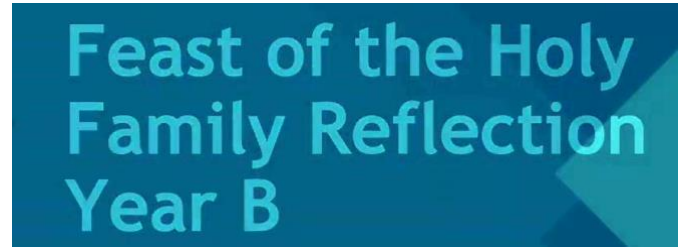


HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



Mass Intentions

December 30, 2025 – January 2, 2026

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Int of Patty & Sergio
Wednesday New Year's Eve	5:00 p.m.	+ John Tomajko
Thursday New Year's Day	10:00 a.m.	Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Friday	8:30 a.m.	+ Luigi Castaldi

Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

January 3, 2026

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+ Franca Perruzza + Edna Trembly + Roland Trembly + Hanna Doyle
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VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

December 29, 2025 – January 3, 2026

Mon.	Rev. Edward Mahony
Tue.	Rev. Francis Hubilla
Wed.	Religious Life Candidates
Thur.	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Fri.	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Sat.	Very Rev. Adrian Lee

VOCATION VIEW

Holy Family – December 28, 2025

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If He is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations

SUNDAY FUNNY



"Daddy said 'Happy New Year,' but I don't think he really meant it!"

HOLY FAMILY REFLECTION

On this, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. But most especially, we focus in on the hidden, day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

What was it like to live day in and day out in the household of St. Joseph? What was it like to have Jesus for a son, Mary as a wife and mother, and Joseph as a father and husband? Their home would have certainly been a sacred place and a dwelling of true peace and unity. But it would have also been so much more.

The family home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have been, in numerous ways, just like any other home. They would have related together, talked, had fun, disagreed, worked, eaten, dealt with problems, and encountered everything else that makes up daily family life.

Of course, the virtues of Jesus and Mary were perfect, and St. Joseph was a truly "just man." Therefore, the overriding characteristic of their home would have been love.

But with that said, their family would not have been exempt from daily toil, hurt and challenges that face most families.

For example, they would have encountered the death of loved ones, St. Joseph most likely passed away prior to Jesus' public ministry. They would have encountered misunderstanding and gossip from others. Our Blessed Mother, for example, was found with child out of wedlock. This would have been a topic of discussion among many acquaintances for sure. They would have had to fulfill all daily chores, earn a living, put food on the table, attend gatherings of family and friends and the like. They would have lived normal family life in every way.

This is significant because it reveals God's love for family life. The Father allowed His Divine Son to live this life and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity.

The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God's divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue.

Reflect, today, upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication.

Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now.

He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite the Triune God to make your family a holy family.

2026 BOXED ENVELOPES

The 2026 boxed sets of envelopes are ready for pick up. They are in Alphabetical Order, located in the parish hall. Please help us by picking yours up today. If you have requested envelopes and cannot find a boxed set with your name on it, please contact Bonnie in the parish office. Please be careful and double check the name on box so you don't take someone else's with the same or similar surname. If you are not currently using the boxed sets of envelopes and would like to start or if you would prefer to use Direct Debit, please call Bonnie at the parish office



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our next general meeting will be held on January 15, 2026 at 1pm. There will be a sharing table so bring any items you would like to share.

Reminder, our annual membership fees (\$35) are due before the end of December

Wishing all our wonderful CWL sisters joy, peace, and love this glorious season. May you feel His presence in every carol, quiet moment, and shared blessing.

Hope you had a very Merry Christmas and may God's love and peace fill your life in 2026!

The [Catholic Women's League \(CWL\)](#) of Canada is a national organisation rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.

Note: *All women 16 years of age and older* are welcome to join the CWL. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Margie 905-815-3008 or Lucy 905-681-9432. All are welcome!

JOSEPH BRANT HOSPITAL COMMUNION VISITS

If you or someone in your family is in Joseph Brant Hospital, **PLEASE NOTIFY THE HOSPITAL INFORMATION CENTRE** that they are members of St. Patrick's Church. This will ensure that they will receive regular communion visits from our volunteer Eucharistic Ministers. We are a family community and would like to know of anyone who is in need of hospital visits, home visits or prayers. If you or a family member would like a visit or would like to be prayed for during the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass, **(Note: Names will be announced in one of the petitions, so please offer your family member or friend the courtesy of asking)** please contact the office.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT PLAN

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community. Please consider your regular contributions to support the ongoing expenses for the Church and the many Ministries provided, to make your contributions through automatic bank withdrawal. Please find Pre-Authorized Debit Plan Forms on the table in the foyer. If you have any questions or assistance please call our Administrative Assistant Bonnie Maloney 905-632-6114

If you are currently using Pre Authorized Debit and would like to increase your donation, please call the parish office.

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

Emergency Assistance: St. Patrick's Society of Saint Vincent de Paul offers short-term, emergency assistance (i.e. food, clothing, furniture) to families in need within our parish boundaries. If your family is in need, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our phone number is 905-632-0270. When you call, leave a message and one of our volunteer representatives will get back to you, usually within 24 hours. All calls are confidential. Our aim is to serve everyone with compassion, respect and hope. God Bless.

THANK YOU! The Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all those who have supported us and donated to our cause throughout the past year. We would like to extend a special thank-you to those who sponsored families this Christmas, to those who helped prepare Christmas food boxes. Through the generosity of our parishioners and our schools, we were able to offer Christmas assistance to many needy families this year. We are truly blessed to have such a caring and giving community! God bless you and we wish you all the best in 2025.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings. A partnership between the [Bishop Farrell Library & Archives](#) and [Development and Peace](#), the [Reel Justice Film Festival](#) shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM This program provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will run **Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.



Happy New Year, church family! May God's grace fill your days with renewed faith, abundant blessings, and His guiding light as you step into this new year, anchored in His unchanging love and promises for a blessed journey ahead, filled with hope, strength, and peace.
Father Godwin