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LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday to Friday at 8:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday After the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday..... 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
Other times..... By appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible after the birth of your baby.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION – Catholic children in public school are prepared for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation through correspondence lessons. For details or to register, please contact the Diocesan Catechesis Office at 1-905-528-7988.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE – Please contact the Parish Office at least six months before the desired date. At least one person must be registered in the Parish. Wedding dates are booked with the Pastor.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE – Please contact Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, VG, EV, at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2222 or visit: hamiltondiocese.com

ANOINTING OF THE SICK – The Sacrament is celebrated communally once per year, and individually by request.

FUNERALS – When a death occurs in the family, please contact the Parish Office and Father will assist in any way with liturgical arrangements.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS – Please keep your love for the parish alive: When recommending expressions of sympathy, please remember St. Clement Parish.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – Your donations support our Society as our volunteers deliver grocery vouchers into the hands of the needy in the Preston area. Thank you for your generous support. Please note that at this time we have resumed delivering grocery vouchers.

Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo – Pastor

Email: fr.mariusz@outlook.com

Rev. Ed Hinsperger – In Residence

Mrs. Franki Baumtrog – Parish Secretary

Mrs. Dee Donahue – Bookkeeper

Mr. Andrew Blaszczuk – Custodian

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please submit your announcements to the Parish Office by 12:00 noon on Tuesday.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!

Parish registrations may be submitted through our parish website (www.stclementsparish.ca) or you may find a copy in the vestibule. Forms may be submitted through the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Joseph School..... 519-653-4482
St. Michael School..... 519-653-3351
St. Benedict C.S.S. 519-621-4050

PARISH PRAYER NETWORK – This group prays confidentially for anyone who asks. Prayer requests (intentions) are received by telephone/email and passed, member to member, to the next person on the list. To request prayers or to join the group, please contact Mrs. Reggie Weidinger at 519-653-0625 or email: edwardweidinger@rogers.com.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION – Each Friday for one hour following the daily Mass. Everyone is welcome to spend quiet time in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER – For information about Activities and Events of Interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 5, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Requested by:
Monday, December 6 St. Nicholas , Bishop (Optional Memorial)	8:00 AM	Repose of Souls in Purgatory Jo Van Den Dugen Artemio Parada Tony Laugalys	Joe & Maria Morais Reggie The Spring Family St. Clement's Celebration Choir
Tuesday, December 7 St. Ambrose , Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)	8:00 AM	Maria Moura & Deceased Family Members Stephen Sharma Gerry Grummett Anne Baumtrog	Antonio Moura & Family Colin & Kay MacDonald Pearl Fler Family
	8:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Wednesday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	8:00 AM	Marguerite Worden Special Intentions of a Parishioner Edgardo Tupas Bernice Boomer Special Intentions of a Parishioner Helen Schaller	Jennifer Renner Parishioner Sonia Her Family Parishioner Fred
	10:30 AM	School Class Mass	
Thursday, December 9 St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin (Optional Memorial)	8:00 AM	Gregory Stoyles Lorraine Garnier Garry Fitzgerald Paul Atkins Sr.	The Stoyles Family Her Family His Family His Family
	8:00 AM	Rosemary Fischer Bryan King Jenny Dwyer	
Friday, December 10 Our Lady of Loreto (Optional Memorial)	8:30 AM	<i>"What do you possess if you possess not God?"</i> St. Augustine	Roger Sharon Liz & Carlo Stea
	9:30 AM		
Saturday, December 11 St. Damasus I , Pope (Optional Memorial)	12:00 PM	Sacrament of Baptism Sacrament of Reconciliation Clarence & Cody Smith & Deceased Family Richard Stoyles Special Intentions of a Parishioner James & Cecilia Power John & Elizabeth Fitzpatrick Don Peacock Gwendolyn Leslie	Gerard Schmidt Marie Stoyles & Joe Moura Parishioner Walter & Mary Power Walter & Mary Power Jim & Mary Renner Cathy & Paul Bennett & Lynne & Rich Hallett
	4:00 PM		
	5:00 PM		
Sunday, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM	For the people of St. Clement Parish – (MPP) Special intentions Sacrament of Baptism	
	11:00 AM		
	12:15 PM		

Join our parish community in praying the Rosary every day before the daily Mass. The Rosary starts at 7:30AM.



SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to

embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Please visit the link below: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

We welcome the following children to the household of faith through the waters of Baptism: **Amelia Evelina Fournier Cordeiro, Hannah Carolle Fournier Cordeiro, Jayden Anthony Gaynor, Mason Jesse Bubba Fournier**. Let us pray that they will continue to grow in faith, bearing witness to Christ by a life of faith, holiness and service. Congratulations to their parents and godparents on this happy occasion.

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. Please see the link provided here (www.hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021) for suggestions, videos and a simple prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent. We invite our parishioners to share this resource with those in our communities who may benefit.

ADVENT†

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council **4916** participates in the Ontario Knights of Columbus 50/50 Charity raffle. The next draw is on December 30/21 with an early bird draw on December 1/21. Tickets are 100 for \$40, 40 for \$20 and 15 for \$10. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.kofc4916.ca and click on the link to purchase your tickets from Council 4916. This credits our Council for the sale. Confirmation of sale and ticket numbers will follow in an email. Thank you for supporting Knights of Columbus Charities



“BAMBINELLI SUNDAY”

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter’s Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the ‘Bambinelli’ – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, **December 12th at the 9AM and 11AM Mass** to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your ‘Bambinelli’ home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

DIocese OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember in your prayers ...

Monday	Rev. Lagos Angyal
Tuesday	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Wednesday	Order of Preachers (Dominican) (OP)
Thursday	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, OP
Friday	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, CMI
Saturday	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul deeply regrets that we will not be able to operate our Christmas Giving Tree toy campaign. However, our members are planning to deliver grocery vouchers to the homes of the needy in the Preston area this Christmas. We are very grateful for the ongoing monetary support of the parishioners of St. Clement’s Church. A special Christmas donation envelope is included with the regular offertory envelopes. Extra Christmas envelopes will be available in the Church, if needed. Please ensure that your cheque is payable to **“The Society of St. Vincent de Paul”**. If you would like a tax receipt, please provide us with your full name and address. We thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity this Christmas!



2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

2022 Offering Envelopes are available in the Parish Hall. If you have used envelopes this past year, there will be a box for you in 2022. For parishioners who do not have envelopes and would like to begin using them, please complete a Parish registration form and indicate at the bottom of the form that you would like to support the parish through the use of offertory envelopes. The envelopes will be available for you the following weekend. Envelopes have still been provided for those enrolled for Pre-Authorized Giving this year. Kindly pick up your envelope package as soon as possible. For more info about automatic withdrawal that we have available at St. Clement please contact our parish office and we will be happy to send you all the information. **Note:** Please check the label on your package of envelopes to ensure you have picked up the correct package.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF

We all enjoy the beauty of the flowers in our church, how the sanctuary looks decorated. As we enter into the Season of Advent, we realize that Christmas is not that far away, so we have begun the planning of the flowers for the Christmas Season! During this holy time of Advent consider helping to decorate our church by making donations to make the Holy Space look as beautiful and bright as it has in past years! If



you would like to contribute, please kindly put your donation into a separate envelope during Advent and write “donation for Christmas Flowers” on the outside. Donations can also be made in memory of a loved one, whom you would like to remember on Christmas Day – please write “donation for Christmas flowers in memory of” and your loved one’s name on a piece of paper in your envelope, as well as the Christmas Mass that you are planning to attend. Their name will be placed in the parish bulletin for Christmas and the Mass you indicate will be offered for the repose of their soul. Anyone who would like to make a donation towards the Christmas Flowers is asked to do so by Sunday, December 19.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, Friday, December 24, 2021
5 PM, 7 PM and 10PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, Saturday, December 25, 2021
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Note: please remember that there are no Masses anywhere in the Diocese of Hamilton on the afternoon of Christmas Day.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY,
Sunday, December 26, 2021
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD ,
Friday December 31, 2021 - 5 PM
Saturday, January 1, 2022 - 9 AM and 11 AM
(No Saturday 5:00 PM Mass on New Year’s Day)

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Sunday, January 2, 2022 - 9 AM and 11 AM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – COUNCIL 4916 NEWS

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be held Thursday, December 9th at St Mary of the Visitation Parish, 16 Cooper St., Cambridge at 7:00 p.m. Please note that proof of vaccination must be shown, masks must be worn as well as signing the attendance register.

CALENDARS

Catholic Calendars for 2022 are now available in the church and Parish Office. Please feel free to take one or two of them with our compliments. Thank you very much to the generous donor, whose business is listed on the calendars, who made their purchase possible.

More on the next page!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the

need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before. LPI

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