

CWL

The CWL is hosting an Advent retreat on **Thursday, November 30th**. Sr. Barbara Paleczny will be our retreat leader. The topic is "The many ways to pray." The retreat will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner, followed by the retreat. Cost for retreat and dinner is \$20 **EVERYONE IS INVITED**. Call Judi Langford 519 501 4763 if you would like further information. Sign up sheets at the side entrance.

There will be a monetary collection for the Christmas Hampers for Wilmot Family Resource Centre.

This will take place for two weekends - Nov 25 & 26. and Dec 2 & 3.

The Resource Centre will purchase food and gifts for hampers for those less fortunate in our community.

The Catholic Womens' League will begin the collection with a \$500. donation.

The Catholic Womens' League **Christmas meeting is Dec.5**. There will be a potluck dinner and a Christmas craft. Please sign the list at the back if you plan to attend. We need to ensure we have sufficient supplies.

Intentional Disciples Stratford

Disciples Night is coming up and we would love for you to join us! For young adults aged 20 - 35 Some years after Vatican II, the Church introduced the Novus Ordo Mass. Around the same time, Mass attendance started to decline. In contrast, Traditional Latin Mass attendance has grown over the past few decades. Will the Novus Ordo survive? On Dec 7th, we'll discuss a couple of possible scenarios.

Schedule: 5:45 – confession, 6:15 – Mass, 7 – dinner, 8 – talk, 8:45 - closing announcements \$10 if registered by Dec 4th*** or \$15 at the door. 96 Huron St, Stratford

To register, visit <https://avonthames.flocknote.com/signup/141394>

If you would like to sing at one of the Christmas Masses, please call Judi Langford at 519-501-4763. Practices for adults are Monday evening, Childrens' Christmas choir practices early Tues evening before 7:00 Mass. Children grade 3 and above are welcome. Call Judi to confirm your attendance.

The next coffee Sunday is November 26

Please join us for coffee, tea and drinks for the kids. Plus there is always a snack. Visit with fellow parishioners, get to know those in your community.

We will also be having our children program "Kid's Chat". This program will run every other week. Children will learn about their faith through the Catechism and Liturgical year while playing games and engaging in great discussions. There is no cost for this program.



Holy Family Roman Catholic Church (1883)

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Sunday, November 19, 2023
The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor:

Reverend Bob Love
Secretary: Sherry Reitzel

Office Hours

9 am - 11:30 am
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Mass Times

Tuesday—7:00 p.m.
Wed-Friday 8:30 am
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Rosary - 30 min before Mass

Confession

Saturday 4-5 pm
Or upon request

Marriage

Please contact the parish
at least six months in advance.

Baptism

Contact the office at least four
month in advance
Request forms at back of the
church

Holy Family Catholic School

Principal: Mark Modolo.
519-662-1734



Matthew 25: 14-30

You have been trustworthy in a few things.
I will put you in charge of many things.

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY November 21

7:00 pm
+ *Domenica Evers*
Req. *Bodendistle family*

WEDNESDAY November 22

8:30 am
+ *Judith Kroetsch*
Req. *Estate*

THURSDAY November 23

8:30 am

Intentions of Holy Family Parish

FRIDAY November 24

8:30 am

Special Intentions - Diocese

SATURDAY November 25

5:00pm
+ *Maria Stefanac*
Req. *P & B Stefanac*

WEEKLY OFFERING

November 12, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$ 2,061.00
Building fund: \$ 205.00

Thank you for your generosity

Prayer Network

To request special prayers contact:
Marcella 519 - 662-2962
Sharon 519 - 634-8401

If you would like to join the prayer chain please contact Sharon Diebold.

News from the Diocese of Hamilton

FREE...Come Home for Christmas Festival, bring your families and come celebrate with us! Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, Ancaster 437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, ON, L9G 3K4
Fun includes: Music, Hot Cocoa, Cookie Decorating, Crock-a-Doodle Christmas Ornament Painting, Magic Show, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Local Artisans (cash only) & Santa
Donations of cash, or non-perishable food items collected to benefit the Bishop's Charities. For more information, contact: mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com or 905.528.7988 ext. 2251

XXXVIII World Youth Day 2023: "Rejoicing in Hope"
The Church celebrates World Youth Day on Feast of Christ the King each year. This year's theme is "Rejoicing in Hope" (Rom 12:12). In today's difficult times, the Church wishes to rekindle hope in the world. To do this, she relies especially on young people, who are the leading figures of history and "missionaries of joy". In the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis wrote that Christ is "our hope and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world". Pope Francis invites young people to deepen their understanding of Christian hope and to witness joyfully that Christ is alive. Let us celebrate the hope the young people bring to our communities!

Save the Date: The Diocesan
Wedding Anniversary Mass!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Registration will be available online in December at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Vocation Seeds:

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 19, 2023
What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Vocations Prayer Week of November 20

Catholic Youth
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Deceased Consecrated Brothers and Sisters
Rev. Felix Nwatu
Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
Rev. Robert Bulbrook

Lives of the Saints

Saints Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his Companions
Feast day November 24

The evangelization of Vietnam began in the 16th century and was formally established with the setting up of two Vicariates Apostolic in 1659. There are now about 6 million Catholics in Vietnam, some 10% of the population.

This growth comes partly from the fact that since the earliest times the seed of the Faith has been watered by the blood of the martyrs of Vietnam – the missionary clergy, the local clergy and the ordinary Christian people. They have all shared the labour of apostolic work and have together faced death to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel. In the course of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries no less than 53 decrees, signed by the lords and emperors of the country from 1625 to 1886, launched one persecution of Christians after another, each one more savage than the last. Over the whole territory of Vietnam about 130,000 Christians were killed in these persecutions. Over the centuries the names of most of them have been lost, but their memory is still alive in the Catholic community.

Since the beginning of the 20th century 117 of these heroes (those whose sufferings were cruellest and best documented) were beatified, in four groups. They were all canonized together by Pope John Paul II on 19 June 1988.

Each one of them was a soul individually created and loved by God, with a life and gifts uniquely his or her own; but with such a huge crowd one can only classify. By nationality, there were 96 Vietnamese, 11 Spanish and 10 French. By status, there were 8 bishops, 50 priests, and 59 laymen and women.

St Catherine of Alexandria (d. 305)
Feast day November 25

Legends coming from a number of sources say that St Catherine was very outspoken at the time of the persecutions of Christians. She even protested openly to the emperor Maxentius who had her arrested, tortured on the wheel and decapitated in 305. St Catherine's courage is a great challenge to all African Christians in their struggle for justice and peace. The witness of her life and her readiness to die for the faith encourages us to be brave witnesses to the Lord and to speak out on behalf of all those who suffer.