

Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2024 – Year C

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

Thank you very much for your generosity towards our Parish. We invite you to **consider pre-authorized withdrawal**. It is an easy and convenient for you to donate and allows us to operate with less volunteers (which we are struggling to get). Please contact the office to sign up. You can also sign up for online giving through our website.

If you wish to make any donations that you want to be included in 2024 income tax receipt, please do so before the 31st of December.

Donations envelopes will be placed out in the Narthex soon.

Kindly take yours for 2025.

**Thank you &
God bless your generosity.**

COME HOME *for Christmas*

For Mass times and more visit hamiltondiocese.com

Christmas Eve Mass

Tuesday, December 24,
4:00pm, 7:00pm and 10:00pm

Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 10:00am

Feast of the Holy Family

Sat., Dec 28th, 5pm
Sun., Dec 29th at 9 or 11:30am

2025 New Year's Mass - Solemnity of Mary

Tues., December 31, 2024 5:00pm

New Year's Day Mass
Wed., January 1, 2025, 10:00am



DIocese of HAMILTON



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*.

Christmas Flower Offering ... If you're able, we invite you to help support our decorating initiative by offering a contribution in the Flower Donation Envelope found in the Narthex. Thank you!



Mass Intentions... Please connect with the office to have your Mass Intentions offered for 2025. Mass intentions can be said for, repose of the soul, birthdays & anniversaries, health or even privately. **Masses remain \$10 & Cards are \$2 payable by cash only.** In 2025, only Thursdays & Saturdays will be accepting multiple Mass intentions. If you require a specific date, kindly connect with us to ensure you're not disappointed.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 22, 2024 – Year C

Masses of the Week

8:00am Tuesday, December 17, 2024

† Joseph Ching

8:00am Wednesday, December 18, 2024

† Kruno Penavic

8:00am Thursday, December 19, 2024

† Joachim Neo

† Francisco & Manuel Melo

8:00am Friday, December 20, 2024

Intentions of Joanne Davies

5:00pm Saturday, December 21, 2024

† Silva Morgan Perini

† Manuel Jose & Guilherme Melo

9:00am Sunday, December 22, 2024

Intentions of Daniel Perini

† William Brode

11:30am Sunday, December 22, 2024

Intentions of the People -

of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish



4:00pm Tuesday, December 24, 2024

† Antonio Solon Modina

7:00pm Tuesday, December 24, 2024

† Jeanette St. Jules & Peter Morettin

10:00pm Tuesday, December 24, 2024

† Ralph Naccarato

Intentions of Fr. Kenneth Le Blanc L.C.

10:00am Wednesday, December 25, 2024

† Joseph Neo & Teresa Chua

No Mass - Thursday, Dec 26, 2024

8:00am Friday, December 27, 2024

Intentions of Sr. Roxie

5:00pm Saturday, December 28, 2024

† Victor & Beatrice Schembri

† Maria & Francis Bruno

9:00am Sunday, December 29, 2024

† Antonio Briseno & Maria Dorontes

11:30am Sunday, December 29, 2024

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A note from our St. Vincent de Paul

A big Thank You to our Parishioners for your generosity and Support. We live in an amazing and generous community. On Dec 8th the Angel Wish Tree will be going up in the Narthex to support Families and Children in Need. The last date to donate will be December 22nd.

The Liverpool 4 Fundraiser at the Legion raised \$5,570.00. Here is the breakdown of the profits which were donated to various organizations in both Waterdown and Hamilton.

- > \$1800.00- Migrants Dinner at St. Thomas Church.
- > \$1000.00- Sister's of Poor in Jesus Christ.
- > \$1000.00- Good Sheppard.
- > \$500.00- DeMazenod Door.
- > \$250.00- Food with Grace. (Grace Anglican Church)
- > \$250.00- Out of Cold Meal Program (Knox Presbyterian)
- > \$450.00- Waterdown Manor BBQ.

Thank you for supporting our cause to assist the Needy and Homeless. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Joy and Prosperity in 2025.

Office Closure for the Christmas Holidays

The office will be **CLOSED** starting December 23 for the Christmas Holidays – reopening on January 6, 2025. During this time, emails and phone calls will be periodically monitored. Kindly attend Mass to speak directly with Father Francis for any urgent matters. Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Christmas Holiday!



HOLY COMMUNION

The Church extends an invitation to children of Grade 2 to prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. It is the child's parents who will decide when the proper time has arrived to celebrate these Sacraments. This is an important decision, as it will shape your child's faith journey throughout his/her life.

I invite both parents and children to attend one meeting on either Thursday January 9th at 6pm or Saturday, January 11th at 10am. During this meeting I will walk you through the preparation process for your child's upcoming Sacraments. First Communion will take place at the end of April and beginning of May 2025. If you're requiring Catechesis Correspondence, kindly call the Diocese and register for a class.