



St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church (1857)

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Mass Times

Arthur:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am

Sunday: 10:30 am

(Rosary 30 minutes before Mass)

Palmerston:

Wednesday: 10:30 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Kenilworth:

Friday: 10:00 am

Sunday: 9:00 am

(Rosary 30 Minutes before Mass)

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Sunday December 29, 2024 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

“Mary & Joseph find the boy Jesus in the temple”

Sunday January 5, 2025 - Epiphany of the Lord

“The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.”

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist, Sacred Heart and St. Mary the Immaculate Parishes

We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors and hope that you feel at home in every parish. For information on registration and to find out how you can get more involved with parish activities, please contact us by: **Phone:** 519-848-2108, **Email:** stjohnarthur@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.stjohntheevangelist.ca



Can you imagine what Mary & Joseph felt the first time they held their newborn Son? His tiny face, soft and warm, smelled of fresh hay and sweet baby skin. Like any new mother, Mary's heart must have been overwhelmed with awe and love. But then, a deeper realization settled in: this wasn't just her baby—this was God Himself, the Saviour of

the world.

What a mystery to hold in her arms. How could she reconcile the squirming, fragile infant she nursed with the Creator of all things? Did she feel unworthy? Awestruck? Surely her love for Jesus as her baby boy was tender and fierce, but her reverence for Him as her God must have been breathtakingly profound. In that moment, as Mary kissed the face of God, she taught us a great truth: holiness dwells in the ordinary. Through her, we see that God draws near to us in ways we can touch, hold, and love. This Christmas season, may we ponder that mystery and invite the God who made Himself small to dwell close to our hearts. *(the Little Rose Shop team)*

Confession

After Daily Mass & 1st Friday

Saturday 2:30 - 3 p.m.

or upon request

Adoration - First Friday

8:30 am - 9:00 am (Arthur)

10:00 am - 10:30 am (Kenilworth)

Baptism

Please contact the office at least four months in advance.

Marriage

Please contact the office at least one year in advance.

ARTHUR MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY **Dec. 29**

10:30 am *Int. for all Parishioners*

TUESDAY **Dec. 31**

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY **Jan. 1**

New Years Day

10:30 am *Int. for all Parishioners*

THURSDAY **Jan. 2**

9:00 am + Harold & Viola Goetz

Req. by the Estate

FIRST FRIDAY **Jan. 3**

Adoration: 8:30 am

9:00 am + Jose Pereira

Req. by Gloria Pereira

SUNDAY **Jan. 5**

10:30 am *Int. for all Parishioners*

TUESDAY **Jan. 7**

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY **Jan. 8**

NO MASS

THURSDAY **Jan. 9**

NO MASS

FRIDAY **Jan. 10**

9:00 am + Paula & Rebecca Lynn

Epoch

Req. by Norm & Ruth Anne Staples

SUNDAY **Jan. 12**

10:30 am *Int. for all Parishioners*

Offer a Mass for a loved one, or in thanksgiving. Contact the parish office, leave an envelope in the collection basket or visit:

<https://stjohntheevangelist.ca/>

Arthur Offerings:

Sunday, Dec. 15

Collection: \$ 1144.25

Maintenance: \$

Flowers: \$ 30.00

Sunday, Dec. 22

Collection: \$ 850.85

Maintenance: \$ 20.00

Flowers: \$

*Thank you
all for
your
financial
support of
St. John the
Evangelist
Parish*

Personal Tax Receipts for all Parishes:

All offerings and donations **must** be received **before December 30th** to be included on your personal 2024 tax receipt.

Thank you all for your continuous support!

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 28th - 29th

Each year, in the afterglow of Christmas, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the holy family and also our own human family and family life. Pope Leo XIII, promoted the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

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.



Sacred Heart RC Church, Kenilworth
9139 Highway 6 Kenilworth, ON N0G 2E0

Kenilworth Offerings:

Sunday, Dec. 15

Collection: \$ 741.00

Maintenance: \$ 10.00

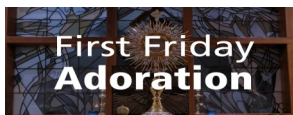
Flowers: \$ 140.00

Sunday, Dec. 22

Collection: \$ 1170.00

Maintenance: \$

*Thank you all for your
financial support of
Sacred Heart Parish.*



Jan. 3, 2025 - Adoration

Arthur: 8:30 - 9:00 am

Followed by Mass

Kenilworth: 10:00-10:30am

Followed by Mass.

