

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Masses Intentions

December 24-27, 2024

Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Family Christmas Eve Mass
	9:00 p.m.	Solemn Liturgy of Midnight Mass
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass
	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	† Tony Celi
Friday	8:30 a.m.	† Dick Vaughan

## Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

December 28, 2024

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Oli D'Souza
		† Germaine Derby
		† Susan Hachey
		† Germaine Bremnar
		† Imelda Sabo

## VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

December 23 -28, 2024

Mon.	Rev. Jerek Scherber L.C.
Tue.	Rev. Adam Zettel L.C.
Wed.	Christmas Nativity of the Lord
Thurs	Rev. Jerry Punnassery C.M.I.
Fri.	Rev. Rijo Jose C.M.I.
Sat.	Holy Innocents

## VOCATION VIEW

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2024**

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## SUNDAY FUNNY



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“Putting Baby Jesus in swaddling clothes was the first Christmas present wrapping.”



## 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 a beautiful 7-part Bible series on The Joyful Mysteries, beginning on Monday, December 23, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 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.

*Wishing Everyone a Very Blessed Christmas*



We welcome all who are visiting our parish this Christmas Season. We pray that you will be nourished by our liturgy and feel the warmth that comes from being among friends.

As the body of Christ, We celebrate Jesus, His miraculous birth, as told that first Christmas morn. When Christ was born is significant to the truth we hold. His sacrificial love reconciled us to God with hope of eternal rest. So let us pause and reflect On God's love and grace And know we are wonderfully blessed!

**Merry Christmas!**

Fr. Godwin Pinto & Staff



**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	<b>Sunday, December 15th (After the 9 am Mass)</b>
Full Run Through**	<b>Sunday, December 22nd (After the 9 am Mass)</b>
Day of Mass: Dress Rehearsal	<b>Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 pm</b>

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

**2025 BOXED ENVELOPES**

The 2025 boxed sets of envelopes are ready for pick up. They are in Alphabetical Order, located in the parish hall. Please help us by picking yours up today. If you have requested envelopes and cannot find a boxed set with your name on it, please contact Bonnie in the parish office. Please be careful and double check the name on box so you don't take someone else's with the same or similar surname. If you are not currently using the boxed sets of envelopes and would like to start or if you would prefer to use Direct Debit, please call Bonnie at the parish office.

**Please Note: We have reduced our costs by cutting back on the number of boxed sets we order. Please know that if you had a boxed set of envelopes above 351 you have been assigned a new #.**

**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](http://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!