



ST. CLEMENT PARISH

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 12, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Requested by:
Monday, December 13 St. Lucy , Virgin, Martyr (Memorial)	8:00 AM	Special Intentions of a Parishioner In Honour of St. Lucy In Thanksgiving to St. Lucy For Deceased of the Isley, Goad & Kimpel Families Repose of Souls in Purgatory	Parishioner Fran & Judy Isley Fran & Judy Isley Fran & Judy Isley Asuncion Family
Tuesday, December 14 St. John of the Cross , Priest & Doctor of the Church (M)	8:00 AM	Michael Tingley Special Intentions of Josephine Struck on her 101st birthday	Barbara Carr Parishioners of St. Clement
Wednesday, December 15	8:00 AM	John Gyurik & John Kempniak Richard Stoyles	Paula & Marietta Gregory Stoyles Jr. & Dr. Polly Booth Fred Mordeczko Family Sonia
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f0ff;"> Join our parish community in praying the Rosary every day before the daily Mass. The Rosary starts at 7:30AM. </div>		Helen Schaller Repose of Souls In Purgatory & In Thanksgiving Edgardo Tupas School Class Mass - (weather permitting)	
Thursday, December 16	8:00 AM	Rosemary Fischer Deceased of the Myler & Normore Families Kathleen Power Kathleen Power Joseph, Josephine & Howie Schmidt	Roger Bernard & Elizabeth Normore Jarvis Family Rose Family Gerry Schmidt
Friday, December 17	8:00 AM	Special Intentions of Pope Francis Special Intentions of Keith Mick D'Mello	Parishioner Alice & Cynthia D'Souza Family
	8:30 AM 9:30 AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction	
Saturday, December 18	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Jack Starr Mariana Maciel Nick Kuchma Special Int. of St. Clement's Praise Choir Louis Fitzgerald Josefina Ochoa Paul Thompson	Jackie Starr Rosaria Peixoto Jenny & Family Jenny & Family Family Jill & Danny Slade Family
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f0ff;"> "What most attracts God's graces is gratitude, because if we thank Him for a gift, He is touched and hastens to give us ten more." - St. Therese of Lisieux </div>			
Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Amedeo Rabak For the people of St. Clement Parish – (MPP)	Kathleen

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



For our parishioners who would like to bless their Nativity scene figurine of Jesus at home, we are providing the blessing that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI used in 2008 in Rome:

"God our Father, you loved us so much you sent us your only Son, Jesus, Born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you. We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus might be a sign of your presence and love in our homes. Good Father, give your blessing to all who gather with us this Christmas, family and friends. Open our hearts, that we might receive Jesus in joy, always do what he asks of us, and see him in those who need our love. Amen."

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

We welcome the following children to the household of faith through the waters of Baptism: **Veronica Adrienne Murray, Noah Russel Levi Blaquera, Theo William Hann.** 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.

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.





THE ONE HEART, ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN continues at St. Clement's Parish. To clear up any confusion, our Gathering Place remains our campaign priority and has not been changed. A

subcommittee will be formed in 2022 to help make decisions about the particular projects within the Gathering Place initiative. You will hear updates and will have the opportunity to provide input as the project unfolds. Thank you for your continued generosity to this important parish initiative. If you have not yet made a pledge but would like to do so, please visit oneheartonesoul.ca - every gift we receive is truly appreciated. If you have any questions that you would like to ask about the campaign, please contact the parish office at 519-653-6123 and ask to speak to Father Mariusz. He can also be contacted by email at fr.mariusz@outlook.com

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.

DIocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Please remember in your prayers ...

Monday	Rev. Sam Restivo
Tuesday	Rev. David Perrin
Wednesday	Congreg. of the Most Holy Redeemer (CSsR)
Thursday	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Friday	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Saturday	Rev. Lawrence Parent

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!

CALENDARS

Catholic Faith Calendars for 2022 are still 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.

FREE SUBSCRIPTION

FORMED.org is a Catholic website created and maintained by the St. Augustine Institute in the U.S. The site is filled with educational and entertainment material, including teaching videos, along with entertainment videos for all ages that will keep you learning and/or entertained on a wide array of topics. The website is worth exploring as it will help you discover the beauty and depth of our Catholic faith through a variety of entertainment genres. Our parish has been blessed with the opportunity to work with the Family Ministry Office in the Diocese, with thanks to a kind donor, to provide up to **40** people/families with a free one year subscription to the FORMED website. There is no obligation beyond enjoying the material! If you are interested please contact the parish office and we will start the process of getting your free subscription.



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 – *Holy Day of Obligation*
(No Saturday 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Day)

Please be advised that some of the Christmas Eve Masses tend to be very busy every year. We invite our parishioners to consider attending one of the typically less busy Masses on Christmas. Because we are limited in our seating capacity by the social distancing rules during this time of pandemic, if the church reaches its full capacity (including the parish hall) at any of the Christmas Masses then no one else will be able to be admitted to the building at that time. We apologize for this inconvenience, but we must follow the regulations.

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,
Holy Day of Obligation
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

IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On 12 December, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This project, with the approval of the Bishops of Canada, has been coordinated since 2002 by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (formerly the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council). This year, the reflection by the Council centres on the theme We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation. "We, the Body of Christ, are called to live in friendship and harmony with all peoples. We are brothers and sisters of our One Creator God. God gives everything to all of us. God creates and sustains the wonderful diversity of peoples, cultures, races and creeds."

CHRISTMAS SEASON CONFESSION SCHEDULE

The Advent Season is quickly passing ... have we taken time to prepare our hearts for Christ's birth and his coming in glory. He wants to be born in our lives – are we prepared to welcome Him? The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful way to celebrate God's mercy and love for us. Even if you haven't celebrated the Sacrament in sometime – know that the Lord is waiting to share the gift of peace and mercy with you.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available to our parishioners on multiple occasions. Please see the schedule that follows.

Tuesday, December 14 to Friday, December 17 and Tuesday, December 21 to Thursday, December 23 following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

On all of these occasions if there is a lot of penitents then Father will stay as long as needed.

Saturday, December 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

A THOUGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Mary's Dream

"I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing

for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar though because the presents weren't for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They'd decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure at the top of the tree. It looked like an Angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful.

Everyone was laughing and happy. They were excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him? I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration, He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so full of cheer, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus not to be wanted at His own birthday celebration. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real!"

Author unknown.

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