

## Mass for the Intentions Week

### Monday, December 12, 2022

9:00 a.m. Diocesan Day of Prayer for the Indigenous Peoples of Canada

### Tuesday, December 13, 2022

7:00 p.m. Cathy Doody  
req family  
Denise Dean  
req family  
Jim & Marjorie Hubbard  
req Gus & Aldona Hubbard  
Deceased members of the Bain family  
req Dorothy Radjenovich

### Thursday, December 15, 2022

9:00 a.m. Rita McGrath  
req Betty, Kerry, Stephen & Joseph

### Sunday, December 18, 2022

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Parish

### Tuesday, December 20, 2022

7:00 p.m. Cathy Doody  
req family  
Marianne Hartnett  
req Mike Morton  
Kieran Begadon  
req Greg & Colette Donelson

### Thursday December 22, 2022

9:00 a.m. Barry Snow  
req family  
Anthony Ghilardi  
req Beverley Ghilardi

### Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2022

6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members of Sacred Heart Parish

### Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2022

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Parish



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### Weekly Donations

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Total Revenue \$2,334.00

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Total Revenue \$3,619.75



### Reflection for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

#### The unimaginable Glory of God

**Yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.**

Matthew 11:11

In today's Gospel, Jesus praises John the Baptist as the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. Yet, Jesus adds this enigmatic comment, "yet, the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Is Jesus downplaying John's status?

Rather, Jesus is shifting our focus away from John onto himself and us... As great as the Old Testament is, and the holy men and women who are featured in it, this holiness is a pale reflection of the overwhelming glory of Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

I often think of how our human minds have so little grasp of the glory of God that we will encounter in the Kingdom. We simply cannot imagine the infinite beauty, love and sanctity that is God.

You and I are so very privileged, through the person of Jesus, to be offered a place in that Kingdom. We will spend an eternity giving thanks to God, and even that will not be enough.

Msr. Stephen J. Rossetti

### Reflection for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

#### I Need Jesus

**She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.**

Matthew 1:21

When it's my turn to manage an event, speak, teach or even turn in a big project, I don't feel consciously nervous. But then afterward, the release and relief I feel betrays that maybe, just maybe I didn't know how nervous I actually was. Maybe you've experienced this too, in other ways: I didn't know how tired I was! I didn't realize how hungry I was!

Advent is time to take stock: of emptiness, of sin, of misdirection in our journey. The Scriptures, prayers and images of these weeks have perhaps revealed something to us: I didn't realize how much I need Jesus.

But he knows, of course. And here he is, God with us, come to save us from our sins that we've ignored or hidden and the desire for peace that perhaps we didn't realize can only be found in him. Jesus, only you can fill my heart.

### Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Christmas Giving Tree. You can be sure that you brightened many families Christmas morning. God bless you!

### Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass December 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.  
 Christmas Day Mass December 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.  
 New Year's Day Mass January 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m.

### Reconciliation Times

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

### Come Home for Christmas

Any time is a good time to invite family, friends, and neighbours to attend Mass. Especially so during the beautiful Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to Come Home for Christmas? Whether they have been away for a short time or a long time, we want all Catholics to know that they are warmly welcomed back to our Parish community. Please consider extending this invitation to loved ones, neighbours, and colleagues – for more information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>

### Vocations

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, deacon, or consecrated virgin contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.  
 Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

### Vocation Prayer Calendar

Mon. Dec. 12 Rev. Michael Anderson  
 Tues. Dec. 13 Rev. Robert Love  
 Wed. Dec. 14 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)  
 Thur. Dec. 15 Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.  
 Fri. Dec. 16 Rev. Marko Puljic O.F.M.  
 Sat. Dec. 17 Rev. Ilija Petkovic  
 Mon. Dec. 19 Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksik  
 Tues. Dec. 20 Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.  
 Wed. Dec. 21 Voluntas Dei Onstitute (i.v.Dei.)  
 Thur. Dec. 22 Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.  
 Fri. Dec. 23 Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.  
 Sat. Dec. 24 Rev. Adam Zettle, L.C.



### Blessing of the “Life” Stone

We will welcome Bishop Wayne Lobsinger on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Bishop Lobsinger will be here to bless the “Life” Stone outside of the main entrance of the Church. The Blessing will be followed by a Coffee Sunday in our Parish Centre. We hope everyone can join us for some coffee, tea and dessert.

### Parenting Tip of the Month

Christmas is an exciting and busy time of year, a time when it is vital for parents to counter the secular side of the holiday, so heavily promoted, by helping their children understand the real ‘reason for the season’. Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger before opening presents on Christmas morning, giving to charity and reminding your children Baptism calls all of you to do so, are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus. If Christmas becomes only about Santa, it is a real loss for your children and their faith. From: Family Ministry Office.

### Marriage Tip of the Month

As we move toward the end of the year, take some time as a couple to reflect on your last twelve months together. Ask yourselves what you did well and what you might do better, both for each other and for your marriage. Check in to see if you spent enough time together, if you each remembered to complement each other, showed gratitude for the gifts your spouse brings to your life and whether you felt joy more often than not. If your relationship needs strengthening, commit to finding the help you need to make it strong; if you feel good after your assessment, celebrate your love and thank God for his never-ending support. From: Family Ministry Office.

### Don't forget about our Parish Centre

Ideal for anniversaries, small weddings, baptisms, birthday parties and showers. To inquire about booking, please call 905-387-6650.

