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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 30th, 2024

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Ellen Hughes, Intentions of Tracy & Gareth Poole, Bishop Ustrzycki, Mary Muller

Tuesday, December 31st, 2024

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. - Mass

5:15 p.m. – Mother of God Mass

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025 – The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00 a.m. – Mother of God Mass

Thursday, January 2nd, 2025 – St. Basil The Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Jack & Peggy McGarry, Karl Friedrich

Friday, January 3rd, 2025

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Sean Cass Atkinson, Intentions of Cathie Evans

Saturday, January 4th, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 1st Saturday Confessions

9:00 a.m. – Mass

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. - Mass – Primo Baggio, Zofia Pokora, Janina Dolepowski, Ryszard Jakiela, Kazimierz Jakiela

Sunday, January 5th, 2025 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Mass - Bishop Lobsinger

11:00 a.m. – Mass - Bishop Lobsinger

Please join us for Coffee Sunday after each Mass

PARISH NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week after The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, beginning on Sunday, December 29th, 2024, both the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of Angela Hoffbauer.

To request that one of the lamps be lit for your intentions, or in memory of a loved one, please call or visit the Parish Office. A donation of \$10.00 per lamp is requested.

Stewardship of Treasure

† Thank you for your gift collected the weekend of December 16th, 2024 in the amount of \$15,242.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing. The St. Vincent De Paul Basilica Conference gives thanks for your donation of \$9,477.00 towards their work of charity on your behalf.

Vocations

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother and they knelt down and paid him homage". Then opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh". God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988**

Email:

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Parish Envelopes 2025

The 2025 Envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. They have been sorted into Alphabetical Order, if you are unable to find your envelope or are a new Parishioner that would like to use the weekly envelopes, please drop by the Parish Office to register and receive a box.

Pilgrimage June 2025 to Spain and France

You are invited to take part in a Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Spain and France from June 3rd to 13th, 2025. Fr. Ian Duffy, Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, will be the Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage. The price will be \$5,690.00 CDN per person including airfare, accommodation, ground transportation and most meals. To register or for more information please contact Edgar at Gateways International (edgar@gateways-international.com or 1-800-268-0900 Ext 233).

2025 Missals

We still have Missals available at the Parish Office during the week. Please drop by if you need the new Sunday Missal.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The young adult book study group will be concluding their discussion of "Till We Have Faces" by C.S. Lewis on Wednesday January 8th, 2025. The meeting begins at 5:45p.m. in the Parish Hall of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, starting with a potluck dinner. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend. There will be also a poetry reading in the afternoon on Sunday January 12th, 2025, from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. For more details, please contact Hanna Caruso at hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com.

OTHER NEWS

Scotland & Northern England Trip (May 4-17, 2025)

Join us for an almost all-inclusive 12-day trip to Stirling, Durham, Lake District, and the surrounding countryside. Open to members of the parish community and their friends and family. The cost of the trip is \$4,695.00 and a deposit is due mid-July. See the St. Teresa of Avila parish website (www.stteresaelmira.ca) for the events page and itinerary details. Organized by Joan Coutu with Fr. Peter Meyer.

St. Joseph's Parish Fun Family Bingo

Please join us on the following dates for a fun family evening of bingo: January 4th, 2025, February 1, 2025 and

March 1, 2025. We will be meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Hall doors open at 6:00p.m. (doors close at 6:30p.m. so arrive early). Please bring your own snacks, drinks, bingo dabbers and a pen. The entrance fee is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (6 cards per person), this is a no cash prize bingo event. Bring your family and friends for an evening of fun.

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 6, 2025!

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- Must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2025, to attend Year 1 Kindergarten
- Must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2025, to attend Year 2 Kindergarten

To register we ask that you visit;

https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/registration/kindergarten_registration and complete the online student pre-registration form. Once you have completed this form you will receive a follow-up email to complete the registration process. We ask that you have the following documents available:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent or Child's Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Tax Support for Families New to the System (ie, Most Recent Tax Bill)
- Proof of Address (Government Document, Mortgage or Rental Agreement, Hydro Bill, Credit Card Statement)
- Immigration Documentation (If Applicable)
- Custody Documents (if Applicable)

During the registration process, school administration are available to assist you with any questions you may have.

Please note:

- Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Year 1 Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Year 2 Kindergarten
- Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please contact your local Catholic school.

Jubilee Of Hope 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee

Year. In Cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28th to December 29th, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. The year will be officially launched in each Parish in the Diocese on this same day. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude on January 6th, 2025. "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring...may Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope." Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*.

The Reel Justice Film Festival

Is excited to release our dates for the 2025 season. Our films this year focus on hope and the personal stories that give voice to those that often go unheard. Themes included women's empowerment, refugees, youth, Indigenous justice, and environmental care. We start the season on January 23, 2025, with *She Rises Up*, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. Film Director, Maureen Castle-Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The Reel Justice Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. Film screenings are shown online, once a month from January to May. You can view our full film lineup at: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>. We hope you can join us!

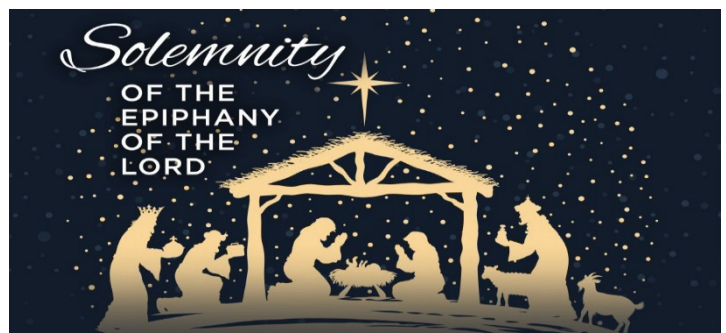
Heroes Of Hope – For Parish Ministries (January 2025)

Lord God, by the grace of our Baptism,
You have given us new life in Christ
And called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded
to your call to be leaders in our parish community
And for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts
For the building up of your Church
And the service of their sisters and brothers.

Through their varied ministries,
May they touch the hearts of all in our community
Who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith,
That never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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