

Sacred Heart Parish

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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday: 5:00 pm.

Sunday: 9:00 am. & 11:00 am.

Children's Liturgy: Sunday's at 9 am. Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Thursday 30 minutes before Mass
and Saturday's at 4 pm. or by appointment

Diocesan Newsletter

For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
& 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

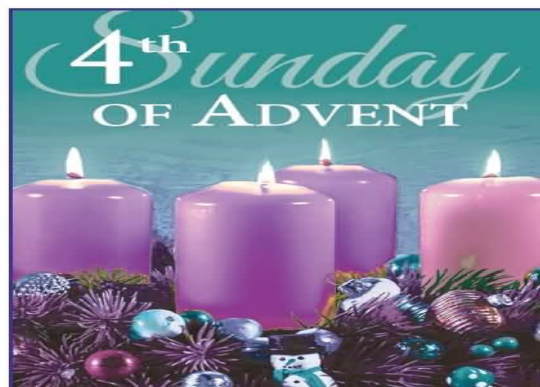
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MASS SCHEDULE

December 22-27, 2020

Tues. December 22

9:00 a.m.

+Raymond Zettler

req by: Helen Zettler

Wed. December 23

7:00 p.m.

+Bill Goetz

req by: Marg Weber

Thurs. December 24 The Nativity Of The Lord

6:00 p.m.

+Vincent Bogdanski

req by: Ron, Helen & Rachael Cook

8:00 p.m.

Intentions of our Parish and its benefactors

10:00 p.m.

+Jim & Don Niesen

req by: Phyllis & Family

Fri. December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 a.m.

For the deceased members of the Mazzacavallo Family

req by: Pat & Terri McNinch

Sat. December 26

5:00 p.m.

+Jim Kroeplin

req by: Joan & Family

Sun. December 27 The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 a.m.

For the intentions of our Parish and its benefactors

11:00 a.m.

+Doug Moore

req by: Linus & Helen Kraemer

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "YES!"... and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest religious or deacon contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext. 2246



In Deepest Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the souls and families of:



Adrian Van Den Berg, Wai Ching Wong, Winnie Hewitson, Shawna Trivedi, Jean Waechter & Joe Strader

May God grant them eternal rest.

HAMILTON DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR FOR ALL WHO MINISTER IN THE CHURCH

Creator God, life is your gift. Through baptism you invite us to share in service in others. Give us the courage and generosity to respond to your call. Bless those who serve you as priests, religious, deacons and lay ministers. Open the minds and hearts of men and women to accept your challenge to build the kingdom of God. Amen.

This week, **Dec. 21-26, 2020** we pray for:

Dec. 21....Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.

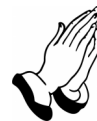
Dec. 22....Rev. Robert Sims

Dec. 23....Voluntas Dei Institute

Dec. 24....Rev. Michael Downey

Dec. 25....Christmas Day

Dec. 26....Rev. Martin Valley



The Church Hall will remain **CLOSED** until further notice.

Washrooms are to be used for Emergency Only!

For those who are elderly or whose immune system is compromised, and those who are hesitant to return to church at this time, **PLEASE** know that your HOLY obligation to participate at Sunday Mass is not considered a mortal sin at this time. It is very important to remember that the COVID-19 Pandemic is not over, and that everyone must continue to pay attention to the measures being put in place to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, please note the following requirements for entry into the church:

- Entrance is NOT permitted to those who have an elevated temperature, or are suffering from cough, sputum production, shortness of breath, undue fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle aching, runny nose, chills involving shakes, loss of sense or taste or smell.

If you are feeling unwell, you are kindly asked to stay home.

- If you have travelled outside Canada within the past 14 days.
- You are to wear a mask into Church and during Mass.
- Everyone is to use hand sanitizer upon entry to the church.
- Everyone is to sit in only the designated sitting.

