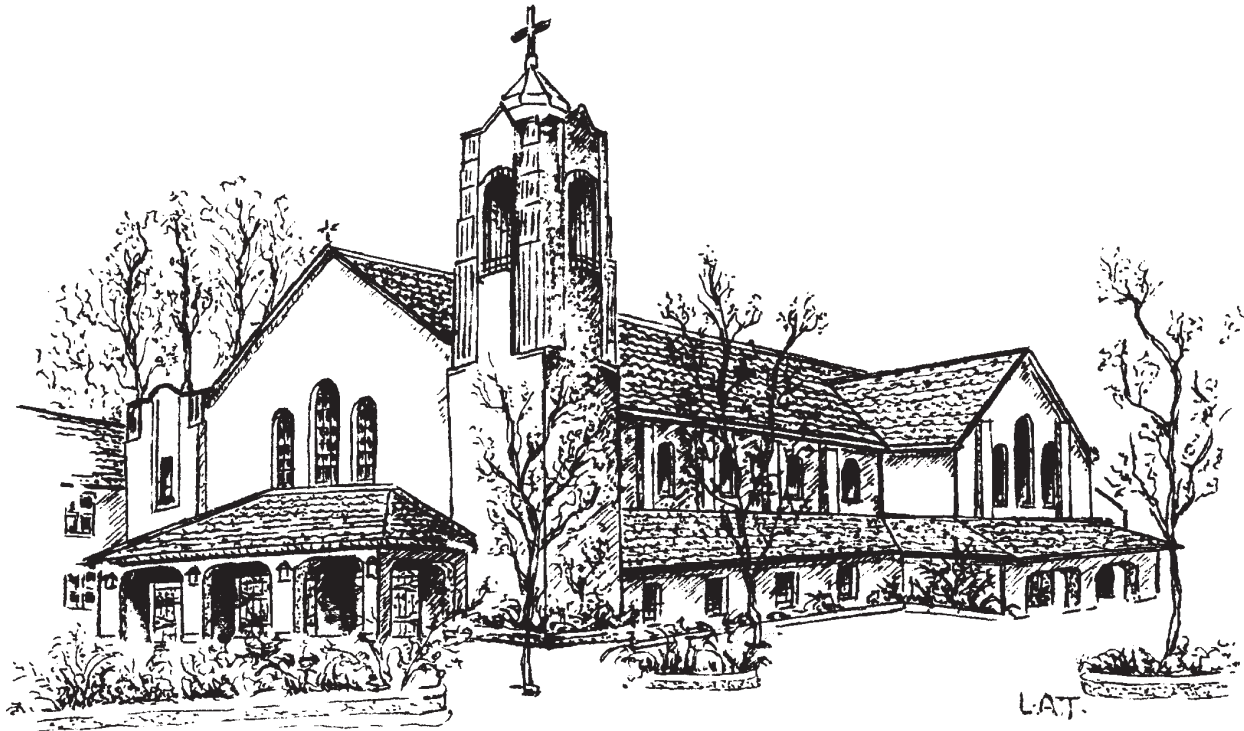


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Sunday Mass Times

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 21 *St. Peter Canisius*
8:00a.m. † Kate & Joe Farrell

Tuesday, December 22
7:00p.m. † C.P. Xavier † Leona Murray
† Stanley & Edna Kludys
† Tom Peckham

Wednesday, December 23 *St. John of Kanty*
8:00a.m. † Marlene Farrell

Thursday, December 24
8:00a.m. Intentions of Abigayle Lobsinger

Friday, December 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
The Nativity of the Lord
SEE MASS LIST ON OPPOSITE SIDE

Saturday, December 26 *St. Stephen, 1st Martyr*
9:00a.m. Intentions of Stephen and family

5:00p.m. Mass of thanksgiving
† William McDade
† Michael Devine

The Parish Office will be closed during the week of Christmas. We will close from Thursday, December 24th at noon and re-open again on Monday, January 4th, 2021 at 8am.



Bishop Lobsinger, Father Naveed Arif, Seminarian Mauricio Munoz and all the Parish Staff would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas. May the love of Christ fill your home and life with the joy and peace that only the Birth of our Saviour can bring. Merry Christmas!

Diocesan Prayer Calendar Week of the December 20, 2020 *This week we especially pray for:*

Monday Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.
Tuesday Rev. Robert Sims
Wednesday Voluntas Dei Institute
Thursday Rev. Michael Downey
Friday **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Saturday Rev. Martin Vallely

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



Envelopes for 2021 are now available in the Parish Office. Please note that some numbers have changed due to decreasing the number of boxes being issued. *Please do not use envelopes from previous years. Call office to pickup - 905-648-6874.*



CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANN'S CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS EVE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

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 25TH

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

Just a reminder that everyone coming to Christmas will have to have previously registered. Admittance to the Church will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Please allow yourself enough time to be checked in and seated so that Mass can begin on time. Those arriving after Mass begins will not be admitted. Watch Website in case of Lock-down due to COVID.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” [Luke 1:38](#)

As we enter into the fourth week of Advent, we are given our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to reflect upon. Though our Blessed Mother was perfect, and St. Joseph was a deeply virtuous man, they were both still fully human and would have walked through Mary’s pregnancy and Jesus’ birth with every human emotion and experience.

St. Joseph was faced with an extraordinary mystery as he discovered his wife was pregnant. He knew her to be a woman of exceptional virtue and holiness and had to reconcile that with her surprising pregnancy. Even after the angel appeared to him in a dream he would have had questions arise in his mind as he faced this situation.

Our Blessed Mother was also invited by God to face her pregnancy in faith. Her response was perfect, “Let it be done to me according to your word.” She could not explain nor understand what was happening but, nonetheless, she knew deep in her soul that God was in charge leading all to His glory.

Both Mary and Joseph are wonderful models of faith and obedience. They were obedient to the will of God despite the fact that the will of God drew them into an incredible and unfathomable mystery. They were first-hand witnesses to the salvation of the world and to the greatest act ever known. And they both embraced this mystery and accepted it in faith.

Reflect, today, upon your own invitations from God to embrace the mysteries of life. God’s ways are often more than we can comprehend and figure out. Mary and Joseph give us the witness of how we are to handle every mystery God invites us to participate in. Say yes to the will of God just as this holy couple did.

Dearest Mother Mary and Saint Joseph, pray for me that I may have the faith you both lived. When questions arise in my heart, help me to respond generously to God as you did. May I trust in all that God has spoken in imitation of each one of you. Jesus, I trust in You.

VOCATIONS

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God’s plan for her life and she said “Yes!”...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God’s Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.



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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND 6:00-6:45PM
7:30-9:00PM

**REGULAR CONFESSION
TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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SATURDAYS 8:00-8:45AM
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DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS RESOURCES

The Office for Liturgy and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis have teamed together to *produce a resource and video in offering to the domestic church to help families everywhere pray and celebrate the experience of Christmas in a meaningful way this year.* We pray this resource will draw families together for a time of quiet prayer, reflection and thanksgiving over the days of Christmas – especially those who may not feel comfortable attending Christmas Masses in the Parish. Targeted for families, not only does this resource help guide a parent to lead a simple Celebration of the Word, but also invites His Excellency, Bishop Crosby into the homes of the faithful to proclaim the Christmas Day Gospel and share a reflection from the heart.

All outlines, downloads and the special reflection from Bishop Crosby can be found [HERE](#).



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