DECEMBER 25/26, 2021

WELCOME to all who have come to worship and pray with us this weekend. We are glad you are here!

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Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

Offered at 9:00am & 11:00am Masses (Sept - June) – cancelled for now

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:30pm – 5:00pm
**Or by appointment*

ADORATION (1 HOUR)

Friday: 8:30am-9:30am

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Tuesday-Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

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NATIVITY OF THE LORD / HOLY FAMILY

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH **8:00AM**
+Josephine Volpacchio

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH **8:00AM**
+Maria Roefaro
+Kuti Family
+Orlando Verrecchia
+Joyce Innocente
+Ippolito & Fontana Families
+Voigt & Vandehei Families
+Gioberti, Zamprogna & Andrego Families

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH **8:00AM**
+Le-Butler Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST **8:00AM**
+Tony Salvatori

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST **5:30PM**
Intentions of our Parishioners

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST **10:00AM**
Intentions of our Parishioners

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND **9:00AM**
Special Intention for Barbara King

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND **11:00AM**
+Zbigniev Borzeki
+Vince Vizzari
+Dalia (DiPietro) DeTina
Missa Pro Populo

December 27th:	OFFICE CLOSED
December 28th:	OFFICE CLOSED
December 29th:	OFFICE CLOSED
December 30th:	9 am – 4 pm
December 31st:	OFFICE CLOSED
January 3rd:	OFFICE CLOSED
January 4th:	9 am – 4 pm

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Welcomes YOU!

Whether you are new to our parish, or have been with us for many years, your presence leaves a unique mark on the life of our church. As your Pastor, I am excited you are with us today to build an even stronger parish community now and into the future.

Fr. Ross Campbell

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Very Rev. Mrgr. Murray Kroetsch
Tuesday	Rev. Francisco Cruz
Wednesday	Sisters of St. Anne
Thursday	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz
Friday	Rev. Melvin Pinto
Saturday	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

OFFERTORY

Envelope Contributions	$9,929.00
Loose Collection	$41.00
Online Donations	$1,613.51
TOTAL COLLECTION	**$11,583.51**

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HOW TO USE QR CODES

A QR code is a scannable image that smartphones can recognize and give you a shortcut to easily access online links. We now have two in our weekly bulletin - one to the main page of the parish website and the other to the online donation page. **Open the camera app or the QR app on your phone and hold your phone over the code. A link should pop up – just tap on it!**

DECEMBER 24TH, 25TH AND 26TH, 2021

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH
1 John 1.1-4; Psalm 97.1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20.2-8

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
1 John 1.5-2.2; Psalm 124.2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Matthew 2.13-18

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH
1 John 2.3-11; Psalm 96.1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 2.22-35

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
1 John 2.12-17; Psalm 96.7-8, 9-10ab, 10c-12a; Luke 2.36-40

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
1 John 2.18-21; Psalm 89.1-2, 3-4, 26+296.1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1.1-18

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST
Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm 67.1-2, 4-5, 6-7; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND
Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12

PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST

This past autumn, world leaders gathered for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26). Although these powerful decision-makers were debating the future of the planet, they are probably too far removed from the realities of its most vulnerable people. It is up to us to hear and amplify the voices of those who are defending their rights and the environment against economic ravage. Medarda Hernandez, whose community in Honduras has been repeatedly harmed by large industrial projects, including supposedly "green" projects, says, "if other extractivist projects start in our community, we are not going to let them pass. I ask the international community to come to our aid, because we are really suffering from this situation." So that people like Medarda do not go unheard, let's make Canadian companies operating abroad responsible for protecting human and environmental rights. Join Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign to make this happen. Visit https://devp.org/en to learn more. Let's listen to the voices of our brothers and sisters fighting for their right to a healthy environment.

BISHOP CROSBY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR 2021

My dear friends,

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shone!" Is. 9.2

The fact that we are now dealing with the Omicron variant of the pernicious COVID-19 virus is discouraging indeed. We have worked so hard to do what we can to "manage" the pandemic protocols, but the daily bad news of increased infections, after we thought we were getting ahead of things, makes it difficult to remain positive.

The scripture passages given to us by the Church in the daily readings during the Christmas season remind us over and over again that we are a people of HOPE – darkness does not overwhelm us. The powerful recounting of the Christmas story lifts us up out of darkness, sadness, and sorrow, and reminds us that God has given us a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. This announcement gladdens us and reassures us that the Lord is with us – especially in the darkest of nights. It is the blessing of Christmas!

May the God of infinite goodness,
who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night, drive far from you the darkness of death and illumine your hearts with the light of life!
(From the solemn blessing of Midnight Mass)

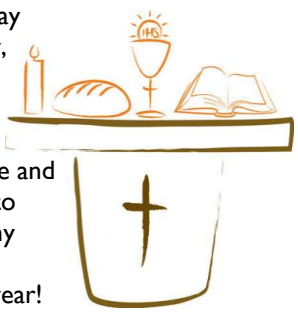
Merry Christmas! Enjoy the season.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,
+Douglas Crosby, OMI (Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton.

