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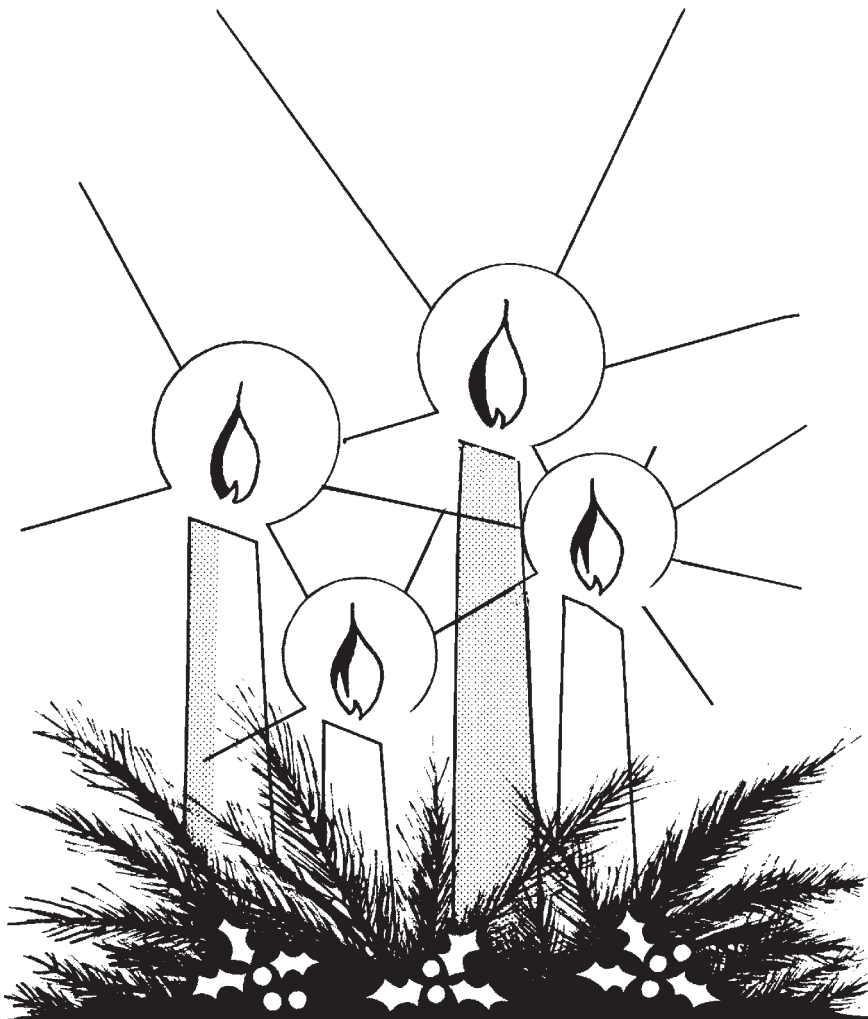
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MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 19 – Ferial - Weekday

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

9:00a.m. – *Mary Peori, Maria Carmela Alpe, Lucia Monardo, Anton Semlok*

Tuesday, December 20 – Ferial - Weekday

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

9:00a.m. – *Andrea Duffy, Harry Perets, Finuala Connolly*

Wednesday, December 21– Ferial - Weekday

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

7:30a.m.- *Rodgers & Forester Family*

8:00am-12:00noon – *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12:00noon- *Benediction*

12:15p.m. *Elizabeth Fabian , Intentions for Fred & Min Enriquez 50th Anniversary*

Thursday December 22– Ferial - Weekday

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

9:00a.m. — *Francesco & Filomena Grasso, John Galvin*

Friday, December 23– Ferial - Weekday

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

9:00a.m. — *Lanny & Eleanor Sorbara*

Saturday, December 24– Ferial – Weekday

5:00p.m. – *Christmas Eve Mass*

7:00p.m. – *Christmas Eve Mass*

11:00p.m.- *Church Open Choir Singing*

12:00a.m.- *Midnight Mass*

Sunday, December 25– The Nativity of the Lord

9:00a.m., 11:00 a.m.

