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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.



Monday, January 6th, 2025 - Epiphany

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Charles Bone, Maria Jesenek, Andrew Ellis & Intention of the Jesenek Family

Tuesday, January 7th, 2025 - St. André Bessette

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

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Jesse Rosauro & Intentions of Jane & Mike Nunan

Wednesday, January 8th, 2025

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

7:30 a.m. - Mass - Lindsay O'Handley

8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 a.m. - Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

12:15 p.m. - Mass - Vicki Anderson

Thursday, January 9th, 2025

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

9:00 a.m. - Mass - Jovito Tiomico, Richard Wojcicki,

Katherine Nixon

Friday, January 10th, 2025

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

9:00 a.m. - Mass – John & Nancy Azzopardi, Sara Jane Doiron

Saturday, January 11th, 2025

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. - Mass Tomas Semlok, Moses Dicicco,

Jacqueline Dupuis, George Raso & Intentions of Marlene & John Mason, Sister Claudia

Sunday, January 12th, 2025 - The Baptism of the Lord

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

9:00 a.m. - Mass

11:00 a.m. - Mass

1:00 p.m. - Baptisms

1:00 p.m. - Young Adult Group - Poetry Teatime

PARISH NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week of The Epiphany of the Lord, beginning on Sunday, January 5th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the Intentions of Cecilia & Jacob Wall, and Marques & Blanca & Dwayne McCormick.

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 gifts collected on December 25th, 2024, in the amount of \$30,397.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a Priest, Deacon, Religious. If He is contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988

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.

Parish Registration/Renewal Campaign

We would like to take this time to thank all our parishioners new and existing for taking part in the renewal campaign and filling out the registration cards. The winner of the statue of Santa with Baby Jesus goes to the Thomas family who are new members to our Basilica family.

2025 Missals

We still have Missals available at the Parish Office during the week, and in the Parish Gift shop on the weekends. They are selling for \$5.00, please drop by if you need the new Missal.

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).

One Heart One Soul Campaign

For those parishioners who took the time to make a one-time donation over the past month to the Hamilton Diocese *One Heart One Soul Campaign*, we are very appreciative. Your donation will go directly to our Basilica campaign and help support the ongoing debt from the massive restoration project as well as ongoing capital improvements. With Bishop Crosby celebrating his 75th birthday and pending retirement, we wanted to make one final appeal to those who have not yet donated to consider a one-time donation. This final appeal for donations will be in Bishop Crosby's honour to the One Heart, One Soul Campaign as this has become both his legacy and his opus to the Diocese and in his distinguished vocation. Please consider making a final, one-time credit card donation at:

http://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/give and may God bless you and your families with His most beautiful gifts of peace, hope, joy and love in abundance.

Gift Shop

We are currently reorganizing our new space, but we will remain open after all weekend Masses. This is the perfect time to let us know if you have a special request for statues, jewelry, rosaries, medals, etc. Please drop in for a visit and thank you for your patronage in 2024.

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

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!" 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 available on the Diocesan website: www.hamiltondiocese.com. Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for Heros Of Hope — those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

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 hope, born of our Christian faith, That never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Opening Of the Holy Doors in Rome

On Sunday, Dec. 29, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at Rome's Basilica Saint John Lateran, of which he is also the Bishop. Then, on New Year's Day — also a holy day of obligation, the Solemnity of Mary — the Holy Door at the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major outside the Vatican in Rome was opened. On Sunday, Jan. 5, Pope Francis opened the fifth and final Holy Door at the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls in Rome. The Catholic tradition of celebrating a jubilee began in the 1300's and was initially stretched out every 100 years rather than 25. For centuries, the Holy Doors have been opened at the four Roman Basilicas to usher in memorable years for the church. In modern times, Pope John Paul II also celebrated a jubilee in 2000, at the time writing about the significance of the Holy Doors pertaining to one's faith. "To focus upon the door is to recall the responsibility of every believer to cross its threshold. To pass through that door means to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord; it is to strengthen faith in him in order to live the new life which he has given us," John Paul II wrote, "It is a decision which presumes freedom to choose and also the courage to leave something behind, in the knowledge that what is gained is divine life."





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