HEAR A CALL TO A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?
Contact Bishop Lobsinger at: gem@hamiltondiocese.com

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION!

In Canada, EVERY Sunday, Christmas Day Day, and January 1st (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) are days of obligation where Catholics fulfill their baptismal promise to live in the truths of the faith by attending Mass, the most sacred place and time at that moment in our life! Come to Mass and allow God to fill you with many blessings and graces this Advent and Christmas season, and throughout the year!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24th

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS – 12:00 MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25th

9:00 am & 11:00 am

*** There will be no 5:30 pm Mass on December 25th, Christmas Day

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (SUNDAY OBLIGATION)

Sunday, December 26th

9:00 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

January 4th – 8:00 am

January 5th – 8:00 am

January 6th – 8:00 am

January 7th – 8:00 am

(*No adoration after Mass on January 7th*)

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31st

5:30 pm

New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1st

10:00 am

*** There will be no 5:30 pm Mass on January 1st, New Year's Day

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY (SUNDAY OBLIGATION)

Sunday, January 2nd

9:00 am & 11:00 am

You can only register for *CHRISTMAS MASSES.*

Please register by calling the parish office only. The number is 905-662-8593.

Please **DO NOT** leave a message or email the parish.

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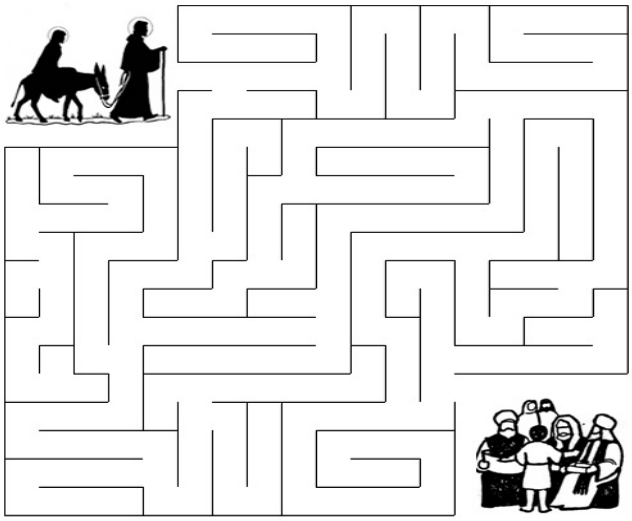
GOSPEL ACTIVITY

Mary and Joseph Search for Jesus

Can you help Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple?



When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
Luke 2:45-46

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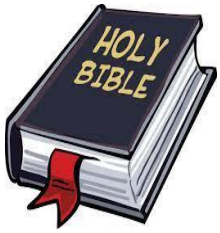


BIBLE TRIVIA

Who was the ruler of Israel when Jesus was born?

Last week's answer:
A donkey

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

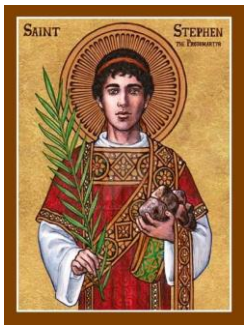
You are invited to visit https://hamiltondiocese.com/holyfamily2021/ to access a beautiful resource for families to share and pray together in celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend!

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Pageant Premiere – Dec 24
Game Night – Jan 8
Lectio Divina– Jan 10
QUEST – Jan 12
DIGGING DEEPER – Jan 15

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

♥ Jesus was obedient to his parents, even though he was the Son of God. Do you find it easy or hard to be obedient?
♥ Jesus called the temple his "Father's house". What is your favorite thing to do at church?



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"You desire that which exceeds my humble powers, but I trust in the compassion and mercy of the All-powerful God."

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT VIDEO

Merry Christmas!! This year our annual Christmas pageant will take the form of a video that will premiere on the parish YouTube Channel at 12:00pm on Christmas Eve! You're invited to tune in and experience the story of Jesus' birth through photos, videos, and music contributed by our youth and families!

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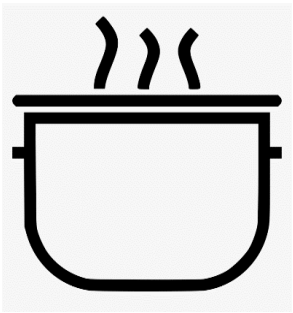
WEEKLY RECIPE!

Walnut Crescent Cookies (easy for last-minute baking!)



INGREDIENTS

Butter (1 cup)
Water (1 Tbsp)
Vanilla (2 tsp)
White sugar (1/4 cup)
Flour (2 cups)
Almonds, chopped (3/4 cup)

DIRECTIONS

Cream butter and sugar; add vanilla and water. Cream together. Add flour and nuts; mix well. Form into crescents and place on untreated cookie sheet. Bake for 20 minutes at 300F. While hot, roll in white sugar. ENJOY!!

YEAR-END DONATIONS

CRA regulations prevent us from accepting 2021 donations in 2022. If you would like to make a "year-end donation", please do so before or by December 31st, 2021. Donations received after December 31st, 2021 must be credited for 2022. Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated. Thank-you greatly for your continued support!

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