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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9:00 am – Mass for Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God – Judy Marchiori, Leona DeGenova, Cecelia Tomaso

Tuesday, January 2 – St. Basil & St. Gregory

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Basil Krusky, Salvation of sinners

Wednesday, January 3 – Ferial

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

7:30 a.m. Mass – Isolina Zerpa

8:30 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:15 pm – Mass – Herbert Smith, Kitty Tam

Thursday, January 4 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Walter Pyra

Friday, January 5 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Rosa Salcedo

Saturday, January 6 – Ferial

8:00 a.m. - confessions

9:00 a.m. – Mass sung in Latin

4:00 p.m. - confessions

5:15 p.m. Mass – Faustina Zerpa, Elsa Tonin, Nelson Howard, Guy & Rita Soligo, Andrew Ellis, Roy & Clair Ferraccioli. Intentions for Bob Mason and Marlene Mason

Sunday, January 7 – Epiphany

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

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the Holy Family Of Jesus May and Joseph, beginning on Sunday, December 31st, 2023 the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn in loving memory for the Sorbora and Dupuis Families and for all Living members of the Sorbora and Dupuis families of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate.

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 (to be announced after Christmas) in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world

and is present to the world through His Church. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord you may be called to be a priest, religious or deacons, please contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The Catholic book study group will resume in January, meeting every other Wednesday in the Basilica of Our Lady parish hall at 5:30pm. On January 10th, the group will discuss St. John Paul II's "Letter to Artists," and on January 24th, they will begin discussing "A Canticle for Leibowitz" by Walter M. Miller Jr. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join for a potluck dinner, fellowship, and discussion. Please RSVP by emailing hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com

Membership in the Basilica Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has a core purpose, uniting Catholic women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the Church, Canada and the World. For more information about the league, visit cwl.ca and cwl.on.ca. The cost to become a member of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate CWL is \$40. Payment can be made by cheque or cash and can be dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the weekly offertory in an envelope clearly marked – CWL Membership Fees. Please include your name and contact information.

Basilica Gift Store (Parish Hall)

New items have arrived this past week: new Nativity Sets, including special nativity sets for children, and one-piece sets. Statues that we have not had before include Our Lady of Knots (actually the "undoer of knots") and a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Lourdes with St. Bernadette kneeling before her. There are small angels, stocking stuffers, sets that light up – perfect for your home or office. We have plaques just right for children and yes, those difficult-to-buy-for teenagers. There are Books for little ones, and the list goes on and on. Please drop in after Mass and check us out.

Save the Date – Guelph Catholic Churches

Fun Family Bingo – St. Joseph's Parish Hall 6pm, Bingo starts at 6:30pm, Entrance fee is \$3.00, six cards per person. Saturday Evenings Jan. 13th, Feb. 3rd, March 2nd, Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 10631.

CWL at St. John's Parish, Guelph

St. John the Baptist Parish in Guelph is in the process of reinstating the Catholic Women's League. We welcome back members who registered with other councils during our hiatus. Please contact St. John's Parish Office at 519-824-7311 if you would like to join us again.

Children's Liturgy

If you are a teen or adult, we still need more volunteers to run this every weekend. Call Mary Muller at 289-230-8856 for more information.

Advent Resource for Teens

The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to announce the release of the 2023 Advent Resource, "Shine Your Light". This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The resource is an interactive journal, inspiring prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels, in addition to suggestions for living out the Advent Season. <https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs>.

Divine Mercy PowerPoint Presentation

There will be a whole day seminar at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate on Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 9:00am to 3:00pm (Bring your Lunch).

A great treasury of revelations, teachings, insights, and prayers of the Devotion to the Divine Mercy. In addition to the many significant revelations of Our Lord about trust and mercy, there are major teachings on several subjects, including the Holy Eucharist, Confession, Blessed Mother, spiritual life and suffering of others.

Jesus said: "Write down these words, my daughter. Speak to the whole world about My Mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it, will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My Mercy; let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them."

Renewed by Love – Marian Residence Retirement Home

There is a campaign called Renewed by Love and it seeks to transform the living spaces of the residents of Marian Residence Retirement Home and nurture an environment at Marian Residence that fosters the five values of our organization: Faith, Compassion, Dignity, Respect and Responsibility. For more information please contact: Sister Maria Goretti Figueiredo, SOLI at social@marianresidence.ca.

Special Day Envelopes

Parishioners who donate by weekly or monthly electronic fund transfer (EFT) we now have special donation envelopes available at the parish office for your use.

2024 envelopes and missals are available for pick up, check at the back of the church.

Catholic Moms Group

Calling All Moms! Are you looking for a free, Fun, Faith Filled Afternoon For You and Your Little Ones this Winter?

Meet up Every First Wednesday of the Month 4:30-6:00pm.

We have a retired teacher, who will host a Saint Lesson and Craft; While you gather with like-minded Moms, to share a hot chocolate and ideas on how to live out your Catholic Faith. This is a great opportunity to connect with other incredible Catholic Moms; it takes a village. To RSVP or volunteer, please email

st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

St.John the Baptist 45 Victoria Rd. N, Guelph

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 8, 2024!

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- Must be four years of age on or before Dec 31, 2024 to attend year 1 kindergarten
- Must be five years of age on or before Dec 31, 2024 to attend year 2 kindergarten

During the registration process, school administration is available to assist you with any questions you may have. To assist admin with registering your child, 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
- Immigration documents

Please note students currently attending year 1 kindergarten **ARE NOT REQUIRED** to register for year 2. If you have any questions please contact your local Catholic school.

Sunday of the word of God

The third Sunday of ordinary time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose on Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website:

<https://hamilton.diocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.

Catholic Moms Group

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday January 3rd, 2024 from 4:30-6:00pm. We will chat about how having a baby changes you, we will begin the New Year with Our Lady, reflecting on the joys and sorrows hidden in her own Motherhood to Jesus. Feel free to bring along a friend who would enjoy Catholic Moms Group, Guelph – come join the fun!

At the Catholic Kids Craft Table

Join Diane, a retired teacher who will focus on the month of January, which is the month of Jesus's Holy name. Please consider volunteering or sponsoring our ministry as we grow.

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