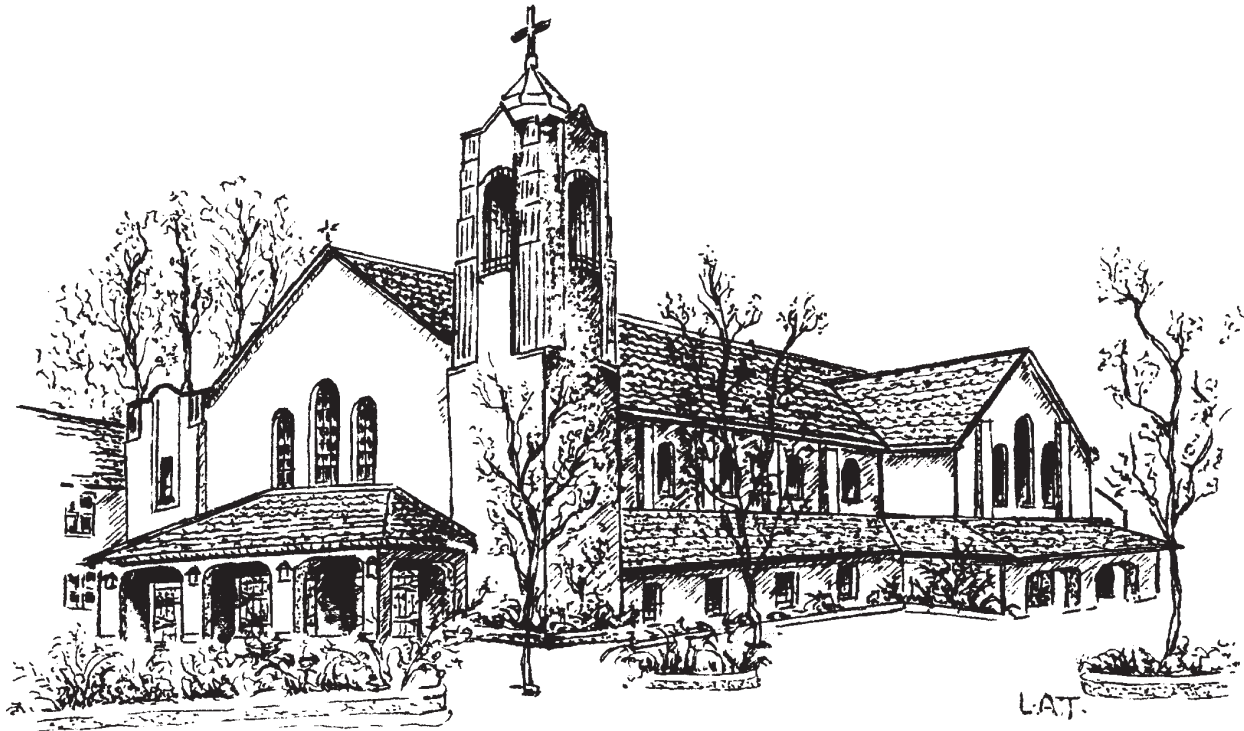


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## Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
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## Schools in our Parish

Saint Ann's 905-523-2340  
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## Secondary School

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## Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
Saturday 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
Friday After Morning Mass until 9:15 a.m.

## Marriage

You are asked to call the parish office to make wedding arrangements at least six months in advance.

## Baptism

Please call the parish office. Six weeks notice is usually required.

