

THE SOLEMNITY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:00 pm (followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

- + Antonio Figueiredo
- + Ricarda Alice Caetano
- In honour of St. Anthony

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 am

- + Paul Foley

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00 pm (followed by Divine Mercy Novena)

- + Elizabeth Warren
- + Doris Johnston
- + Antonio Garcia
- + Conrado & Arsenia Mina

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00 pm

Mass for the People - *pro populo*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 am

Mass for the People - *pro populo*

11:00 am

Mass for the People - *pro populo*

EPHIPANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 am

Mass for the People - *pro populo*

11:00 am

- + Giuseppe Basso



If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

THE HOLY FAMILY

Today we commemorate the fact that God chose to be born and raised in the same environment as all men, when He could have chosen otherwise. We can do no better than to reflect on the beautiful and profound words of Pope Benedict XVI in his message for the 2008 World Day of Peace:

"The first form of communion between persons is that born of the love of a man and a woman who decide to enter a stable union in order to build together a new family...The natural family, as an intimate communion of life and love, based on marriage between a man and a woman, constitutes "the primary place of 'humanization' for the person and society," and a "cradle of life and love"...Indeed, in a healthy family life we experience some of the fundamental elements of peace: justice and love between brothers and sisters, the role of authority expressed by parents, loving concern for the members who are weaker because of youth, sickness or old age, mutual help in the necessities of life, readiness to accept others and, if necessary, to forgive them. For this reason, the family is the first and indispensable teacher of peace...Where can young people gradually learn to savor the genuine "taste" of peace better than in the original "nest" which nature prepares for them?...This point merits special reflection: everything that serves to weaken the family based on the marriage of a man and a woman, everything that directly or indirectly stands in the way of its openness to the responsible acceptance of a new life, everything that obstructs its right to be primarily responsible for the education of its children, constitutes an objective obstacle on the road to peace."

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, commemorates the divine motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. A mass of celebration will take place at St. Patrick's Parish on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, at 5 p.m. and on New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, at 9 & 11 a.m.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
Tuesday	Rev. Francisco Cruz
Wednesday	Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)
Thursday	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Friday	Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
Saturday	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

JANUARY 1 & 2

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	No 5 pm Mass	J. Streppel A. Sousa	J. Meagher J. Frias
Communion	No 5 pm Mass	B. Sousa C. McArthur	H. France R. France

DECEMBER 26, 2021

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate the splendor of true love,
to you we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.*

(Pope Francis, Feast of the Holy Family 2013)



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord will take place at St. Patrick's Parish on **Sunday, January 2 at 9 & 11 am.** The word Epiphany is from a

Greek word meaning "appearance or manifestation." After being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, Christ is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. A popular axiom says, "Wise men (and women) still seek him." Today, we no longer need to travel far to find Jesus, for Christ is always present in his Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. He is present in the Sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of his minister, but especially in the Eucharistic species. By his power he is present in the sacraments so that when anybody baptizes, it is really Christ himself who baptizes. He is present in his word since it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Lastly, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he has promised 'where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them' (cf. CCC 1088).

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2022 offering envelopes are now available for pick up in the parish hall. Space in the parish hall is limited, so please be sure to take yours home with you after Mass today. Many thanks!



WORLD DAY OF PEACE

World Day of Peace, celebrated on January 1 every year, is primarily a Catholic feast day dedicated to universal peace on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. On this occasion, Popes generally make authoritative declarations on the Catholic Social Teachings. The theme of the feast has always been about creating a culture of care. The Pope and the Vatican Church stress the need to care and share tolerance for each other, and to create a society that focuses on good moral values and does not yield to the temptation to disregard others. The benefits of a peaceful society have been the emphasis of every year's World Day of Peace since its inception on January 1, 1968.

"Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace" will be the theme for the January 1, 2022 commemoration. As education, work and dialogue are consistently evolving, the Pope's message "proposes an innovative reading that responds to the needs of current and future times." The Pope invites us "to read the signs of the times with the eyes of faith, so that the direction of this change awakens new and old questions with which it is right and necessary to be confronted."

The pope's full message for World Peace Day is sent through Vatican diplomats, to the leaders of nations around the world. *To read the complete message from Pope Francis please visit: www.vatican.ca*

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office will be closed to the public from Wednesday, December 22, 2021 to Monday, January 3, 2022. May God grant us peace and good health in 2022.

2021 – 2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The 2021-2023 Synod of Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.

The Virgin Mother, is the "way" that God prepared for himself in order to come into the world. With all her humility, Mary walks at the head of the new Israel in its exodus from all exile, from all oppression, from all moral and material slavery, toward the "new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Pt 3: 13). Let us entrust to her maternal intercession the expectation of peace and salvation of the people of our time.

~ Pope Benedict XVI Angelus Address
St Peter's Square 7 December 2008