

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 27 FEAST: ST. JOHN

5:00 p.m. † Marie McNulty *by Family*
S.I. of Allan & Audrey Weber *by Barb Gamble*

Sunday, December 28 FEAST: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 a.m. S. I. of Minerva Colley
by Virginia Bacon & Rose Bourne
Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

11:00 a.m. S.I. for Finnie Grandchildren
by Heather & Sam Finnie
S.I. of Mark Vella *by Bayer Family*

Tuesday, December 30

7:00 p.m. S.I. of Ian & Linda Johnson *by Betty Guest*

Wednesday, December 31 NEW YEARS EVE

6:00 p.m. Adoration and Year-End Prayers

7:00 p.m. † Erna Febrenbach *by Bayer Family*

Thursday, January 1 SOLEMNITY:

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

11:00 a.m. † Theresa Rogers *by Janet Cooper*
† Gabrielle & Walter Kleist *by Susanne Gionet*

Friday, January 2

9:00 a.m. S.I. of Sam & Clara Geddes

Saturday, January 3

5:00 p.m. † Earl Lagroix *by Carol Cyr*
S.I. of Kane Gilmore *by Suzett Calaramo*

Sunday, January 4 SOLEMNITY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

11:00 a.m.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

2025-2026

SUNDAY: YEAR A -Year of Luke

WEEKDAY - YEAR 1

First Reading: (*Sirach 3:2-6.12-14*).

This reading is a brief commentary on the commandment: Honour your father and your mother.

Responsorial Psalm:

“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.”

Second Reading: (*Col 3:12-21*).

This describes the atmosphere which should reign in a Christian community and in a Christian household.

Gospel: (*Mt 2:13-15.19-23*).

Matthew casts the Holy Family as displaced persons and homeless refugees.



FAMILIES BUILT ON PRAYER, FIDELITY AND SELF SACRIFICE

Sirach 3:2-14; Psalm 128:1-5.; Colossians 3:12-21 ; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

On this last Sunday of the year 2025, we remember the family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus by celebrating the feast of the Holy Family. The family of Nazareth, Holy Family, is put before us as a model to imitate. We imitate their simple life, total dependence on God, love and respect among them and for others, hard work, readiness to go through hardships and willingness to follow the laws of the Lord. All these made the family of Nazareth a Holy Family, a prototype of every Christian family, a true model of Christian home.

When we know the challenges that the Holy Family faced and the way they overcame them, they will help us to face our difficult moments, questions, challenges, hardships, fear, anxiety, separation, and problems of one kind or another in our situations today. We get a picture of their many trials and tribulations from the Gospels: Looking for Shelter (Lk.1.7); Flight to Egypt like refugees (Mt. 2.13-21); Pain of missing the Son in Jerusalem during the festival of the Passover (Lk.2.41ff); Fear of the prediction of the old man Simeon that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's soul Lk.2.25-35); Insults, mocking and verbal abuses (Lk.7.34; Lk.22.63); Betrayal and arrest of Jesus (Jn.18); Mary's saddest moment when she watched her son die on the cross. (Jn.19.17 ff).

What sustained the family of Nazareth through all these trials and crosses? The answer is rock-like faith and hope in the promises of God. They trusted in God and stayed true to each other and there were much love, acceptance and respect between them. The task of each Christian family, as Mary and Joseph did, is to welcome Jesus, listen to him, speak with him, guard him, protect him, grow with him in the heart and life of each member of the family.

A family that prays together stays together. “The Christian family is the first place for education in prayer” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2694*). We must endeavor to lay down a foundation of prayer in our domestic churches. It shall be one of the most important things we ever do as Christian parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles. Once it is done, our families become Holy Families, following the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

May God bless all of us
Father Thomas Manninezhath, CMI

CONCLUSION OF THE ORDINARY JUBILEE OF HOPE

The Ordinary Jubilee of Hope, proclaimed by Pope Francis in the bull *Spes non confundit*, concludes in parishes worldwide on **Sunday, December 28, 2025**, when the Holy Doors in cathedrals and co-cathedrals close.

The Diocese of Hamilton will celebrate the closing Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 3 PM on Sunday, December 28, 2025.

The Jubilee fully concludes with the closing of the Holy Door at the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on **January 6, 2026**, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

The Holy Door is closed “but the door that truly matters remains the door of our heart: it opens when we listen to the Word of God, it expands when we welcome our brothers and sisters, and it is strengthened when we forgive and ask for forgiveness.”



OFFERTORY December 21, 2025

Envelopes: \$4,177.00 Loose Bills & Coins: \$363.10 E-transfer: \$ 445.00; Christmas: \$6,307.75

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR END PRAYERS AND MASS

WEDNESDAY December 31st is the last day of the year. Let us come together, thank and praise the Lord for the blessings we have received during the year 2025. We will have Adoration from 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. followed by Mass. There will not be the usual First Friday Adoration on Jan. 2nd, 2026.

FEAST of MARY MOTHER of GOD and the NEW YEAR

On Thursday January 1st, 2026, we celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass: 11:00 A.M.

PARISH SOCIAL SUNDAY!

We invite everyone to our monthly parish social next Sunday January 4th, 2026, following the 11 a.m. Mass. Ccome, join, socialize and share together the refreshments provided.



Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart”

“Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart” (Lk 2:19). *She kept them.* She simply kept; Mary does not speak. The Gospel does not report a single word of hers in the entire account of Christmas. Here too, the Mother is one with her Son: Jesus is an “infant”, a child “unable to speak”. The Word of God, who “long ago spoke in many and various ways” (Heb 1:1), now, in the “fullness of time” (Gal 4:4), is silent. The God before whom all fall silent is himself a speechless child. His Majesty is without words; his mystery of love is revealed in lowliness. This silence and lowliness is the language of his kingship. His Mother joins her Son and *keeps these things in silence...*

The Gospel goes on to say that Mary kept *all these things, pondering them in her heart.* What were *these things*? They were joys and sorrows. On the one hand, the birth of Jesus, the love of Joseph, the visit of the shepherds, that radiant night. But on the other, an uncertain future, homelessness “because there was no place for them in the inn” (Lk 2:7), the desolation of rejection, the disappointment of having to give birth to Jesus in a stable. Hopes and worries, light and darkness: *all these things* dwelt in the heart of Mary. What did she do? She *pondered* them, that is to say she dwelt on them, with God, in her heart. She held nothing back; she locked nothing within out of self-pity or resentment. Instead, she gave everything over to God”. (Pope Francis)

MARY,
QUEEN of PEACE, PRAY FOR US

WE WISH YOU ALL
A BLESSED & PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!

Welcome to all our visitors and guests.
We wish you fruitful and relaxing days during your stay with us.

St. Anthony of Padua Church

“Sharing Our Faith in God Through Service to Our Neighbour”

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December 28, 2025



Parish Staff

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Parish Secretary: Luisa Casciano
Parish Bookkeeper: Rene Renaud
Custodian: Mr. Wayne Brownrigg

Sunday Mass

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass

Tuesday and Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the Parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor to make arrangements **at least 1 year** prior to the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

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High School

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Welcome to St. Anthony's

Bequests and Wills

In your kindness, please remember our St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Kincardine, Ontario in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, please add the following clause: “I give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$... to St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Kincardine, Ontario, to be used for the benefit of the parish and its pastoral activities.”