

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Masses Intentions

December 3 - 6, 2024

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	† Hilma Clarke † Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	† Bob McGoey
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	† Sarah Pirie
Friday	8:30 a.m.	† Frances Bululian

Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

December 7, 2024

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Sarah Amos † Michael Scholes † Gabriel Paul † All Souls in Purgatory
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VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

December 2 -7, 2024

Mon.	Most Rev., Wayne Lobsinger
Tue.	Rev. Carlos Diaz
Wed.	Order of Preachers Dominican, O.P.
Thurs	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
Fri.	Rev. John Van Hees
Sat.	Engaged Couples


VOCATION VIEW

First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2024

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you feel God may be selecting you for the special life of priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SUNDAY FUNNY

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?



A: Frosted Flakes or Ice Crispies.

momstheboys.com



ADVENT REFLECTION

On this first Sunday of Advent, many of us wait in joyful anticipation—for Christmas, for families reuniting, and for our packages to arrive. Our Church reminds us with today’s readings to redirect that eagerness towards Our Incarnate Lord.

In the Gospel, Christ promises the return of the Son of Man in glory amidst great trial and tribulation, and He calls us to constant vigilance. Yes, we look forward to Christmas during this season, but we also anticipate a day of such significance that Jesus prophesies “there will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars.” Advent is about our grateful certainty that God fulfilled His promise to “raise up from David a just shoot,” when Jesus Christ was born of Mary. That certainty also looks ahead in hope to when He will fulfill His promise to come again. Our hope is not rooted in wishful thinking or optimism. Our hope stems from our trust. We rely upon a God who has already won, who has demonstrated His infinite love by taking on our weakness and our flesh, dying for our sins, and opening the gates of Heaven to us. We look to Christmas day as a sign of the humble and immeasurable love of God, and we anticipate the second coming as the finale of God’s perfect plan.

That said, Jesus’s words in this Gospel are also a warning. The eager anticipation of this season carries with it a sense of vigilance and rigor. We must not grow complacent as we wait, nor should we confuse our confidence in God’s mercy with an excuse to “become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life.” Christ tells us to pray, now, daily, for the strength to stand before the Son of Man on that day of reckoning. So, we also enter a season of preparation, that we might make room in our hearts and our lives for Jesus Christ.

This Advent, let us wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior—both for the celebration of His birth and for His glorious return.

+ Bishop Schlert

IN OUR PARISH



Join us for St. Patrick's Parish Penance Celebration on **Thursday, December 19th, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.** Priests will be available to hear confessions in preparation for the Christmas season.

JOIN US FOR DINNER



St. Patrick's Annual Potluck Dinner will be held on **Saturday, December 7th**, after the 5:00 pm Mass. Bring your favorite recipe and enjoy a variety of delicacies from other families. Come join in the fun, share a meal, and connect with our community!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

December 24 marks the beginning of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will be hosting brief workshops this fall for all Adult Faith Formation Leaders in Parishes and Schools to help prepare for this important moment of celebration in the life of the Church. These workshops are free of charge, and we look forward to providing you with comprehensive materials for adult faith formation programs throughout the Jubilee Year. **All are welcome to attend.**

Registration for one of the workshops can be made here: <https://bit.ly/preparejubilee>.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG DRIVE

The Diocese of Hamilton Office of Justice and Peace would like to extend an invitation to parishes, schools, and families, to participate in a Christmas Gift Bag Drive, in support of De Mazenod Door and its guests.

What is it:

- On Christmas Day, each guest that comes to the De Mazenod Door will receive a warm meal and Christmas gift bag, filled with socks, gloves, hat, scarf, snack and bottle of body wash.
- On New Years Day, each guest will receive a meal, and a \$10 Tim Horton's gift card.

These are important items that not only bring safety and comfort as the temperatures drop, but also care and hospitality to residents facing hardship.

Important Details

*Each gift bag will include the same combination of items – 2 pairs of socks, 1 pair of gloves, 1 scarf, 1 hat, and soap. We will specify sizes for your group.

*Donations should be clean and unworn. The bags must all be the same and will be provided to you.

*All Tim Horton's gift cards should be \$10.00 in value, not more or less, to ensure everyone receives the same gift.

*These will be kept separate from the Christmas gift bags and given out on New Years Day.

*You can sign up to collect items for the Christmas gift bags, OR collect \$10 Tim Hortons gift cards, OR both.

*Volunteers can collect all their items and assemble bags themselves, OR collect their items and drop them off for assembly at the Chancery Office. Please communicate your intention to the Diocesan Office of Justice and Peace.

*Please ensure there is a volunteer designated to transport collected items to the Chancery Office by Dec. 13th. Please do not take donations directly to the De Mazenod Door, as they cannot store them.

*For groups interested in volunteering to assemble and fill the Christmas gift bags at the Chancery Office, please indicate this in your registration.

Groups who have collected donations earlier than Dec. 2nd can arrange an early drop-off by coordinating with the Diocesan Office of Justice and Peace.

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Calling all children and families, the Advent season is now! St. Patrick's Parish is pleased to organize another dramatization of the Christmas Gospel for the Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 pm! Interested families are asked to attend an Information Meeting this Sunday, December 1 after the 9 am Mass in the Parish Hall. The rehearsal schedule will be shared during this meeting. We're excited about another community building event for this special time of year! See you after the 9 am Mass this Sunday, December 1 in the Parish Hall!



Join us for a beautiful 7-part Bible series on The Joyful Mysteries, beginning on Monday, December 9th, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Our world is desperately in need of a joyful Christian witness. To fully appreciate the Joyful Mysteries, we must enter into the longing and waiting of Israel and imagine a world without a Savior. Let our hearts grow in anticipation for the coming of Christ, who exceeded our wildest expectations. Join us for faith formation, heartfelt discussion, and joy.

FORMED IS NOW LIVE!!!!!!!

As a parishioner, you now have free access to a vast library of Catholic movies, audiobooks, radio talks, podcasts, studies, and much more—it's like a Catholic version of Netflix! This "Catholic Faith On Demand" resource is for all parishioners, young and old, and in-between! Log in and see what's waiting for you!!!! Here's how to get started:

Go to: <https://formed.org/> Go to the top of the page and look for: "Find your parish subscription." Create your personal account by looking for the parish name, St. Patrick's, by using the postal code: L7L (space) 4L8 (St Patrick's should pop up)