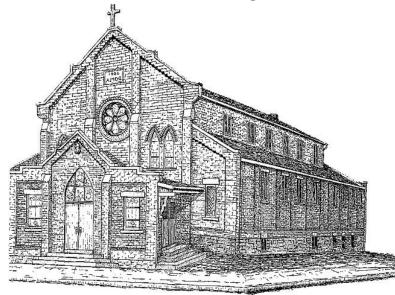
SACRED HEART PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tel: 519-822-8944 Fax: 519-822 -6699

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Sacred Heart Catholic School Tel: 519-824-2751 St. James Catholic High School Tel: 519-822-4290

OUR LORD'S DAY LITURGIES

Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. – Polish Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please check schedule next page

St. Vincent de Paul: 519-265-8944

Sacrament of Penance: Before each weekday Mass, Saturday 6:20 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. Any time upon request.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office at least a month prior to the proposed date of Baptism. Application forms are available at the office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact the Parish at least six months before the proposed date of marriage.

Sacrament of Anointing and Communion to the sick: Available upon request

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All Night Adoration Every First Friday of the Month.

Catholic Funeral Rites: For information regarding Catholic burial please contact the Marymount Cemetery & Our Lady Immaculate Mauseoleum at 519-836-8814

> *Catholic Womens League (CWL):* Contact person: Iole Cazzola 519-824-6022

Knights of Columbus St. George Council 16183 General Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of each month. For information, contact - Grand Knight - Mr. Mike Macerollo 519-710-5354 email: macerollo.m@gmail.com

PARISH MINISTRIES (please contact the people listed below to volunteer in **YOUR** parish!)

Extra- Ordinary Ministers	s Angela Marchione-Faragher	519-831-4377	Polish N	finistries: Jadwiga Wrzalka	519-760-0040
St. Vincent de Paul	Patricia Franceschini	519-822-7765	Lectors	Angela Marchione-Faragher	519-831-4377
Altar Servers	Roandre Villegas	519-823-0482	Ushers	Jack or Monica Glazier	519-822-7629



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Thursday 12-07 - Rev. Donald Sanvido Friday 12-08 -The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday 12-09– Rev. David Perrin

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

 Sunday 03 – First Sunday of Advent
Monday 04 – St. John Demascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Wednesday 06 – Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Thursday 07- Memorial of St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor
Friday 08 – Solemnity of the "Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 09 – Saint Juan Diego
Sunday 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 2023 — OVERVIEW FOR THE MONTH

The first two days of December fall during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time and is represented by the liturgical color green. The next 22 days fall during the liturgical season of Advent and are represented by the liturgical color purple—a symbol of penance, mortification, and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity, and innocence.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of December 2023

For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- DECEMBER 3RD



The first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to center our thoughts on **hope**. It's a beautiful chance to remember the **hope** God offers to our lost and dying world, and that He's given us through Jesus.

Galatians 4:4-8 says:

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you, his heir.

Paul, the writer of Galatians, articulates so perfectly the great hope we celebrate at Christmas! Without God's intervention, we were all slaves...bound up by our sin nature and hopelessly headed to the grave. Because of God's great love for us, He came down and rescued humanity by sending his Son as a sacrifice for our sin—so we could be free from the chains of sin and become fully part of God's glorious eternal family.

On this **first Sunday of Advent**, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate **Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity**; let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. Over this Advent, we pray that **hope** would rise up in our spirits in a tangible and life-giving way.

"A CHRISTMAS PRESENCE" AT SACRED HEART CHURCH



Our annual Christmas Memorial will be held on **Wednesday**, **December 13**, **2023**, **at 7:00 pm** at Sacred Heart Church. Once again, your donations for the Memorial rosary, will be donated to the Chalice Christmas Fund, the Catholic Sponsorship program. Request forms for the

Memorial rosary will be distributed next weekend at all masses. If you have never been to this beautiful event, be sure to put it on your Advent List!