## Catholic Funeral Rites

When a death occurs in your family, please call the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

## Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, please fill out a registration form. These can be found at the main entrances. We ask you to inform our office if you are moving out of the parish.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Monday, December 14** *St. John of the Cross*  
8:00a.m. † Jean Tardif

**Tuesday, December 15**  
7:00p.m. † Martha Birkett † Elizabeth Galambos  
† Dr. Pauline Dyckhoff  
† Alexander Bogoslowski

**Wednesday, December 16**  
8:00a.m. † Frank Murphy Sr.

**Thursday, December 17**  
8:00a.m. † Concetta Moccia

**Friday, December 18**  
8:00a.m. † Amy Poon

**Saturday, December 19** *Dedication of the Cathedral  
Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton*  
9:00a.m. † Francis Ellis

5:00p.m. † Joe Bianco  
† Alfredo Pindilli  
† Aileen Smith

**Due to new COVID restrictions, visits to our parish office will be restricted. Also, check out our website occasionally to see any changes that may apply to St. Ann Parish. Please call the office if you should need an appointment or need to speak to one of our staff, 905-648-6874.**



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS

As you can well imagine, the Christmas Season is particularly difficult for those living in poverty. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is active in our Parish and asks you to continue to donate your annual Christmas donation. If you are able, please dig a little deeper than usual to help those who are in need. Remember that Mary and Joseph relied on the charity of others that first Christmas.

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar Week of the December 13, 2020 *This week we especially pray for:*

Monday Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.  
Tuesday Rev. Ronald Hodara  
Wednesday Cong. Of the Most Holy Redeemer  
Thursday Rev. Edward Henhoeffler  
Friday Rev. John Schnurr  
Saturday Rev. Jacek Krynn, S.A.C.  
God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve You through the life which is your gift. May Your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

### The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, December 16th to December 25th, 2020

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### CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANN'S CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS EVE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

Christmas Mass	4:00pm
Christmas Mass	6:00pm
Christmas Mass	8:00pm
Midnight Mass of Christmas ( <i>Incense</i> )	12 midnight

### CHRISTMAS DAY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

Christmas Mass	9:00am
Christmas Mass	11:00am

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**GAUDETE SUNDAY**



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Today we celebrate “Gaudete Sunday,” the Third Sunday of Advent. The Latin word *Gaudete* means “Rejoice!”

On this Sunday, we take a short hiatus from the mostly penitential, somber nature of Advent and rejoice in the nearness of the celebration of Christmas. To signal this, rose vestments may be worn by the celebrant, instead of the typical violet for Advent. One may also note that the third candle on the Advent wreath is rose colored. Rose signifies joy. Thus, today’s second reading calls us to “rejoice always.” Christian joy goes beyond a mere emotion and, therefore, supersedes circumstances. The joy we have in Christ can remain regardless of what challenges we are facing in life. That is because we know God is in control of our circumstances. He is “faithful,” as Paul says. Therefore, we can “rejoice always” and “in all circumstances give thanks” because we have hope in God. Still, in order to experience the fullness of this joy, the Apostle Paul indicates that we must obey God. We must listen to the Spirit of God and “refrain from every kind of evil.” We are called to be “perfectly holy.” This is the true path to joy: sanctity. Following God’s will and allowing His grace to transform us leads to true happiness. Let us, therefore, seek Him, trust Him, and obey Him to find the deep joy that can only be found in God.



**VOCATIONS**

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

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In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance. - *St. Thomas Aquinas*

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 <sup>TH</sup>	7:00-9:00PM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30-9:15AM 7:00-9:00 PM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30-9:15AM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 <sup>ND</sup>	6:00-6:45PM 7:30-9:00PM
<b>REGULAR CONFESSION TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:</b>	
TUESDAYS	6:00-6:45PM
SATURDAYS	8:00-8:45AM 4:00-4:45PM

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

Christmas during COVID will change many of our traditional outings and gatherings as a family, but we can still easily take part in our faith traditions. Centering our celebration on the birth of Christ is a great way to remind our children that Christmas for Catholics is the same this year as in other years. During Advent set up an Advent wreath and each week pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!) and set one up in your home; adorn the tree with symbols of the faith; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, especially on Christmas Day. The joy of Christmas is not gone because of COVID since Christmas reminds us of something that will never change, God’s great love for each of us.



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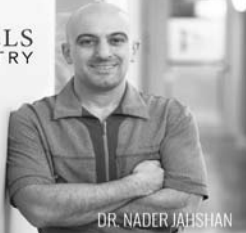
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