

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Masses Intentions

December 17 - 20, 2024

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	† Antonio Veira † Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	† Frank & Rita Gallant
Friday	8:30 a.m.	† Charlotte Feegrade

Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

December 21, 2024

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Muriel MacDonald † Hugo Felicetti † Maria Serpa † Valerie Melody
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VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

December 16 - 21, 2024

Mon.	Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.
Tue.	Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.
Wed.	Voluntas Dei Intitute (i.v.Dei.)
Thurs	Rev. Ilija Petkovic
Fri.	Rev. Vinko Nenadic
Sat.	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.

VOCATION VIEW

Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2024

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? 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**



ADVENT REFLECTION

Come, Lord Jesus!

This weekend, we find ourselves at the midpoint of Advent, awakened to a new season with our hearts filled with hope for the coming of the Lord this Christmas. We continue to prepare the way for His coming through repentance and the Sacraments. Blessed by our preparations, our hearts feel great joy as the time is drawing near for the birth of Christ.

This joy was also in the heart of Mary as she visited her cousin Elizabeth. As a young, pregnant woman, Mary left her home and traveled several days on foot to the hill country to visit her (cf. Lk 1:39). Elizabeth, despite her advanced years, was also pregnant and happy to welcome Mary. The two faithful women - both pregnant in accord with God's mysterious will - share delight in the unexpected gift of motherhood.

Like Mary and Elizabeth, we are blessed with joy because we “believe(d) the Lord would fulfill His promises” (Lk 1:45). Because of the great joy of being loved by God, we, in turn, share that love with others. We can joyfully proclaim to all that Our Savior will be born this Christmas!

Therefore, let us prepare. Let us spend time during Advent in prayer and by attending Mass to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, both at Christmas and at the end of time. After we are spiritually fed, we will share in Mary’s joy and spread that love to all we meet.

As always, know of my prayers before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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 a beautiful 7-part Bible series on The Joyful Mysteries, beginning on Monday, December 16TH, 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)



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

A reminder for our cast and families of the Christmas pageant! This **Sunday, December 22nd after the 9 am Mass** will be our full rehearsal run through of the Gospel and distribution of some costume pieces. A final rehearsal will take place at **4:00 pm** before the Christmas Eve Mass. Looking forward to our performance!

Rehearsal Focus	Date & Time
Rehearsal: Blocking the Movement	Sunday, December 15th (After the 9 am Mass)
Full Run Through**	Sunday, December 22nd (After the 9 am Mass)
Day of Mass: Dress Rehearsal	Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 pm

** = Some costume pieces distributed to families for children to wear on Christmas Eve Mass



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

St. Patrick's CWL will be taking a break over the Christmas holiday. Our last meeting was held on Thursday, December 12th with a festive turkey dinner. We also held a deodorant drive with all proceeds going to the Food Bank. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in 2024. We look forward to resuming our meetings in the New Year. Stay tuned for further details in January's bulletins. May all that is beautiful, meaningful and brings you joy be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year! All of us in the CWL wish you and yours a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025 The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year. In Cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28-29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. The year will be officially launched in each Parish in the Diocese on this same day. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude on January 6, 2026.

"In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope." Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

is excited to release our dates for the 2025 season. Our films this year focus on hope and the personal stories that give voice to those that often go unheard. Themes include women's empowerment, refugees, youth, Indigenous justice, and environmental care. We start the season on **January 23, 2025**, with **She Rises Up**, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are fighting to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. Film screenings are shown online, once a month from January to May. You can view our full film lineup at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> We hope you can join us!