please see the Upcoming events on the Diocese of Hamilton web page.