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LORD'S DAY MASSES:

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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday to Friday at 8:00 A.M.

Father Bradley Markus - Pastor
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Mrs. Franki Baumtrog - Parish Secretary
Mrs. Dee Donahue - Bookkeeper
Mr. Andrew Blaszczyk - Custodian

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday through Friday7:45 a.m.
Other timesBy 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 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. Marg Downey at her email: margaretdowney@bell.net.

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



SCAN ME

Date	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Requested by
Monday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe , Patroness of the Americas (Feast)	No public Mass	Diocesan Day of Prayer for Indigenous People of Canada Intentions of a Parishioner Joe Downey Intentions of a Parishioner	Pearl Fler
Tuesday, December 13 St. Lucy , Virgin Martyr (Memorial)	7:45 AM 8:00 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Paula Skinner Intentions of a Parishioner Deceased of the Fischer, Hickey & Haller Families Robert Maton Intentions of a Parishioner	Liz & Gary Goad & Family Kath Haller Pat Maton
Wednesday, December 14 St. John of the Cross , Priest & Doctor (Memorial)	7:45 AM 8:00 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation John Gyurik & John Kempiak Ray Campbell Jack Dwyer Peer Marianayagam	Paula & Marietta Charlotte & Family Doris Cobb Family
Thursday, December 15	7:45 AM 8:00 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Helen Renner Jim Renner Anna Gross	Estate Bob MacDonald Brendan & Maria Kelly
Friday, December 16	7:45 AM 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received Intentions of Tony & Shirley Borges Marge & Fred Isley Mick D'Mello Joe & Shirley Downey Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction	Nicole Ilda Borges Helen D'Souza Family Anna
Saturday, December 17	4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Giacomo Romano Jack Dwyer Greg Stoyles Intentions of Pope Francis Joe & Peg McGrath Marie & Benedict Farrell Paul Thompson Maureen Magee Cynthia Gignac Marko Filipovic Josep Filipovic Josip Novosel Amedeo Rabak	Lina & Family Doris Cobb Cynthia & Family Parishioner The McGrath Family Family Eileen Mathewson K of C - Council 4916 Steve Gale Family Steve Gale Family Steve Gale Family Kathleen Rabak
Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12 NOON	Sacrament of Reconciliation For the people of St. Clement Parish -(MPP) Sacrament of Reconciliation For the people of St. Clement Parish -(MPP) Sacrament of Baptism	

Church decorating for Christmas



We Invite You to Join Us on **Wednesday, December 21st, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass** for a morning of Christmas Decorating of our beautiful Church! *Some climbing and heavy lifting may be required.*

Come Home for Christmas

We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full - we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to *Come Home for Christmas*. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return - for more information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>.

2023 Offering Envelopes Available

2023 Offering Envelopes are now available for you to pick up.

Envelopes are found on the bookshelves at the back of the church. Please check the label for your name to ensure you pick up the correct box of envelopes. **Your envelope number will have changed.** If you have opted for a 'Modified' set of envelopes they will be available for you to pick up as well. In case you do not find your box of envelopes, please call the parish office and we will ensure you have a package the following weekend. Anyone wishing to enrol for Pre-Authorized Giving, kindly give us a call so we can email you the information required.

Floral Tributes for Christmas



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, kindly put your donation into a separate envelope during Advent and write "Donation for Christmas Flowers" on the outside along with your name, address & telephone number. 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. Their name will be placed on the parish bulletin boards for Christmas prayers to 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 18th.**

St. Vincent de Paul – Christmas Hamper News



In consultation with Father Markus, the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is pleased to announce that we will continue to support those in need with **Christmas Hampers**. As we did last Christmas, we will provide the needy with a generous grocery voucher and, if they have young children, gift cards which will enable them to obtain gifts for their

children. Our Vincentians are planning to deliver these Christmas Hampers 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!

ReSTART: Moving Forward

This is a new and updated 10 week program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The program runs from Tuesdays, March 21st to May 23rd. The sessions take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$25 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register on line at ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com).

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar December 12 - December 17

Monday	Rev. Michael Anderson
Tuesday	Rev. Robert Love
Wednesday	Congr. of the Most Holy Redeemer (CSsR)
Thursday	Rev. Robert Kavelj, OFM
Friday	Rev. Marko Puljic, OFM
Saturday	Rev. Ilija Petkovic

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the Advent Season we will be offering our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program. Children will start up in the church, sitting with their family, and will be invited to gather just before the Liturgy of the Word. The content will be geared to children from Kindergarten to Grade 2. We will offer this program during Advent only.



Thank you to those who have already volunteered. If we want this program to continue, we will still need additional adults to volunteer. Please contact Jennifer.Kruithof@wcdsb.ca if you can help.

Children who would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant on December 24th at 4:15pm are invited to meet downstairs in the church hall on Sunday December 11th and 18th right after the 9am mass. All ages are welcome.

We Invite You to Join Us for Christmas Masses...



**Christmas Eve,
Saturday, December
24, 2022
4:30 PM and 7:30PM
Christmas Day,
Sunday,
December 25, 2022
10:00 AM
Saturday, December
31, 2022 5:00 PM
The Solemnity of**

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Sunday, January 1, 2023 - 9 AM and 11 AM**

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 generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday.



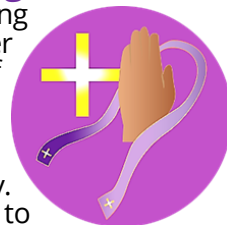
The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' - as they are known in Rome - reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on **Saturday, Dec. 17th, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass & Sunday, Dec. 18th, at the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 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.

Vocation Seeds - 2nd Sunday of Advent

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Confession Times During Advent

Additional confession times are being offered throughout Advent. Father will be in the confessional a half hour before all weekend Masses, Saturday and Sunday, throughout the Advent season; 4:30 on Saturday, 8:30 and 10:30 on Sunday. What better way could there be to celebrate God's coming into our midst at Christmas than to experience His love and mercy in the midst of our lives, perhaps His healing for ways we have not welcomed Him. If it's been a while since you last experienced this sacrament, 'be not afraid'. You'll know Father is in the confessional by the light in the side wall of the church, take a look for it, and come, experience this great sacrament for yourself!



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