

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



If you are visiting today,
St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 -
VIGIL OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
10:00 am - only

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2
(STS. BASIL & GREGORY)
5:00 pm
(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)
- Intentions of Lucia

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3
8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration & recitation of Divine Mercy Novena)
+ Luiza & John da Costa

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
9:00 am - First Saturday Mass
5:00 pm
+ Ruedi & Rosemarie Huber
+ Victor Melo
+ Daniel MacLean
+ Jacinto & Maria Sousa
+ Paul Luu Van Dong

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
8:00 am
9:00 am + Shirley Koluk
11:00 am - for the People - *pro populo*

Please observe a reverent silence -

talk to God before Mass and to each other after Mass - and please ensure that all mobile devices are switched off or silenced to avoid distracting others in prayer. Children are most welcome. The narthex or the parish hall should be used as a crying room if needed. Please do not allow any children to run about the church at any time. Thank you.

LAMP OFFERING

December 29 - January 4

January 5 - 11

SANCTUARY LAMP

+ Marie Farrell

+ Audrey Shannon

LADY ALTAR LAMP

Intentions of Megan

Ints. of the Froklage Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JANUARY 4 & 5

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	A. Kelly	J. Streppel	C. Terpstra
Communion	B. Raghubar	A. Sousa	D. Corbeil

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
Tuesday	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wednesday	<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>
Thursday	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Friday	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
Saturday	Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.

HEARING THE CALL TO A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

Contact Fr. Mark Morley at: mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com

MANY THANKS

Fr. Joe, Deacon Terry and Peter Hoan would like to extend their thanks to the many parishioners and friends of St. Patrick's who were kind enough to offer cards and gifts over the Christmas holiday season. May God bless you in 2025.



WORLD DAY OF PEACE

The following is the partial text of the Holy Father Francis' Message for the 58th World Day of Peace, to be celebrated on **January 1, 2025** on the theme: **"Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your**

peace." In its statement, the Dicastery says the theme is inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical letters *Laudato si* and *Fratelli tutti*, "and above all by the concepts of Hope and Forgiveness, which are at the heart of the Jubilee, a time for conversion that calls us not to condemn, but instead to bring about reconciliation and peace".

The Dicastery goes on to note by "considering the reality of conflicts and social sins afflicting humanity today in light of the hope inherent in the Jubilee tradition of the forgiveness of sins and the cancellation of debts, together with the reflections of the Fathers of the Church in this regard, concrete principles emerge that can lead to a much needed spiritual, social, economic, ecological and cultural change". To read the complete message from Pope Francis please visit: www.vatican.va



MEMBERSHIP IN ST. PATRICK'S CWL

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has a core purpose - uniting Catholic women to grow in faith and to promote social justice through service to the Church, Canada and the world. For more information about the

CWL visit cwl.ca and cwl.on.ca. The cost to become a member of St. Patrick's CWL is \$40. Payment can be made by cash or cheque and can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular office hours, by using the CWL Membership envelope in your box of weekly Sunday donation envelopes or you may place the money in a small envelope and drop it in the collection basket marked CWL Membership Dues. Inside, you must include your name and contact information. The CWL membership looks forward to either meeting you for the first time or to renewing old friendships.

God has done everything; he has done the impossible: he was made flesh. His all-powerful love has accomplished something which surpasses all human understanding: the Infinite has become a child, has entered the human family. And yet, this same God cannot enter my heart unless I open the door to him.

~ Benedict XVI: URBI ET ORBI Message, Christmas 2012

CHALKING THE DOOR AT EPIPHANY

This liturgical year we are inviting parishioners to chalk their doors at Epiphany. Blessed chalk will be made available on the weekend of **January 4 & 5, 2025**. The blessed chalk is to be used to inscribe a simple formula on the lintel of your door. The formula includes the numerals for the year in question and the letters C + M + B. You then say a simple prayer asking God to bless your home. The formula looks like this:



So what do the letters "C, M and B" stand for? Most people will tell you that they stand for the names of the three wise men – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar – and that is certainly a venerable tradition – but the letters also stand for the Latin phrase **Christus mansionem benedicat** which means "May Christ Bless this House."



JUBILEE FILMS FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE: ONE LIFE

Chosen by Vatican Official and film expert, Msgr Dario Viganò, for the Dicastery of Evangelization's "Jubilee is Culture" initiative is: Anthony Hopkins movie "One Life". In this movie London broker Nicholas "Nicky" Winton helps rescue hundreds of predominantly Jewish children from Czechoslovakia in a race against time before the Nazi occupation closes the borders. Fifty years later, he's still haunted by the fate of those he wasn't able to bring to safety.



SVDP THANK YOU

The Saint Patrick's Parish Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul sends a sincere "thank you" to all the parishioners and schools who donated money or food items to the store cupboard over the past year. A special thank you also goes to all who donated their time, talent and/or treasure to the Christmas Campaign. Without this continued support and the contributions of food and prayer, the SVDP Society could not carry out its mission of feeding, clothing, housing and healing individuals and families in our community.

Families who pray together, stay together!