There are no tickets for Christmas Masses this year.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the First Week of Christmas, beginning on Sunday, December 25th, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory for Dominic Conversano and for the Intentions of the Sorbara & Dupuis Families.

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 of \$7,712.65 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord

into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Father Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Offertory Envelopes

The Offertory Envelopes will be at the back of the Church after all Masses. They have been sorted out in alphabetical order, please make sure you pick your box up. You may notice your numbers have changed this year due to a reduced number of boxes being ordered, if you find your envelopes missing, please contact Susan at the Office and she will reissue a new number for you.

2023 Sunday Missals

Missals are available to be purchased after Mass or during the week at the Parish office.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The Catholic young adult book study group will resume their meeting in January. For more information, email hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Christmas cakes and cookies are still available after all the Masses. Please visit us in the South Tower, all proceeds are in support of our Knights of Columbus activities.

Basilica Gift Shop

Be sure to drop into the Gift Shop, located in the Parish Hall and see all the beautiful Christmas items we have secured for you. We have Nativity sets, Christmas decorations and of course all our regular merchandise. We are easy to reach by using the elevator or the staircase just past the elevator.

Evenings with His Excellency

Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency." An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann's YouTube channel.. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

Restart: Refresh, Renew, Revive

A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support and fun! These get-togethers offer continual support and insight for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Held the 2nd and 3rd Fridays of each month, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required. For ZOOM link contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

“Simbang Gabi” at St. Joseph’s Parish, Guelph

This Christmas tradition is coming to St. Joseph parish once again, and will be celebrated starting Thursday, December 15th during the 7:00 p.m. Mass up to Friday, December 23rd. Other Masses designated for this Novena are; December 16th at 7:00 p.m., December 17th at 5:00 p.m., December 18th at 12:00 noon, December 19th to the 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

The traditional Christmas custom of “**Simbang Gabi**” in the Philippines, is a devotional 9-day Novena (series of Masses), practiced by Roman Catholics in anticipation and preparation for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to honour Our Blessed Mother.

There will be breaking of bread and fellowship at the Church hall following each **Simbang Gabi** Masses. Everyone is welcome to join this 9-day Mass Novena/celebration at St. Joseph’s to experience an old but popular Filipino tradition. Hope you can join us.

Mastering Your Money: A Financial Wellness Presentation for the Diocese of Hamilton

Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles. The need for financial literacy has never been more pressing. Join us for this special zoom session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 7-8:30 p.m., presented by Mr. Fred Masters, President & Founder of Masters Money Management Inc., and the author of the critically-acclaimed new book “Lessons on Mastering Money”. He has delivered dozens of financial literacy presentations and is sought-after media commentator on financial literacy. This is a free virtual event, but you must register at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming events, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, to receive the Zoom link.

ReSTART: Moving Forward

This is a new and updated 10 week program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The program runs on Tuesday, March 21st to May 23rd. The sessions take

place from 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our Zoom classroom. Cost is \$25.00 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, email familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register on line at [ReStart Program: Support for Separated and Divorced – Diocese of Hamilton \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](http://ReStart Program: Support for Separated and Divorced – Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com)).

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Struggling After an Abortion?

Your own, or someone else’s? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help – you can heal from the pain. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850. Your call is important to us.

The Diocesan Office of Liturgy

The Diocesan Office is preparing a two-part formation program for Parish musicians, to take place on Tuesday, February 7th, and Tuesday, February 21st, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. These sessions are for all Directors of Music, Choir Directors and Cantors who are serving the Parishes of our Diocese, and will be offered both “in person” and via Zoom. It is important that all our liturgical ministry leaders participate in the upcoming formation sessions. A personal invitation will be sent to each of the Parish music leaders to sign-up for the sessions.

May God Bless You and Your Families During the Christmas Season.

Bishop Ustrzycki, Father Ian, Father Bill, Deacon Quinto, Brother Anthony and all the Parish Team.

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