

**St. John the Evangelist**

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**St. Mary the Immaculate**

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**Sacred Heart RC Church**

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# PARISH BULLETIN



***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:

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***Sunday March 9, 2025 - 1st Sunday of Lent***

***“Jesus fasts for 40 day in the desert and is tempted.”***

***Sunday March 16, 2025 - 2nd Sunday of Lent***

***“Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.”***

**Pastor:**

Reverend Stephen Gilbert

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**Office Hours:**

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**St. John School:** 519 848 2445

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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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**PRAY THE 2025  
JUBILEE PRAYER**

**Confession**

**St. John**

*After Daily Mass & 1st Friday*

*Saturday 2:30 - 3 p.m.*

***or upon request***

**Sacred Heart**

*First Sunday of each month at*

***8:30 am or upon request***

**Adoration - First Friday**

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

*10:00 am - 10:30 am*

***(Kenilworth)***

*(Mass to Follow Adoration)*

**Baptism**

*Please contact the office at least four months in advance.*

**Marriage**

*Please contact the office at least one year in advance.*

***Thank you for joining us today! We look forward to seeing you next time!***



As the Holy Father remains in hospital, we keep him close in prayer: Almighty and eternal God you are the everlasting health of those who believe in you. Hear our prayers for your sick servant, Francis, for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Forty Hours Devotion This Lent**

As part of the ongoing Eucharistic revival in Wellington Deanery, you are encouraged to participate in the Forty Hours Devotion this Lent. This year's Devotion, which is rather like a Parish Mission with a special focus on the Eucharist, will be preached by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph**, from March 10-13, 2025. There will be Mass at 7:00 pm each evening, and forty hours of semi-continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout these days (hence the name "Forty Hours Devotion"). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration at the Basilica from 7:30 am until 10:00 pm on March 11 and 12, and from 7:30 am until 6:30 pm on March 13. The complete schedule for the Forty Hours Devotion is on the website of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate.

### **St. John's & St. Mary's Tax Receipt Notice:**

The 2024 Charitable Donation Tax receipts have been mailed out to all. If you are expecting a receipt and you do not receive one within the next few days, please call the church office @ 519-848-2108 or email us at: [stjohnarthur@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stjohnarthur@hamiltondiocese.com)

If when you receive your receipt and notice a difference from your records, again, please contact us.

Thank you

Annette (Parish Bookkeeper)

### **Stations of the Cross during Lent:**

**St. John:** Every Sunday - 30 minutes before Mass.

**Sacred Heart:** Every Friday and Sunday - 30 minutes before Mass.

**St. Mary:** Every Saturday after Mass



### **Congratulations**

Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish welcome Nadine Goetz into the Catholic Church and Faith community. May you be blessed on your faith journey as you continue to grow in God's mercy and love. Congratulations and blessings to Nadine and Mark!

*"The Lord will guide you always" Isaiah 58:11*

### **March - The Month of St. Joseph**

St. Joseph. A man who stays mostly in the background of Scripture, his words unrecorded, his actions speaking volumes.

Think about it—he was entrusted with the care of Mary and the responsibility of raising Jesus. He taught Jesus how to work with His hands, how to pray, how to be faithful, all while knowing that this child was the Son of God. How humbling that must have been.

The mystery of Jesus having both a Heavenly Father and an earthly father like Joseph is a powerful reminder of God's plan. It's a story of love, sacrifice, and quiet obedience.

This March, let's reflect on the hidden, humble courage of St. Joseph and strive to follow his example - leading with love, serving in silence, and trusting fully in God's plan.

*The Little Rose Shop*

### **Upcoming Events - Save the Date:**

**St. John's Meeting:** Thursday March 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Centre. Further discussion & planning for the Jubilee 2025 events. All are welcome. Please plan to attend.

**Sacred Heart Parish Lenten Hunger Meal - Sunday, March 30th** in the Parish Hall, following Mass.

**St. John's Parish Coffee Sunday** - the next date will be Sunday, April 6th in the Parish Hall following Mass.

Volunteers are needed.

