

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

## Masses Intentions

December 31, 2024-January 3, 2025

Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	New Years Eve Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	† Alyre Teriault
Friday	8:30 a.m.	† Lorne Stretch

### Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

January 4, 2025

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Imelda Hinton
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### VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

December 30, 2024 -January 4, 2025

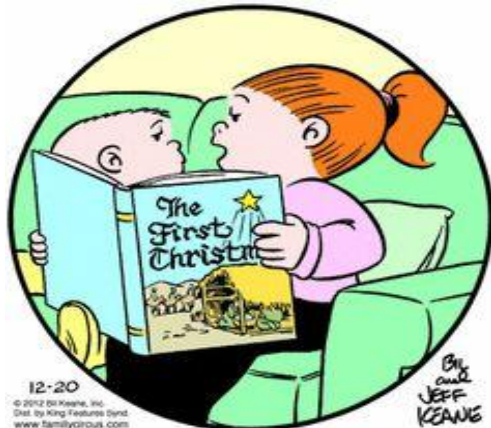
Mon.	Very Rev Msgr Cornelius O'Mahony
Tue.	Rev Felix Nwatu
Wed.	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Thurs	Most Reverend Douglas Crosby O.M.I.
Fri.	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C
Sat.	Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.

### VOCATION VIEW

#### Feast of the Holy Family - December 29, 2024

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. 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



"Then the three wise men came to baby-sit Jesus so Mary and Joseph could finish Christmas shopping."



### REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The First Reading reminds us of the honor that both father and mother hold over their children. The reading from the book of Sirach ties back to the fifth commandment that promises "a long life" for those who honor their father and mother (Ex 20:12). It is the only commandment with a promise.

In the Gospel of Luke, we hear Jesus, being fully God and fully man, submit Himself in honor and obedience to His parents, Mary and Joseph. After He is found in the temple, Scripture tells us that "He went down with [His parents] and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them (Luke 2:51).

There is something about honor and obedience that are at the core of the Heart of the Father. He tells the people of Israel in the Book of Hosea "for it is loyalty that I desire, not sacrifice." (Hos 6:6) When we obey and honor God, and those who have been given the authority over our lives, we please Him and remain under His blessing and protection. Mary and Joseph obeyed the Law of the Lord and brought the Child Jesus to Jerusalem after the days were completed for their purification. They did not exempt themselves from the Law because they were chosen to be the parents of God Himself. Rather, they obeyed precisely because of this.

Their obedience brought with itself a gift from God – Simeon and Anna publicly recognized that this was not just any child – He was the awaited Messiah, confirming for Mary and Joseph this truth that they had already been quietly meditating and celebrating among each other.

And so today, let us take a moment to meditate on the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and their sacrificial obedience to the Father's will. Let us also think of the tender love, kindness, and honor they offered each other as members of a Holy Family.

Finally, let us bring into mind our own mother or father, or perhaps a sibling who needs deeply of our tenderness and forgiveness, and ask the Lord to give us the grace to extend honor and mercy to them in our hearts today.

Bishop Schlert

### New Year's Eve/Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
Tues Dec 31st)



Thank you to all parishioners for your Prayers and Good Wishes this Christmas season. Thank you for Gifts & Cards to myself & staff. Your wonderful good will is truly appreciated! May 2025 be a year filled with grace and favour for St. Patrick's Parish Community and I extend my personal Blessing to all!

FR. GODWIN & STAFF!

## 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 #.**

# Happy New Year!

*God of Newness, Bless this year! Help us to learn from the mistakes of yester-year and begin this year with a clean heart. As we make our individual promises to you, help us to fulfill our oaths. Give us strength to preserve and maintain a true course.*

*May hope, love, and warmth be in your heart and may the 2025 New Year bring you and your family many blessings.*

*Fr. Godwin and Staff*

## 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*.

## 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.

### 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!