

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

5:00 pm
+ Carmelina Spatola
+ Manuel Chaves & Family
+ Manuel Medeiros Pereira
+ Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
8:00 am
+ Luiza & John da Costa

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
5:00 pm
(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)
+ Orminda Alves

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19
8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration &
recitation of Divine Mercy Novena)
Intentions of Manuel & Mary Ann Costa

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20
5:00 pm
+ José Brasil & Family
+ Ruedi & Rosemari Huber
+ Dolores Moffat
+ Jack & Eleanor Furlong
Intentions of Emilia Moura

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
8:00 am
9:00 am + Vincent & Sabrina Moniz
11:00 am - for the People - *pro populo*

OFFERTORY

DECEMBER 7, 2025

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| Sunday Envelope Contributions | \$3,279.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$ 623.80 |
| EFT Donations | \$1,007.50 |
| Total Collection – <i>Thank you!</i> | \$4,910.30 |



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

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 3 & 4, 2026. 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.”

LAMP OFFERING

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| December 14 - 20 | December 21 - 27 |
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SANCTUARY LAMP

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| Special Intentions | + Noreen O'Brien |
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LADY ALTAR LAMP

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| + Rosemarie Byrne | Ints. of Leil Thawar |
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 20 & 21

| | 5:00 p.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
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| Lectors | B. Miller | A. Sousa | M. Deska |
| Communion | B. Raghubar A. Miller | J. Bui B. Sousa | H. France R. France |



2026

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2026 offering envelopes are now available for pick up in the parish hall. Please be sure to take yours home with you after

Mass today as space in the parish hall is *limited*. If you do not have offering envelopes and would like a set, please contact the parish office at 519-623-3773. You may also choose the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) donation option. EFT forms are located in the narthex of the church.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations are invited towards the flowers that will decorate our church and sanctuary during the Christmas season. Special envelopes are available at all three church doors. Donations may be placed in the collection basket during the weekend Masses. All donations must be received by Sunday, December 21 in order that a list of memorial and thank offerings may be included in the Christmas bulletin.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50 DRAW

Have you got your tickets? Scan this QR code to get your tickets today. No cell phone, no problem. Go online: rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/ Good luck!



CHRISTMAS OVERFLOW PARKING

Overflow parking for Christmas Masses is available in the parking lot at the corner of Wellington and Main Streets, behind City Hall off of Cambridge Street and across from the David Durward Centre (Beverly and Dickson Streets).

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

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| Monday | Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino |
| Tuesday | Rev. Stanley Nwokeji |
| Wednesday | Voluntas Dei Institute, i.v.Dei. |
| Thursday | Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski |
| Friday | Rev. Donald Sanvido |
| Saturday | Rev. David Weise |

HEARING THE CALL TO
A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?
Contact Fr. Mark Morley at: mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY

At 4:45 pm, just before the beginning of the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass, the children of St. Patrick's Parish will be presenting the Nativity Play. Parents, please encourage your children to come forward when the announcement is made.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, Dec. 24
(Incense will be used at all Christmas Eve Masses)

5 pm (preceded by the Nativity play)
7 pm & 9 pm

Christmas Day - Thursday, Dec. 25
10 am - only

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

Saturday, December 27 at 5 pm
Sunday, December 28 at 8, 9 & 11 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve - Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 5 pm
New Year's Day - Thursday, Jan. 1 at 10 am

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 3 at 5 pm (Incense will be used)
Sunday, January 4 at 8, 9 & 11 am

ARE HEAVENLY PERSONS PRESENT AT MASS?

Jesus is present in the Mass in various and special ways. The Three Persons of God - the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit - are present and active in bestowing grace as we address them in the prayers of the Mass. There are also other heavenly persons present at Mass - those of the Communion of Saints and the Angels. The Blessed Virgin Mary is present interceding for the Church, and countless thousands of Angels praising God, together with your Guardian Angel who is interceding for you. At every Mass, the church is also filled with many Saints of Heaven, both known and unknown, who come to glorify God with the Church on earth. Source: 101 Questions about the Catholic Mass.

Families who pray together, stay together!