

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 January 11, 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord
"The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John."
Sunday January 18, 2026 - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
"John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God."

Pastor:

Reverend Stephen Gilbert

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Tues.- Fri. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sacred Heart Contact:

Julie Goetz : 519-993-0833

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Bookkeeper: Patsy Weadick

Finance Committee:

Bonnie Rooney

Sacristan: Louise Dingman

Caretaker: Ambrose Brown

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.*

St. John School: 519 848 2445

www.stjohnarthur.wellingtoncdsb.ca

January - The month of the holy name of Jesus

Every time this name is spoken, it becomes not merely a word but a representation of hope, healing, and salvation. Take some time during this month of January to reflect on the Holy Name of Jesus.

Let His name become a simple prayer for you as you go about your day.

Bring Him into each moment with a single word: "Jesus."

Rest in Peace We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Dave Dineen, who was called to eternal life. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.*



As we enter this new year, let us consider new ways to live this year with hope. This poem reflects on what happens after the rejoicing of Christmas - calling each of us to continue Christ's mission through acts of love, justice and compassion.

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among people,
to make music in the heart.

By: Howard Thurman

St. John's C.W.L. News

The purpose of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is to unite Catholic women to grow in faith and to promote social justice through service to the Church, Canada and the World. ***The 2026 membership fee will be \$34.50 and runs from January 1 to December 31.*** If you are already a member please consider inviting others to join us. Please place your membership in an envelope on the collection plate or speak to Linda Janssen or Mary Townsend for more information.



What's Happening ~ Save the Date!

Sun. Jan. 11	The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
Sun. Feb. 1	St. John - Coffee Sunday in the parish centre.
Fri. Mar. 6	World Day of Prayer at St. John the Evangelist Church.

World Day of Prayer 2026

Prepared by the WDP Committee of Nigeria
"I Will Give You Rest: Come"

Matthew 11: 28-30

St. John the Evangelist parish will be hosting the 2026 World Day of Prayer this year. It will be held on **Friday March 6th.**

We will need help organizing this event - people to set up, advertising & posters, video and music, and organize & prepare the lunch. If you could volunteer in any of these areas please contact Linda Janssen.

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board is now accepting new registrations for Kindergarten students! Our two-year Kindergarten program allows our young learners to learn, grow, and explore through play and inquiry in a faith-based environment.

Children who were born in 2022 may attend Year One Kindergarten (Junior Kindergarten), and children born in 2021 may attend Year Two Kindergarten (Senior Kindergarten). If your child is currently attending Year One with Wellington Catholic DSB, you do not have to re-register for Year Two at the same school.

We invite families to register their child for Kindergarten by following these steps:

Find your school. Visit findmyschool.ca find your local Catholic school using your home address

Pre-Register. Complete the [online pre-registration form](http://onlinepre-registrationform.wellingtoncdsb.ca) available at wellingtoncdsb.ca. Once submitted, you will receive a unique registration code by email. Use the code and link provided to complete the online registration forms

Schedule a meeting with school administration. Book a meeting with the school to meet the staff, submit required documents, and finalize your child's admission

Wellington Catholic DSB is happy to support you throughout the registration process. For more information, please visit wellingtoncdsb.ca or contact your local Catholic school. We look forward to welcoming your family into our school community this fall!

Mass Intention Schedule - January 11 - 25, 2026

Sunday Jan. 11 - The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

- 9:00 am (**Kenilworth**) - + Paula Epoch - *Tim Epoch*
- 10:30 am (**Arthur**) - Intention of all Parishioners

Tuesday Jan. 13 - 9:00 am - (Arthur**) - + Deceased members of the Epoch & Rooney families - *Wayne & Bonnie Rooney & family***

Wednesday Jan. 14 - 9:00 am - (Arthur**) - + Mary Jo Marshall - *Cathy Conrad***
- 10:30 am (**Palmerston**) - No Intention

Thursday Jan. 15 - 9:00 am (Arthur**) - + Mary Jo Marshall - *Elcon & Monica McLean***
- 11:30 am (Arthur) (St. John School Mass) - + Rev. Piotr Golinski - *David & Teresa Hawkins*