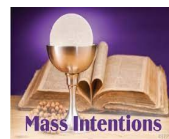
## **Mass Intention Schedule - March 8 - 23, 2025**

- Saturday Vigil Mar. 8 - 4:00 pm (Palmerston) - + John Canning - Req. by Grace Canning**
- Sunday Mar. 9 - 9:00 am (Kenilworth) - + Ben Kopecki - Req. by the Family**  
**- 10:30 am (Arthur) - + Mary Jo Marshall - Req. by Ray & Joan Loughran & Family**
- Tuesday Mar. 11 - (Arthur) - + Mariyamma Gilbert**
- Wednesday Mar. 12 - 8:00 am (Arthur) - + Joan Gilmartin - Req. by Greg & Mary Jo Ashbourn**  
**- (Palmerston) - NO MASS**
- Thursday Mar. 13 - 9:00 am (Arthur) - Pat & Shirley Goetz - Req. by the Estate**  
**- 10:00 am - at Caressant Care NH - + Peter & Mary Kelly - Req. by the Estate**
- Friday Mar. 14 - 9:00 am - (Arthur) - + Harold & Viola Goetz - Req. by the Estate**  
**- 10:00 am - (Kenilworth) - + Frank Bowier - Req. by Tom & Margaret Mary Tangney**
- Saturday Vigil Mar. 15 - 4:00 pm (Palmerston) - + Harold & Viola Goetz - Req. by the Estate**
- Sunday Mar. 16 - 9:00 am (Kenilworth) - + Dan, Helen & Leo Callaghan - Req. by Joe & Phyllis Callaghan**  
**- 10:30 am (Arthur) - + Gregory Alderson - Req. by Ester Wyldes**
- Tuesday Mar. 18 - 9:00 am (Arthur) - + Pat & Shirley Goetz - Req. by the Estate**
- Wednesday Mar. 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph**  
**- 9:00 am (Arthur) - + Stella McCabe - Req. by Jim & Shirley Coffey & Family**  
**- 10:30 am (Palmerston) - at Royal Terrace NH**  
**+ Peter & Mary Kelly - Req. by the Estate**
- Thursday Mar. 20 - 9:00 am (Arthur) - + Harold & Viola Goetz - Req. by the Estate**
- Friday Mar. 21 - (Arthur) 9:00 am - + Peter & Mary Kelly - Req. by the Estate**  
**- (Kenilworth) 10:00 am - + Ben Kopecki - Req. by Paul & Mary Lou Bolen**
- Saturday Vigil Mar. 22 - 4:00 pm (Palmerston) - + Pat & Shirley Goetz - Req. by the Estate**
- Sunday Mar. 23 - 9:00 am (Kenilworth) - Intentions of Clarona Conrad - Req. by the CWL**  
**- 10:30 am (Arthur) - Int. for all Parishioners**

**Lenten Diocesan Initiative of Service and Faith - Lenten 40 Day Challenge** is an opportunity for us to give of ourselves in love and self-sacrifice. Giving during Lent mirrors Jesus' sacrifice in the desert, teaching us to turn our hearts toward the needs of others, especially the less fortunate. All parishioners are encouraged to participate. *Each day of Lent, put one item of clothing or other item that you no longer wear or use into a bag. At the end of the 40 days, donate them to a place that will share with those in need.*



**Offer a Mass Intention** for a loved one, or in thanksgiving. Contact the parish office or leave an envelope in the collection basket. Thank you.



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



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

March 2025

*\* For Families in Crisis \**

Let us pray broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences..

## Thoughts from the Holy Father

*"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem" (Mt 20:18)*

*Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love ."*

*Pope Francis*

## **St. John Parish Centre/Hall**

There are various 2025 dates available for gatherings and/or functions. There are application forms available at the back of the church or on the web site under "Get Involved" or call the parish office for more information.



**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

## **OPENING THE HOLY DOOR:**

**SPRING BOOK CLUB** - The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, *"Opening the Holy Door."* Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **March 18-April 8, 2025.**

Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Join us for this time of prayer and conversation, drawing into deeper fellowship during this Jubilee of Hope. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

## **DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR**

*... let us pray for*

Mon. Mar. 10 - Rev. Adam Voisin  
Tues. Mar. 11 - Rev. Roert Bulbrook  
Wed. Mar. 12 - Permanent diaconate Candidates  
Thur. Mar. 13 - Rev. Jeffery Oehring  
Fri. Mar. 14 - St. Francesco Cucchi  
Sat. Mar. 15 - Rev. Mark Gatto

Mon. Mar. 17 - Rev. Peter Robinson  
Tues. Mar. 18 - Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C, Ss.R.  
Wed. Mar. 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse, Blessed Virgin Mary  
Thur. Mar. 20 - Rev. Kevin Upendran  
Fri. Mar. 21 - Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D. B.  
Sat. Mar. 22 - Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba

***PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.***

## *Vocation Seeds*

### **First Sunday of Lent - March 9, 2025**

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you?

### **Second Sunday of Lent – March 16, 2025**

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If God is calling you contact **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.** email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## **PARISH** *Support*

**February 23 & March 2, 2025**

	<b>St. John</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>
Regular Offertory Loose & Envelopes	\$4257.35	\$2185.00	\$727.00
Maintenance	\$335.00	\$94.00	\$150.00
Flooring Fund	\$7400.00		
Special Collections	\$105.00		

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