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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  
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**Mr. Andrew Blaszczuk** - Custodian

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday through Friday ..... 7:45 a.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.

## 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](http://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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)



SCAN ME

Date	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Requested by
Monday, December 19	<b>No public Mass</b>	Roger & Rosemary Fischer	
Tuesday, December 20	7:45 AM 8:00 AM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Jillian Foster Marie & Benedict Farrell Joe Levai Jim Renner Stan & Paula Skinner Jack Starr	Yvonne & Ray Foster Family Fran & Judy Isley Liz & Gary Goad & Family Fran & Judy Isley Jackie
Wednesday, December 21 <b>St. Peter Canisius, Priest &amp; Doctor</b> (Optional Memorial)	7:45 AM 8:00 AM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Dorothy Murphy Jim Renner Jack Dwyer Paula Skinner Shirley & Joe Downey	Bob MacDonald Fran & Judy Isley Doris Cobb CWL of St. Clement's Fran & Judy Isley
Thursday, December 22	7:45 AM 8:00 AM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Bryan King John McKinney Gord Jarvis Doug Rose Deceased of the Power Family Sr. Alfreda Kimpel	Sharon & Family Germaine Peg & Family Marilyn & Family Peg & Family Fran & Judy Isley
Friday, December 23 <b>St. John of Kanty, Priest</b> (Optional Memorial)	7:45 AM 8:00 AM  8:30 AM 9:30 AM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Don Carr Charlie & Grandma Elizabeth Renner Joan & Charlie DeBattista Intentions of Pat Maton <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Benediction</b>	Barabara Jennifer & Sons Sonia Geesink Friend
Saturday, December 24 <b>Christmas - Nativity of the Lord</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	Children's Christmas Pageant For the people of St. Clement Parish - (MPP) For the people of St. Clement Parish - (MPP)	
Sunday, December 25 <b>Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	For the people of St. Clement Parish - (MPP)	

### 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'

Any time is a good time to invite family, friends, and neighbours to attend Mass. Especially so during the beautiful Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to **Come Home for Christmas?** Whether they have been away for a short time or a long time, we want all Catholics to know that they are warmly welcomed back to our Parish community. Please consider extending this invitation to loved ones, neighbours, and colleagues – for more information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar December 19 – December 24

Monday	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
Tuesday	Rev. Pierre Caouette, LC
Wednesday	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
Thursday	Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, LC
Friday	Rev. Jerek Scherber, LC
Saturday	Rev. Adam Zettel, LC

### Parenting Tip of the Month

Christmas is an exciting and busy time of year, a time when it is vital for parents to counter the secular side of the holiday, so heavily promoted, by helping their children understand the real 'reason for the season'. Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we

celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger before opening presents on Christmas morning, giving to charity and reminding your children Baptism calls all of you to do so, are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus. If Christmas becomes only about Santa, it is a real loss for your children and their faith. From: Family Ministry Office.

### Marriage Tip of the Month

As we move toward the end of the year, take some time as a couple to reflect on your last twelve months together. Ask yourselves what you did well and what you might do better, both for each other and for your marriage. Check in to see if you spent enough time together, if you remembered to compliment each other, showed gratitude for the gifts your spouse brings to your life and whether you felt joy more often than not. If your relationship needs strengthening, commit to finding the help you need to make it strong; if you feel good after your assessment, celebrate your love and thank God for his never-ending support.

From: Family Ministry Office.

### 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.

### Vocation Seeds – 4th Sunday of Advent

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



**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.Kruihof@wcdsb.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Kruihof@wcdsb.ca) if you can help.

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



### 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](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or register on line at ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton ([hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)).

### Merry Christmas!

Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Council 4916 extends to all our fellow parishioners and their families a most Blessed and Holy Christmas. May this Holy season bring Peace, Joy and Happiness to you and your family.



### Christmas Midnight Mass

#### Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass on Sunday, December 25th at 12:00 a.m. The celebration will be livestreamed and can be accessed by visiting the Cathedral's website - [www.ctkbasilica.ca](http://www.ctkbasilica.ca).

### Your Parish Family Welcomes You at Christmas

If you are in need of forgiveness, Christ desires to forgive you completely.

If you are alienated and upset, we welcome you lovingly.

If you have been hurt by the church, we are truly sorry.

If you are angry, Christ offers you peace.

If you have strayed from the church, we are happy you are here. And we want you to stay.

We care about you. We would like to share our lives with you.

Come join us each week, so we can worship together.

Come home for Christmas!



### 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

**The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
Saturday, December 31, 2022 – 5:00 PM  
Sunday, January 1, 2023 - 9 AM and 11 AM

### The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

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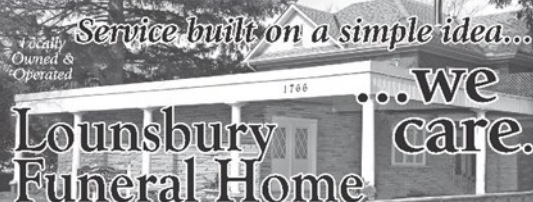


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