

## MASS INTENTIONS December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Margaret Dodsworth  
-Patrick & Mary Ann Dodsworth  
Int. Elizabeth Pritchard & George  
-Anne Pritchard

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. & 7:00 pm. - For Parishioners and all  
those written in our flower memorial

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. - For Parishioners and all those  
written in our flower memorial

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – St. Stephen

9:00 a.m. +Michael & Milly Sauchuk  
-Jane Brenner

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:00 p.m. +Letensa-Hamed  
-Tebetu-Beraki  
+Teresa & Czeslaw & Marysia Janiczak  
-Grace, Kevin Grundy & Family  
Int. Amanda & David Michaels  
-Cathy Vanzieleghem  
+Anna Maras  
-Milana Maras

### Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 a.m. +Angela, Reno & Tony Ianni  
-Maurizio & Sharon Ianni  
11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis

## Intentions for Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve – 4:30PM & 7:00PM

Christmas Day – 10:00AM

For the Parishioners of St. Francis and all those  
written on our Christmas Flower Memorial

## Stewardship Report

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| December 13/14        | \$5,227.00   |
| 2025 Total Collection | \$261,747.60 |
| 2025 Total Budget     | \$293,562.50 |

## What's Happening this Week?

### Monday

|                            |         |
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| Church Decorating          | 1:00 pm |
| Senior Gentle Exercise (H) | 2:30 pm |
| OEA (H)                    | 7:00 pm |

### Wednesday

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| Christmas Eve Mass | 4:30 pm & 7:00 pm |
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### Thursday

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| Christmas Day Mass | 10:00 am |
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## Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Dec. 22: Rev. Richard Dordunu  
Tues. Dec. 23: Rev. Robert Kiffman  
Wed. Dec. 24: Consecrated Virgin Candidates  
Thu. Dec. 25: The Nativity of the Lord  
Fri. Dec. 26: Rev. Jason Kuntz  
Sat. Dec. 27: Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk

## Office Hours During Christmas Season

December 24th – 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
December 25th – Closed  
December 26th – Closed  
December 31st – 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.  
January 1st – Closed

## A Christmas Message from your St. Francis Parish Team

The St. Francis Parish Team  
wishes you, and those beloved  
to your hearts, a very Christ  
Filled Christmas and a Blessed  
New Year! Best Wishes Always!



## CHRISTMAS EVE

Wed. December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 pm  
7:00 pm



## CHRISTMAS DAY

Thurs. December 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am

Parish Office will be closed Thursday December  
25<sup>th</sup> and Friday December 26<sup>th</sup>. There WILL be  
Mass at 9 AM on December 26<sup>th</sup>

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY & NEW YEARS

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
10:00 a.m.



## Christmas Season Masses Nearby

The Diocese of Hamilton has created a central  
location where all Parish's Mass times for the  
holiday season can be found. Check it out at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/4njtex9a>.

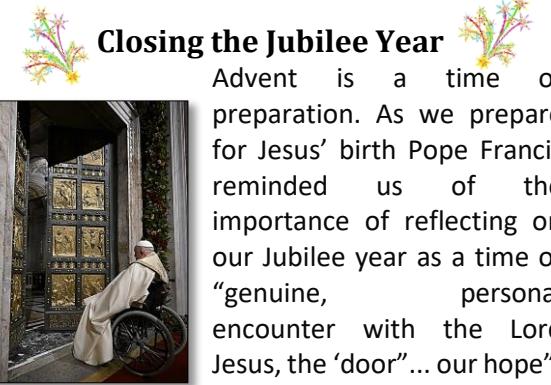
## Journey through Advent

Each Advent the National Office for  
Evangelization and Catechesis produces a four-  
week series on the Sunday Gospels throughout  
Advent with reflections from one of our Canadian  
Bishops. This year, our very own Auxiliary, His  
Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger provides the  
video series for us. Join Bishop Lobsinger as he  
shares reflections on the Gospel of Matthew  
here: <https://tinyurl.com/5xujhc9m>.