BEING ON TIME AND STAYING TO THE END

Our time for arrival for Mass and when we leave is an expression of our reverence. If Mass has simply become a routine or an obligation to be fulfilled, we will give it only the minimum amount of time we think is REQUIRED. If we truly have a reverence and a respect for the Eucharist and we are truly grateful to God, we will arrive on time --- perhaps even a little early --- and will remain there until the Mass is ended at the conclusion of the closing song. Arriving just in time to hear the reading of the Gospel and leaving immediately after communion is like telling God we do not have but a minimum of time for Him! In our attendance at Mass do we really give God the appropriate amount of time to truly worship Him or have we simply given Him "just enough" to fulfill the obligation?

*Live
Love
Praise the Lord*



Christmas Midnight Mass – Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Midnight Mass will be preceded by a Carol Service beginning at 11:30 p.m. Both the Carol Service and the Midnight Mass will be broadcast on Salt+Light Media and shared with CHCH-TV. The Mass will be repeated on CHCH-TV at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning.

K of C New Members Welcomed!

Preparations have been made over the last few years for the Canonization of our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

To celebrate this saint hood event, all Catholic gentlemen are invited to apply for a free membership to join the K of C fraternity in 2020. Whether you have been a member in the past, or taken a leave of absence or you are just interested in supporting our cause, please take a moment to consider a new membership with our Order. If you have any questions or you want to join please contact GK Wayne Schnurr or Br. Len Kraemer or any Knight you know! You can also sign up on line this year at the K of C website.



CWL NEWS

Its time to renew (or begin) a membership for 2021/2022 year.

New members are always welcome!
Contact Cally Quish 519-881-2809 or
Heather Zettler 519-881-2586 to join.

Year End Charitable Donations:

If you wish to top up your charitable contributions for 2020 please do so by
December 27th, 2020.
Thank you!



Pray For Our Sick.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community, especially, **Rita Kroeplin-Powers, Mike Cotter, Mary Louise Hauser, Anne Dales, James Garrick, Denise Desroches, Barry Gonder, Florence Zettler, Nick O'Hagan, Julie McLaughlin, Emma Johns, Dianne Kieffer, Regina Heaney, Joe Rys, Mida Florague, Linda Spitzig, Ray & Nancy Litwak, Elena Dobson, Mary Benninger, Jim Walter, Deborah Seigfried, John Watson, Theresa & Leonard Manion, Joe Spitzig, Walter Zettler, Eleanor Binkley, Jennifer Tilker, Bonnie Quinnell, Vera Schmidt, Teresa Schnurr, Marg Kleist, Betty Lambertus, Chase Dube, Heather Berry, Francis Zettler, Adam Tovey, James Falkingham, Angela Cavanagh, Mary Adele-O'Gorman, Betty Etherton, Glenn Schnurr, Joan Miller, Lloyd Gutscher, Fr. David Weise, Bill Seigner Sr., Robert Gay, Alf Kieffer, Rosemary O'Hara, & Gerald Grubb and for all special intentions.** Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Sacred Heart Parish Mitten Tree



This year our Mitten Tree is located at the Parish Office. Please drop off your donations of warm winter items through the office hours. Thank you!
Let's try to keep everyone warm this winter!

Did you know?

You can register for Pre - Authorization Giving for Sacred Heart Parish, Walkerton. If your interested, please contact the Parish Office to fill out the forms. This is a great way to continue to support your Parish in these most uncertain times.



Now that the **Winter Weather** is upon us, we ask that you **PLEASE** be extra careful on the steps and coming and going from the Church Parking Lot. We will try our very best to keep it all clear for Masses.

Prayer for Christmas

Almighty God, in your mercy, you sent your only Son to redeem us. We gather in prayer and thanksgiving as a family and as a Church to rejoice! Jesus became a child so that we might become children of God. Thank you for revealing your Son to us. We pray that, throughout the Christmas season and beyond, we will have the strength to grow ever closer to him. Amen.



The month of December is filled with expectation and celebration. Preparation is the key word for the first 24 days of December. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking, and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity. Christmas is a Christian feast — and we must reclaim it as such! In the same way that a family eagerly prepares for a baby, so in Advent should we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. **We should keep Advent as a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and of hope and keep our thoughts on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on the flesh of the Virgin Mary.** Let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell. The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Her preparation was complete in every respect. Let us crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayerfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.



