

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



TUESDAY, January 11th

8:00am + Juanito Engracial
+ Maria Manera
+ Vincent Bolzon
+ Ricardo Bertollo
Blessings of Hua Family

WEDNESDAY, January 12th - St Marguerite Bourgeoy's

8:00am Intentions of Nhan Tran
7:00pm + Joseph Orobono
+ Irma Favaro
+ Eugenia Parisotto
+ John Baptist Tran
Intentions of Vinh and Hang Tran

THURSDAY, January 13th

8:00am Conversion of Sinners

FRIDAY, January 14th

8:00am + Dominic Bao Dinh
7:00pm + Carlo Banni

SATURDAY, January 15th

9:00am + Villamor Balloran
5:00pm Intentions of Colleen Thompson

SUNDAY, January 16th

8:30am + Tony Orlando
10:15am + Joseph Nguyen Manh Tuat
12:00noon + Florindo Scapin



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, those being persecuted for their faith & race, and those killed in natural disasters & their families. Please remember our parishioners who are sick and homebound and those in our Prayer Network in your prayers.

Baptism of the Lord - January 9, 2022

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of January 9, 2022

Candle #1 – DIPAULO FAMILY

Candle #2 – DENARDIS FAMILY

Please use the envelopes provided or one of your own to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle. The requested offering is \$10 each. You may place the envelope in the collection or drop it in the Parish Office.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offerings for Christmas Day 24/25	\$ 19,452.55
December 26	\$ 8,079.60
January 1	\$ 5,928.24
January 2	\$ 3,077.25

Thank you for your contribution and God Bless!

If you would like a receipt for your contribution, we need your name & full address. If you would like envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations, please call the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

COVID-19 shook us and changed the way we lived our daily lives. In many places we could not attend Mass or even enter a church. Sacraments were cancelled or delayed. When we returned months later, we found the holy water stoups were empty. Holy water – this simple life-affirming symbol – was absent. There was a void.

Amid such challenges, today's readings rekindle our hope and courage. God the Father sets the earth on its foundations so that it shall never be shaken. Likewise, he comforts and strengthens us, renewing our hope and fortitude through the Holy Spirit, a continuation of our baptism. Nothing evokes the joyous occasion of our baptism like holy water. Essential for our rebirth, yet profoundly missed when we were deprived of it. The faithful have depended on holy water for centuries; as St. Teresa of Avila attested, nothing compares to holy water to put devils to flight and to offer consolation for our soul.

We know that, through baptism, Jesus was given strength to resist Satan's temptations in the desert. Like Jesus, we are strengthened for the journey by our baptism. Even if we can't always bless ourselves and our homes with holy water, let us always remember that through baptism we receive fortitude, protection and hope in the Lord. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

THANK YOU TO MONICO FAMILY

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Benny and Paula Monico who have made a substantial donation to St Joseph Church Building Fund for their many blessings they have received. Their dedication to St Joseph and our community is a true gift. May God bless them abundantly for their generosity. *"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness."* – St. Gianna Beretta Molla

ENVELOPES – 2022

Your 2022 envelopes are available at the Parish Office. Please come by during office hours to pick them up. Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm (closed between 12pm and 1pm).



GIFT SHOP

The gift shop is now open after the 5:00pm, 8:30am and 10:15am Masses on the weekend. The store is also open during the week by calling Tracy at the office. Come by and take a look at the all the religious items we have available. If you are looking for something in particular, please ask and we can see if we can bring this item in for purchase.

2021 - 2023 Synod of Bishops in the Diocese of Hamilton

In response to Pope Francis' invitation to each and every person to become involved in the synodal process, His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, OMI, and the Diocesan Committee for the 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops developed a few materials to encourage the participation of the Faithful of our Diocese.

A video guide featuring Bishop Crosby and the members of the Diocesan Committee for the 2021 – 2023 Synod, along with multiple resources including: a link to our diocesan survey to be answered by all the Faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton and a prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to operate within us, have been encompassed in a special section of our diocesan website. Please for more information: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#resources>.

Youth Ministry Certification and Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities to address the learning needs of adults in our Diocese. Whether taking courses for professional development in ministry or for personal nourishment, the VLCFF provides a breadth of opportunity for learning including full certificate programs, five-week online courses and three-week intensive online seminars. The Youth Ministry office is now accepting applications for Youth Ministry Certification with courses beginning in January. For more information visit the Hamilton Diocese learns web page: <https://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com/> or contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis: (905) 528-7988 ext. 2339 or catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children's minds and understanding. Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and it's meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and, ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or getting excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable. Advent is the perfect time to daily bring all of this to light!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Intentional divorce and conscience uncoupling are two terms

becoming popular in North American vernacular, but what we should be promoting is intentional marriage and conscience coupling. The research is clear that couples can take steps to remain and even deepen their love. Consciously making the decision to spend time together, to share our deepest feelings (good and bad), to use touch throughout the day, to make date-night (however that looks) a priority will build your couple relationship. Looking for moments of gratitude and thanking your spouse will increase the loving bond between you. This Christmas make conscience coupling your gift to each other; it may be the best gift you will ever receive!

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

In the biblical understanding, our heart is at the center of our being. It's not a muscle, but a symbol for the very center of our being. Now the beautiful thing about the heart is that the heart is the place where we are most ourselves. It is the very core of our being, the spiritual center of our being. Solitude and silence, for instance, are ways to get to the heart, because the heart is the place where God speaks to us, where we hear the voice that calls us beloved. This is precisely the most intimate place. In the famous story, Elijah was standing in front of the cave. God was not in the storm, God was not in the fire and not in the earthquake, but God was in that soft little voice (see 1 Kings 19: 11–12). That soft little voice ... speaks to the heart. Prayer and solitude are ways to listen to the voice that speaks to our heart, in the center of our being. One of the most amazing things is that if you enter deeper and deeper into that place, you not only meet God, but you meet the whole world there.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AT WELLINGTON CATHOLIC DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 3, 2022. To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten

During the registration process, school administration is available to assist you with any questions you may have. To assist administrators with registering your child for kindergarten, we ask that you have the following documents available;

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent Or Child's Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Tax Support for Families New to the System (i.e. Most Recent Tax Bill)
- Proof of Address (Government Document, Mortgage or Rental Agreement, Hydro Bill, Credit Card Statement)
- Immigration Documentation (If Applicable)
- Custody Documents (If Applicable)

Please note: Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten program are NOT REQUIRED to register for Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten. Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please contact your local Catholic school.