Palmerston Offerings:

Sunday, Dec. 15

Collection: \$ 265.00

Maintenance: \$ 5.00

Flowers: \$ 10.00

Sunday, Dec. 22

Collection: \$ 270.00

Maintenance: \$ 100.00

Flowers: \$

*Thank you all for your
financial support of
St. Mary the Immaculate*

Confessions at Sacred Heart: will
be on the **FIRST** Sunday of each
month at 8:30 am, or upon request.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

In you we contemplate the splendour
of true love, to you we turn with
trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,

grant that our families too may be
places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel and
small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,

may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division: may
all who have been hurt or scandal-
ized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,

make us once more mindful of the
sacredness and inviolability of the
family, and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously
hear our prayer.

Amen

*Adapted from Pope Francis: Prayer to the Holy
Family for the Synod,*

SUNDAY **Dec. 29**

9:00 am Int. of Margaret Goetz

Req. by Norm & Ruth Anne Staples

Int. of Nadine Goetz - Req by the CWL

WEDNESDAY **Jan. 1**

New Years Day

9:00 am Int. for all Parishioners

FIRST FRIDAY **Jan. 3**

10:00 am - Adoration

10:30 am + Intentions of Ernst Bayer

Req. by the CWL

SUNDAY **Jan. 5**

9:00 am + Ben, Mitchel & Stella Kopecki

Req. by the Family

FRIDAY **Jan. 10**

10:00 am - + Stella McCabe

Req. by the Estate

SUNDAY **Jan. 12**

9:00 am + Paula, Verna & Frank Epoch

Req. by Tim, Dennis & Tom

+ Cyril & Teresa Lehman *Req. by the Family*

St. Mary the Immaculate, Palmerston

365 Main St E. Palmerston, ON N0G 2P0

SATURDAY Vigil **Dec. 28**

4:00 pm + Harold & Viola Goetz

Req. by the Estate

WEDNESDAY **Jan. 1**

New Year's Day

12:30 pm Int. for all Parishioners

SATURDAY Vigil **Jan. 4**

4:00 pm + Peter & Mary Kelly

Req. by the Estate

WEDNESDAY **Jan. 8**

NO MASS

SATURDAY Vigil **Jan. 11**

4:00 pm + Fortunata Vicente

Req. by Vivian Vicente

2025 Offertory Envelopes

Next year's 2025 contribution
envelopes are now available for pickup
at the entrance of the church for.

**Please fill in your name on the first of
the envelopes when the new year
starts.**

If you would like to move to
pre-authorized giving please call the
office. If you have any questions,
please call the parish office or your
parish contact.

Thank you to all who give! The work
of our parishes is made possible
through the giving hearts of our
parishioners.



Please remember in your prayers our benefactors, volunteers and those who have left bequests.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
January 2025

*** For the Right to an Education ***

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Thoughts from the Holy Father

"The family's mission is: "to create the favorable conditions for the harmonious and full growth of their children so that they can live a good life, worthy of God and constructive for the world."

Pope Francis

Mary Mother of God

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - **January 1, 2025** is a Holy Day of Obligation, much like every Sunday and Christmas. Masses in our family of Parishes is:

Sacred Heart, Kenilworth: 9:00 am

St. John, Arthur: 10:30 am

St. Mary, Palmerston: 12:30 pm



DIocese of HAMILTON

JUBILEE 2025

Bishop Crosby will solemnly open the Holy Year at the Cathedral Basilica, on Dec. 29, 2024 at the 11:00 am Mass. A replica of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica will be blessed at this Mass and displayed throughout the Holy Year.

What is a Jubilee? The Jubilee has always been an event of the people. In fact, the first Holy Year of 1300 was born at the request of the People of God. In the Christian era, after the first Jubilee, the recurrence for the jubilee celebration was set by Pope Boniface VIII to be every 100 years. In 1342, following a petition from the Romans to Pope Clement VI, the period was reduced to 50 years. Subsequently, Pope Paul II, in the mid-15th century, reduced the inter-jubilee period to 25 years.

What is the significance of the Holy Door? The Holy Door is one of the most characteristic signs of the Jubilee. For the coming year only the Holy Doors of Rome will be opened. At Christmas, pope Francis will open the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. The next day he will open a holy door at a local Roman prison. In the weeks After Christmas, the Holy Father will open the Holy Doors of his Cathedral - St. John Lateran; St. Mary Major; and St. Paul-outside-the-walls. In crossing the threshold, the pilgrim is reminded of Jesus in John's Gospel - "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR
... let us pray for

Mon. Dec. 30 - Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony

Tues. Dec. 31 - Rev. Felix Nwatu

Wed. Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God

Thur. Jan. 2 - Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

Fri. Jan. 3 - Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.

Sat. Jan. 4 - Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D

Mon. Jan. 6 - Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P

Tues. Jan. 7 - Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P.

Wed. Jan. 8 - Diocesan Priests

Thur. Jan. 9 - Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

Fri. Jan. 10 - Rev. David Avila

Sat. Jan. 11 - Married Couples

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.

Vocation Seeds

Feast of the Holy Family - December 29, 2024

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person.

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

hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