New Year's Eve Mass Time
Thurs. December 31st @ 7:00 pm

New Year's Day Mass Time
Fri. January 1st @ 10:00 am

Due to the present limit of 30 % capacity and the requirements from our Diocese and Health Authorities for physical distancing we are asking our Parishioners to

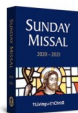
PRE REGISTER

for the Mass Time you wish to attend.
Please call the Parish office at 519-881-0692



2020 Income Tax Receipts

Income Tax Receipts for 2020 will be issued to those with donations of \$100.00 or more.
Thank you for your generosity in 2020!



The Living with Christ Sunday Missal for 2020-2021 can be purchased at the Parish Office for \$3.00 and 2021 The Saints Among Us Calendar can be purchased for \$2.00.

2021 Offertory Envelopes

The offertory envelopes for 2021 are ready and can be picked up after Masses downstairs in the Hall. Please keep social distance when picking up your envelopes and exit out of the Basement doors. Thank you!

We would like to thank all the Parishioners who have so generously donated during such difficult times. We greatly appreciate your support. Thank you!

Sunday Offerings.....	\$5,846.25
Building Fund.....	\$1,355.00
Christmas Flowers & Decorations.....	\$40.00
Christmas.....	\$910.00



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PARISH RECORDS: Please help us keep our parish records up-to-date. Advise the office if you are new to the parish or if you will be moving to a new address. Registration Forms are available at the office.

BAPTISM: Usually celebrated after Sunday Masses. Please call the parish office for details. Adults wishing to join the Catholic Church through Baptism or Profession of Faith should also contact the parish office for details.

FIRST COMMUNION: Usually celebrated with children aged 7 or 8 during the Easter Season. Contact the parish office for details.

FIRST CONFESSION (Reconciliation): Usually celebrated with children aged 7 or 8 during the Advent Season. Contact the parish office for details.

CONFIRMATION: Usually celebrated with young people aged 12 or 13. Contact the parish office for details.

MARRIAGE: Any Catholic who is presently a member of the parish, and who is free to marry, can be married at Sacred Heart Parish. Couples intending to be married are asked to please contact the parish office before making any final arrangements. A minimum of **12 months** notice is required so that proper preparation can take place.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrated communally in the Spring and Fall, and individually as required by contacting the parish office for details.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Celebrated communally during the seasons of Advent and Lent, and individually on Saturday afternoons at 4 p.m. or by appointment.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:
Celebrated during Sunday morning 9 a.m. mass for children 8 years of age and under. Children under 4 must be accompanied by a parent. (Recessed for July and August)

DIOCESAN VOCATION DIRECTOR
Any parishioner considering the priesthood, religious life, or the permanent diaconate, may contact Fr. Michael King 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246

Catholic Christian Community

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CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

St. Teresa of Calcutta School.....(519) 881-1852

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Sacred Heart High School..... (519) 881-1900

PARISH CONTACT PERSONS:

Altar Servers.....	Valerie Austin
Anointing of the Sick.....	Parish Office
Brucelea Haven Masses.....	Parish Office
Calvary Cemetery.....	Parish Office
or www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca	
Catholic Women's League.....	Maryanne Buehlow
Children's Liturgy of the Word.....	Renta Vyhnal
Commentators.....	Valerie Austin
Communion to the Sick & Shut-in.....	Parish Office
Cursillo.....	Joe Rys
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Valerie Austin
Finance Committee.....	Denise Desroches
Funeral Luncheons.....	Rita LaPointe/Alice Slosser
Good Food Box Program.....	Chris Anstett
Knights of Columbus.....	Wayne Schnurr
Ladies Auxiliary.....	Doris Huber
Lectors.....	Valerie Austin
Parish Life Chair.....	Connie Weber/Bill Carroll
Publicity.....	Connie Weber
RCIA.....	Amy Kieffer
Right to Life.....	Linda Freiburger
Senior Committee.....	Joan Kroeplin
Social Justice.....	Yvonne Carroll
Ushers.....	Glen Wilhelm
Young Adults.....	Amy Kieffer