## 2026 Parish Envelopes

Are still available outside of the parish hall. For  
those who donate through automatic debit,  
please be sure to pick up your special occasion  
envelope boxes as well.

## Closing the Jubilee Year



Advent is a time of preparation. As we prepare  
for Jesus' birth Pope Francis reminded us of the  
importance of reflecting on our Jubilee year as a time of  
"genuine, personal encounter with the Lord  
Jesus, the 'door'... our hope". We are now preparing for the

sealing shut of the world's Holy Doors signifying  
the end of our Jubilee Year, our Jubilee of Hope.  
Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's  
Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve, **December 24, 2024** and it will be the last door to be closed by  
Pope Leo XIV when the Jubilee concludes on the  
Feast of the Epiphany, **January 6, 2026**.

- St Mary Major: **Dec 25, 2025**
- St Paul Outside the Walls : **Dec 28, 2025**
- Cathedral-Basilica Notre-Dame de Quebec: **Dec 28, 2025**
- St John Lateran: **Jan 4, 2026**

The Hamilton Diocese will end our Jubilee  
activities on **December 28, 2025** on the Feast of  
the Holy Family.

Pope Leo XIV, celebrating the feast of the  
Immaculate Conception, reminds us that our call  
to be Pilgrims of Hope will continue as the Holy  
Doors close, "may other doors now open: doors  
of homes and oases of peace where dignity may  
flower again, where nonviolence is taught, where  
the art of reconciliation is learned."

The Diocese of Hamilton will  
celebrate the closing Jubilee Mass  
at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ  
the King at 3 PM on Sunday,  
December 28, 2025. All are  
welcome.



## 2025 Donations

Donations for 2025 will be accepted up until **Monday December 29<sup>th</sup>**, in order to ensure that our parish books can be closed by the end of the year. Any donations received after this day will be included in the 2026 tax year. A very big thank you for your generosity throughout the year.

### Thank you to our Bakers!

A big thank you to everyone who baked and donated cookies for our homebound parishioners, family and friends! Fr. Paul and Fr. Murray have been visiting those who are unable to join us at Mass, and the cookies were greatly appreciated.

### Advent Charities Collection

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$2,180.00 through this year's Advent charities collection! This money will be sent to the House of Friendship to continue its charitable work, assisting those in our community.

### Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

4th Sunday of Advent

The name given to the Child is Emmanuel — “God is with us.” Not was with us, not will be one day, but is with us: in the world’s story, in the Church’s journey, and in the hidden (and not-so-hidden) places of our own lives. Mary received this presence with her wholehearted “yes,” allowing God’s Word to take flesh in her for the salvation of the world. Every vocation begins with the same openness: welcoming God’s will, letting His presence shape us, and allowing that presence to take flesh within us, so that we may share Him with others. May we, like Mary, receive Emmanuel and give Him flesh through our lives.

Fr. Michal Kruszewski, CR;  
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## Around Town

**THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SAVE THE DATE!** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 31, 2026**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**Maintenance Person** - Blessed Sacrament Parish at 305 Laurentian Drive in Kitchener is in the process of hiring someone for daily maintenance and cleaning tasks. This position requires the ability to perform repairs and conduct maintenance and inspections of both the interior and exterior property. It is a part-time job with flexible hours. We welcome any recommendations. If you are interested, please email our office at [blessedsacrament1977@rogers.com](mailto:blessedsacrament1977@rogers.com). The position is set to begin in January 2026.

**Parenting Tip** - Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus, through stories, Mass, prayer and discussions, on the joy of Christ’s birth and the real reason for the season.

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| <b>Admin. Assistant:</b>    | Mrs. Amanda Michaels   |
| <b>Building Manager:</b>    | Mr. Lazaro Escobar   |
| <b>Asst. Building Mgr.:</b> | Mr. Gary Howell  |

### Parish Office

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm



*“We are a Christ-centered faith community seeking to be instruments of God’s peace.”*

## December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

*“The virgin shall be with child and bear a son; and they shall name him Emmanuel: God is with us”.*

*-Matthew 1:23*

