

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Masses Intentions

January 14 - 17, 2025

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	† †
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	†Lorraine Doyle
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Int of Florence McDermott
Friday	8:30 a.m.	† Frank & Rita Gallant

Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

January 18, 2025

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Eileen Fry
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VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

January 13 -18, 2025

Mon.	Rev. Allan Varlaki
Tue.	Rev. Rajesh Dsouza, O.C.D.
Wed.	Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.
Thurs	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Fri.	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Sat.	Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J. /Prayer for Christian Unity

VOCATION VIEW

Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2025

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, “You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.” Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

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SUNDAY FUNNY

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by Mark Parisi



BAPTISM OF THE LORD



REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

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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. 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.

IN OUR PARISH



Join us for a beautiful 7-part Bible series on The Joyful Mysteries, beginning on **Monday, January 20**, 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.

THE PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

St. Patrick's is offering a new workshop beginning on **Wednesday, January 22nd**, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Ministry Room. "The Prayer and Life Workshop" will help participants learn and deepen skills in the art of prayer and will overcome anxieties through healing and reconciliation, acceptance and surrender, in 15 weekly sessions. Come experience the fruits of this workshop – developing a deeper relationship with God, establishing daily prayer habits, discovering life tools that will move you closer to living like Jesus, and deepening your commitment to the Church. There is a nominal fee for the materials that will be used. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex on the back table. Please prayerfully consider this workshop.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 7-9, 2025. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

MARRIAGE TIP #145

January is a perfect time to sit together as a couple with a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and do a little year in review. Did we spend enough time with each other and with our families? What went well for us and where do we recognize challenges? Discuss how these things could be better in 2025 and commit to making it happen for your couple relationship. A little marriage reflection and tune-up can keep the sparks alive!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" 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 available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com. On December 29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family the Jubilee Year was inaugurated in our Cathedral Church and all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for **Hero's of Hope** – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call

to be leaders in our parish community
and for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts
for the building up of your Church
and the service of their sisters and brothers.

Through their varied ministries,
may they touch the hearts of all in our community
who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith,
that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL Join us **January 23, 2025, 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for *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 working 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 screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at:** <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at www.hamiltondiocese.com