



# ST. CLEMENT PARISH

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## LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday at 4:30PM  
Sunday at 9:30AM, 11:30AM & 4:30PM

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday – 12:15 PM  
Wednesday – 12:15 PM  
Thursday – 12:15 PM  
Friday – 12:15 PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday to Friday – 15 mins before each Weekday Mass

**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 Father Mark Morley at mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com

**ANOIDING 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.

**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.

**Father Bradley Markus** - Pastor  
bmarkus@hamiltondiocese.com

**Deacon John Fioretti**  
jfioretti@hamiltondiocese.com

**Mrs. Franki Baumtrog** – Parish Secretary

**Mrs. Dee Donahue** – Bookkeeper

**Mrs. Andrea Szrejber** – Family & Children's Ministry Coordinator

**Mrs. Marilyn Franks**, ARCT, RMT – Music Director  
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**Mr. Michael Taylor** – Assistant Music Director

## 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

## 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: margaretdowney0621@gmail.com.

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

**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

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - DECEMBER 25, 2023**

| Date   | Time                                | Mass Intentions and Celebrations   | Requested by   |
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| Monday, December 25<br><b>The Nativity of Our Lord</b><br>(Solemnity)                      | <b>Christmas Day</b><br><b>Mass</b> | <b>10:30 AM</b><br><b>For the People of St. Clement Parish</b>   |  |
| Tuesday, December 26<br><b>St. Stephen</b> , The First Martyr<br>(Feast)                   | <b>No Public Mass</b>               |  |  |
| Wednesday, December 27<br><b>St. John the Apostle</b> ,<br>Evangelist<br>(Feast)           | <b>12:00 PM</b><br><b>12:15 PM</b>  | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br>Intentions of Tony & Shirley Borges & Family   | Ilda Borges  |
| Thursday, December 28<br><b>The Holy Innocents</b> , Martyrs<br>(Feast)                    | <b>12:00 PM</b><br><b>12:15 PM</b>  | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br>Bienvenido Alberca   | Blaquera Family  |
| Friday, December 29<br><b>St. Thomas Becket</b> , Bishop,<br>Martyr<br>(Optional Memorial) | <b>12:00 PM</b><br><b>12:15 PM</b>  | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br>Intentions of Tony & Shirley Borges & Family   | Ilda Borges  |
| Saturday, December 30<br><b>St. John of Kanty</b> , Priest<br>(Optional Memorial)          | <b>4:00 PM</b><br><b>4:30 PM</b>    | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br>Greg Stoyles<br>Marko Filipovic<br><br>Pat Murphy<br><br>John McKinney<br>Victor Machado | Cynthia & Family<br>Steve & Biba Gale &<br>Family<br>Courtney & Brian<br>Ceponis<br>Germaine McKinney<br>Paul Faustino |
| <b>Sunday, December 31</b><br><b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>                              | <b>9:30 AM</b><br><b>11:30 AM</b>   | For the people of St. Clement Parish<br>For the people of St. Clement Parish   |  |
| <b>The Solemnity of Mary</b><br><b>(Sunday, December 31)</b>                               | <b>4:30 PM</b>                      | For the people of St. Clement Parish   |  |
| <b>Monday, January 1</b>   | <b>10:30 AM</b>                     | For the People of St. Clement Parish   |  |

**Christmas Season Mass Schedule**

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 2023 – 4:30pm

Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 10:30am

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, 2023**

4:30pm & 7:30pm

**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2023**

10:30am

**Feast of the Holy Family**

Sunday, December 30 – 4:30pm

Sunday, December 31 – 9:30am & 11:30am

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

Sunday, December 31, 2023 – 4:30pm

Monday, January 1, 2024 – 10:30am

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar**

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| Monday    | The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)      |
| Tuesday   | Chancery Staff                                |
| Wednesday | Congregation of the Srs. of St. Anne (s.s.a.) |
| Thursday  | The Holy Innocents                            |
| Friday    | Rev. Edward Hinsperger                        |
| Saturday  | Rev. Philip Cook                              |



**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.

Dear Parishioners of St. Clement's and All,

*"For nothing will be impossible with God" (Lk 1:37)*

This astounding statement, spoken to Mary, spoken to each one of us, is so fitting for us as a community as we enter into our Christmas celebrations. We celebrate in these days the wondrous mystery that the God of the whole universe, the One who is, who was, and who always will be, the One who is outside of time, space, and all that is so familiar to us, chooses to come to us. For nothing will be impossible with God...

This simple and yet immense statement is so well echoed in our own life as a parish, in the invitation He continues to give to us to allow His work to happen in the world, His sanctifying grace and love to be manifest in the world through us! For nothing will be impossible with God...

This Christmas, may we receive the love, joy, and peace of this gift of God to us, His own Son. Let us together set out and be inspired by all God desires and is doing in our midst.

Merry Christmas!

Father Markus

*PS: What wonderful cards, gifts, and notes so many have shared with me and our parish team over the past weeks. Thank you for your thoughtfulness! Thanks also to all who make these days and our whole life as a community so alive, too many to be named, thank you all!*

### Tree of Life



*This year I've brought a little bit of a family tradition of mine, or rather of my experience of Christmas in my home parish, here to St. Clement's, our Tree of Life!*

*This Christmas you will notice ornaments on our sanctuary trees that are handmade, unique. These ornaments, crosses (33) and doves (65), have been hand painted and bear the names of those who have passed*

*from life in this world to eternal life (crosses) and those who have been initiated into the divine life of baptism (doves), throughout 2023.*

*We remember our loved ones in a special way at this time of year, those who have died and those who have been born. What a wondrous thing it is to share the joy of Christmas, surrounded by 'so great a cloud of witnesses', to celebrate the gift of Life we have all been given by this babe born in a manger.*

*At the end of the Christmas season, the families of those named on these decorations are invited to take their ornament from our trees, as a special way to remember Christmas after Christmas the life we have through Him who has come to bring us the fullness of life. Fr Markus*

### CWL News



The St. Clement's CWL gratefully thanks all in our parish community for your generous support in 2023. May the message of Christmas fill your life with love, joy, and peace, and may God's grace be with you during this special season.

The next CWL meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th, at 7:00p.m. (enter through the Duke Street doors.)

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

A reminder that 2024 CWL dues will soon be requested. The amount due for 2024 is \$35.00. Please note, any cheques must be made out to St. Clement's Church CWL (we have been advised that if they are not made out correctly, they will be returned.)

**Follow us on Facebook for CWL news.**

### Parish Envelopes for 2024

**A message to envelope users** – Your new boxed envelope sets are available for you to pick up **this weekend**. Anyone using Pre-Authorized donations is welcome to come forward and request a **modified set** of parish envelopes.

➔ **Your envelope number may have changed. Please discard your old envelopes to ensure your donation is applied to your personal parish record.**

➔ **If you are using a visitor envelope, please remember to always print your name and address on the front of the envelope.**

➔ **In case you did not find a package of envelopes with your name on it you may call the parish office in the New Year (after Jan. 4th) and we will be happy to prepare a box for you. In the meantime you may use the visitor envelopes ensuring you put on your name & address.**

**We appreciate your patience as well as your generosity to St. Clement's Parish!**



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