Schedule for Christmas and New Year

CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTAMS

Monday, December 11, 2023 - 7:30am - 8:10am Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - 6:00pm - 6:55pm Wednesday, December 13, 2023- 7:30am - 8:10am Thursday, December 14, 2023- 6:00pm - 6:55pm Friday, December 15, 2023 - 7:30am - 8:10am; 6pm-6:55pm Saturday, December 16, 2023 - 7:30am -8:10am; 6:00pm - 6:55pm Sunday, December 17, 2023 - 11:00am-11:55am;6:00pm - 6:55pm Monday, December 18, 2023 - 7:30am - 8:10am. Tuesday, December 29, 2023 - 6pm - 6:55pm

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00am - English Mass 12:00pm -Polish Mass **Christmas Eve** 7:00pm - English Mass 10:00pm - Polish Mass

Monday, December 25, 2023 The Nativity of the Lord **Christmas Dav** 10:00 am – English Mass 12:00pm – Polish Mass



Monday, January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 10:00am – English Mass 12:00pm - Polish Mass

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CROSS



On behalf of all parishioners, I would like to thank the following for their role in the production, Blessing, and installation of our new cross!

Bishop Emeritus Matthew Ustrzycki, Fr. Donald Sanvido, Fr. Wieslaw Berdowicz, Peter Bernardi, DuRose Manufacturing Ltd. G.D.M.Construction Services, George's Electric, Lovett Signs, Marcello Silveri, Angelo Stefanelli, Mike Veroni. This 5' x 3', Stainless Steel Cross weighs approx. 85lbs. and contains approx. 200 high quality string lites. The official

lighting of the cross is scheduled for Saturday, December 23, immediately following the 7:00pm mass.

Coffee and desserts to follow in the Church Hall. Once again, "THANK YOU" everyone!

NEED HELP IN THE HOUSE?

My name is Justine Mafua Ntembo, and I am a parishioner here at Sacred Heart for about 2 years now and am so happy to have found such a friendly and loving parish for my grandson, MacDaniel and mvself!

I am looking for employment, during the daytime, doing cooking and cleaning, as I have for many years. If you need some help, or know someone who does, I would be very glad to talk with you. We go to the 10:00am mass on Sundays. My number is 437-248-3552.

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES

for current and new users for 2024 are displayed in the back of the church in alphabetical order according to family name. All users are asked to write their first name, last name, and address on the first envelope in order to match the envelope number with the



family name they signed for. Please make sure that you take your envelope.

Being a Registered Parishioner is helpful in the future requirements related to the religious life.

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REGISTER? PLEASE COMPLETE FORM AND DEPOSIT IN THE COLLECTION OR HAND IN TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

Family Name_ First Name (s)__ Address Phone No.

Email address

Sunday Offering Envelopes: Yes____

No Tax receipts available for your donations. Please obtain envelopes at the Office. Tax receipts for all donations over \$20 are issued every January.



BLESSED **CHRISTMAS** WAFERS (OPLATEK) ARE **AVAILABLE** IN THE CHURCH AND THE OFFICE.

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR TEENS

The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to announce the release of the 2023 Advent Resource, "Shine Your Light". This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The resource is an interactive journal, inspiring prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels, in addition to suggestions for living out the Advent Season. Special links and videos are included to help teens meditate on the weekly themes. You are invited to share this resource with the teens of your school communities. The resource is located here : https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs

ADVENT PRAYER NIGHT FOR YOUTH MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of praver and fellowship. Join us on Wednesday,

December 13th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelton for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR



the health of Baby Ava, Ellen Norrie, Virginia **Everson, Cathryn Everson**

+ Reno Sanvido, +Lorenzo Di Reto, +Isabelle Serafin, +Angela Mandl, +Jerzy Polaski, +Kathleen Sorbara, +Corado Uliana +Cathy Caravaggio (Mammoliti), +Maria Aramini, + Palmira Vincentine, +Rose Ann Mugford, + Henryk Piszko, +Rino Bussato, +Paul Miller, +Emilia Rosenbaum, +Margaret Joyce Sanvido, Zofia Danowska, Teresa Szytniewska, Henryk Mieczkowski.

