

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:

Phone: 519-848-2108 **Email:** stjohnarthur@hamiltondiocese.ca **Website:** www.stjohntheevangelist.ca

Sunday December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

“Jesus praised John the Baptist as more than a prophet.”

Sunday December 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Joseph takes Mary as his wife and names her child Jesus. .”

Pastor:

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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

(Rosary 30 Minutes before Mass)

Kenilworth:

Friday: 10:00 am

Sunday: 9:00 am

(Rosary 30 Minutes before Mass)

Diocese of Hamilton Contact:

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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.

**PRAY THE 2025
JUBILEE PRAYER**

Month of December - A Time of Expectation

On this third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, the Church invites us to rejoice, not because all is perfect, but because the Lord is near and his love is already at work in our midst, giving us much reason to rejoice. Next Sunday, Mary and Joseph responded faithfully to God's call, even amid confusion, fear and uncertainty. Their obedience reminds us that hope, joy and peace are born through love, which is manifested in trust and surrender, not control.





This third candle of Advent symbolizes **JOY**. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. It takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls “Gaudete Sunday,” meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, it is called the “Shepherd’s Candle,” and its colour is pink, the liturgical colour for joy.

During the final week of Advent, the fourth candle represents **LOVE**, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the “Angels Candle,” the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the colour purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel. This is the last week to prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas. Are you ready?

What's Happening ~ Save the Date!

Dec. 13 & 14	Third Sunday of Advent. - The Shepherds Candle - symbolizing joy!
Dec. 20 & 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent - The Angels Candle - symbolizing love!
Sun. Dec.21	St. John decorating for Christmas after the 10:30 am Mass.
Sun. Dec 21	Annual Christmas Canata at the Mount Forest United Church at 2:30 pm.
Mon. Dec. 22	Annual Christmas Canata at St. John Church - Arthur at 7:30 pm.
Wed. Dec. 24	St. John's - Christmas Carol Sing-a-long - 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass - 7:00 pm
Wed. Dec. 24	Sacred Heart - Christmas Carols - 9:20 pm Christmas Eve Mass - 10:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 25	Merry Christmas! Palmerston Mass - 9:30 am Arthur Mass - 11:30 am

A message from the TD Bank for **St. John and St. Mary parishes: All cheques are to be made payable to: St. John RC (or Roman Catholic) Church.**
Thank you!

Sacrament of Baptism

We wish to congratulate



Nick & Aleasha Hansen on the occasion of the baptism of their daughters Maya Anne & Quinn Lee on Nov. 30th, at St. John the Evangelist Church.

We pray for Maya & Quinn so that they may come to know by the example of their parents, godparents and family the love that God has for them.

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedules

Wednesday Dec 24, 2025

Arthur: Carol Singing - starting at 6:30 pm

Mass - 7:00 pm

Kenilworth: Carol Singing - starting at 9:20 pm

Mass - 10:00 pm

Thursday Dec. 25, 2025

Kitchener: Mass: 12:30 am.

Palmerston: Mass - 9:30 am.

Arthur: Mass - 11:30 am.



Thursday January 1, 2026

Kenilworth - 9:00 am

Arthur - 10:30 am

Palmerston - 12:30 pm



Dear parishioners of St. John, Sacred Heart and St. Mary:
"May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever."
We wish each and everyone of you and your families a wonderful Christmas. May your Christmas be filled with the joy of Christ and His everlasting love!

Light up our lives (Perhaps in the coming Advent weeks you could pray this prayer each day in your home.)

Christ, come into our world of darkness. Light up our lives with your coming.

Fulfill all our longings with the joy of your birth. Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world

And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings. Amen.

