

EPIPHANY of the LORD



TUESDAY, January 7th

- 8:00am + Justine Sullivan
- + Reynor and Eleanor Siason
- + Jean Brooks McPhail
- + Donald William McPhail
- + Rosanna Pelobello

WEDNESDAY, January 8th

- 8:00am Deceased Members of Piva and Gemin Families
- 7:00pm + Jacqueline Dupuis
- + Maria Pham Ti De
- + Riem Van Nguyen
- + David Collins
- + Fanny Veetlon Grandison

THURSDAY, January 9th

- 8:00am Intentions of Gabriel and Helen D'Souza

FRIDAY, January 10th

- 8:00am + Necita Estorco
- 7:00pm In Thanksgiving
- 7:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY, January 11th

- 9:00am Intentions of John Tran
- 5:00pm Intentions of Therese Tran

SUNDAY, January 12th – Baptism of Our Lord

- 8:30am + Catherine Harr
- 10:15am + Nino and Adeline Plozzer
- 12noon Mary Defender of Virtue



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, and 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.

Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2025

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of January 5, 2024

Candle #1 –

Candle #2 –

Please use the envelopes provided 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 Offering December 14/15, 21/22, Dec 28/29 and January 5, 2025 will be posted January 12th due to deadlines for submissions of our bulletin over the next few weeks. Thank you for your contribution and God Bless!

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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

Christmas Day was twelve days ago; have we moved on? Have the distractions of the season had their way with us? Has the tree been taken down, and the stockings and ornaments put away? Has the ordinary returned?

Before we wrap up Christmas, we are meant to sit with today's Gospel, savouring its words, amazed as we go deeper – appreciating what God has done for us, all the world was changed – not just two thousand years ago, but for all time, and for today. Or has it?

We who are Jesus' witnesses in our homes, communities and workplaces must persevere in opening our minds and hearts, seeking the joy experienced by the Magi as the star led them to the Holy Family.

If we aren't amazed by what has transpired, maybe we showed up Christmas morning but missed the Good News. As a husband, father and grandfather, at times I have been glad that the hype, busy-ness and expense are over, but also sad that so little has changed. Like many, I have missed the real celebration of Christmas. If this is true for you, go back to today's Gospel and reread it. Relish the news it brings; pay sincere homage; and put Jesus at the centre of your year ahead. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

2025 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

Sunday Offertory Envelopes are **READY** for you to pick up in the Parish Hall. If you do not presently use envelopes and would like to have a set, please contact Tracy at the parish office at 519-822-4614 or fill out the registration form located at the back of the church or on our website www.stjosephguelph.com. You can drop off the registration forms at the office or via email at stjosephguelph@rogers.com.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCH – February 2, 2025

St Joseph Catholic Women's League will be hosting their Annual Mother Daughter Lunch to celebrate the important women in our lives. All grandmothers, mothers, daughters, aunts and nieces are

welcome to attend. Tickets are \$25 per adult and children 12 and under are \$15. You can purchase tickets by contacting Marti Valeriotte at 519-362-0555 or martivaleriotte@gmail.com or Jules Royer at 519-731-3447 or cwlstjosephguelph@gmail.com or at the Parish Office (limited tickets at the office). We look forward to seeing you there.

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as “Pilgrims of Hope!” We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Is excited to release our dates for the 2025 season. Our films this year focus on hope and the personal stories that give voice to those that often go unheard. Themes include women’s empowerment, refugees, youth, Indigenous justice, and environmental care. We start the season on **January 23, 2025**, with **She Rises Up**, a revealing look at the power of women’s economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are fighting to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. Film screenings are shown online, once a month from January to May. You can view our full film lineup at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> We hope you can join us!

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

December is an exciting month for children and families with the coming of Christmas. December is also the month we prepare for Christmas during Advent! Advent, by definition, means we are preparing for something important, which is the coming of Jesus Christ. Celebrating with an Advent wreath allows us to light a candle each week, offering a chance to discuss, on four occasions, what Christ’s coming to the world means to all of us. The candles (hope, faith, joy and peace) open up the opportunity to remind our children what each candle represents and, of course, the real meaning of the season. Santa comes one night per year, but Jesus is with us always and is a true gift in our lives. This Advent, remember to make Christ the reason for the season. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SAVE THE DATE!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those

married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at hamiltondiocese.com.

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 6, 2025!

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2025, to attend Year 1 Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2025, to attend Year 2 Kindergarten

To register we ask that you visit

https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/registration/kindergarten_registration and complete the online student pre-registration form. Once you have completed this form you will receive a follow-up email to complete the registration process. 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)

During the registration process, school administration are available to assist you with any questions you may have.

Please note:

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

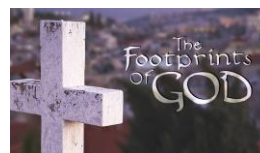
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

We hope you are still taking advantage of your FREE subscription to the online Catholic platform FORMED – below are picks for this week.



What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1 What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We’re all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy.

But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question. [Click here to watch.](#)



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apologist Steve Ray. Meet the people and see the places that shaped the salvation story through Scripture and Church history. It’s a fast-paced, entertaining biography, travel documentary, Bible study, apologetics course, and Church history study rolled into one remarkable adventure! [Click here to watch](#)