Friday Jan. 16 - 9:00 am (Arthur**) - + Gabriel & Laurina Benevides - *Gloria Pereira***
- 10:00 am (**Kenilworth**) - Intentions of Mary Seifried - *Margaret Goetz & family*

Saturday Vigil Jan. 17 - 4:00 pm (Palmerston) - Deceased members of the Pottruff & Andraole families - *Doug & Mary Potruff*



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - JAN. 18-25, 2026

Sunday Jan. 18 - 9:00 am (Kenilworth**) - + Dave Dineen - *Stephen & Maureen Dineen***
- 10:30 am (**Arthur**) - + Salvatore & Joseph Abate - *Phylliss Abate & family*

Tuesday Jan. 20 - 9:00 am (Arthur**) - No Mass**

Wednesday Jan. 21 - 9:00 am (Arthur**) - No Mass**
- 10:30 am (**Palmerston**) - No Mass

Thursday Jan. 22 - 9:00 am - (Arthur**) - No Mass**

Friday Jan. 23 - 9:00 am - (Arthur**) - No Mass**
- 10:00 am (**Kenilworth**) - No Mass

Saturday Vigil Jan. 24 - 4:00 pm (Palmerston**) - + Ernesto Vicente - *Vivian Q. Vicente***



Sunday Jan. 25 - 9:00 am (Kenilworth**) - + Paula Epoch - *Tim Epoch***
+ Mary Jo Marshall - *Tim & Deb*
- 10:30 am (**Arthur**) - Intention of all Parishioners

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, February 7th at the St. Michael's Church, Waterloo ON.** Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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
January 2026

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Thoughts from the Holy Father

“The restoration of unity among Christians does not make us poorer,” “On the contrary, it enriches us.”

Pope Leo

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

As we commemorate Jesus' baptism, we celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of a new unity with the Holy Trinity. We also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins such as when we combine the crucifixion, the Trinity, and holy water upon entering a church and blessing ourselves, we not only meet our Lord but also receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and share more fully in our adoption as sons and daughters of the Father in Heaven.

Therefore, every time we make a humble act of repentance, such as when we combine the crucifixion, the Trinity, and holy water upon entering a church and blessing ourselves, we not only meet our Lord but also receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and share more fully in our adoption as sons and daughters of the Father in Heaven.

Prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You came to me in my baptism and united me in my fallenness with You in Your divinity. I pray that I will continuously be aware of all that divides us and will never grow weary of repenting of my sin. I do repent once again, dear Lord. I beg for Your mercy and forgiveness and open myself more fully to You, Your Father, and the Holy Spirit. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I trust in You.

From: My Catholic Life

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR

... let us pray for

Mon. Jan. 12 - Rev. Scott Whitfield
Tues. Jan. 13 - Rev. Stanley Nwokeji
Wed. Jan. 14 - Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.
Thur. Jan. 15 - Rev. Peter Robinson
Fri. Jan. 16 - Rev. James Petrie
Sat. Jan. 17 - Married Couples

Pray for Christian Unity - Jan 18-25, 2026

Mon. Jan. 19 - Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Tues. Jan. 20 - Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico
Wed. Jan. 21- Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, O.H.
Thur. Jan. 22 - Rev. Guillermo Diaz
Fri. Jan. 23 - Rev. Paul Edmondstone
Sat. Jan. 24 - Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.

Vocation Seeds

The Baptism of the Lord - January 11, 2026

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus “a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’”

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 18, 2026

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact, **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

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

PARISH *Support*

**Dec. 25, & 28 2025
Jan. 1, 4 & Initial 2026**

	St. John	Sacred Heart	St. Mary
Regular Offertory Loose & Envelopes	\$ 3272.25	\$ 7680.00	\$ 540.00
Maintenance	\$ 415.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 65.00
Special / Flowers	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00	
Christmas	\$ 3785.00	\$ 3887.00	\$ 560.00
Jan. 1, 4 & Initial	\$ 1175.00	\$ 1685.00	\$ 180.00

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