Mass Intention Schedule - December 14 - 28, 2025

Sunday Dec. 14 - Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am (Kenilworth) - + Anna Marie Grubber - *the Lafleur family*
+ Clarona Conrad - *Cathy Conrad*
- 10:30 am (Arthur) - Intention of all Parishioners

Tuesday Dec. 16 - 9:00 am - (Arthur) - + Mary Jo Marshall - *Paul & Mary Lou Bolen*

Wednesday Dec. 17 - 9:00 am - (Arthur) - + Clausing & Lukus Families - *Theresa Clausing & family*
- 10:30 am (Palmerston) - No Intention

Thursday Dec. 18 - 9:00 am (Arthur) - + Father Piotr Golinski - *St. John CWL*

Friday Dec. 19 - 9:00 am (Arthur) - + Gabriel & Laurina Benevides - *Gloris Pereira*
- 10:30 am (Kenilworth) - + Shirley Hayes - *Brenda & Bert*
+ Nick Schouten - *the Estate*

Saturday Vigil Dec. 20 - 4:00 pm (Palmerston) - + Earl Speers - *Lori Speers*

Sunday Dec. 21- Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am (Kenilworth) - + Jim & Leona Brown - *the Family*
+ Pat & Mary O'Donnell - *Stephen & Maureen Dineen*
- 10:30 am (Arthur) - Intention of all Parishioners

Tuesday Dec. 23 - 9:00 am (Arthur) - Special Intentions - *Carmel Hutchison*

Wednesday Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

- 7:00 pm (Arthur) - The Nativity of the Lord
- 10:00 pm (Kenilworth) - The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

- 9:30 am - (Palmerston) - Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord
- 11:30 am - (Arthur) - Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord

Friday Dec. 26 - 9:00 am - (Arthur) - No Mass
- 10:00 am (Kenilworth) - No Mass

Saturday Vigil Dec. 27- 4:00 pm (Palmerston) - **Closing of the Jubilee of Hope**
+ All deceased members of the Semelhago Family - *Gavin & Tanya Semelhago & family*

Sunday Dec. 28 - Closing of the Jubilee of Hope

- 9:00 am (Kenilworth) - + Lino Pigozzo - *Theresa Pigozzo*
+ Frank Bowier - *Cor & Adele deGroot*
- 10:30 am (Arthur) - Intention of all Parishioners



***** Personal Tax Receipts for ALL Parishes*****

All offerings and donations **must** be received **before December 30th** to be included on your personal 2025 tax receipt. Thank you for your continued support!

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.



The Pope's Prayer Intention

For Christians in areas of conflict :

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Thoughts from the Holy Father

“Advent is a journey toward Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by **the light** of Gad made man.”
Pope Francis

Go Sing It on the Mountain

A Cantata by Pepper Chaplin
Directed by: Derek Moore
Performed by: Wellington
North community choir.

Two Performances:

1. Sunday Dec. 21, 2025 -
2:30 pm at Mount Forest
United Church.
2. Monday Dec. 22, 2025 -
7:30 pm at St. John's RC
Church, Arthur.



A good will offering will be collected to support Arthur and Mount Forest Foodbanks.

★ CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE ★

★ Thank you to everyone who supported the community bake sale. St. John's & Sacred

Heart's tables were very busy. Special thanks to those who donated baking and to those who were able to help out that day. We also thank the organizers of this community event. A great day was enjoyed



Sacred Heart Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for anyone wishing to make a donation towards the Christmas flowers. If you are making a donation in memory of a loved one, please write their name on the envelope.



DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR

... let us pray for

Mon. Dec. 15 - Rev. Gabriel Marais Catarino
Tues. Dec. 16 - Rev. Stanley Nwokeji
Wed. Dec. 17 - Voluntas Dei Institute, i.v.Dei.
Thur. Dec. 18 - Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Fri. Dec. 19 - Rev. Donald Sanvido
Sat. Dec. 20 - Rev. David Weise

Mon. Dec. 22 - Rev. Richard Dordunu
Tues. Dec. 23 - Rev. Robert Kiffman
Wed. Dec. 24 - Consecrated Virgin Candidates
Thur. Dec. 25 - **The Nativity of The Lord**
Fri. Dec. 26 - Rev. Jason Kuntz
Sat. Dec. 27 - Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.

Vocation Seeds

Third Sunday of Advent - December 14, 2025

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent?

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2025

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you contact, **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

**Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/**

PARISH *Support*

Nov. 30th & Dec. 7th
2025

	St. John	Sacred Heart	St. Mary
Regular Offertory Loose & Envelopes	\$ 2192.20	\$ 1806.00	\$ 222.00
Maintenance	\$ 440.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 50.00
Special Collections	\$ 65.00		
Flooring Fund	\$		

Thank you for your financial support and generosity!