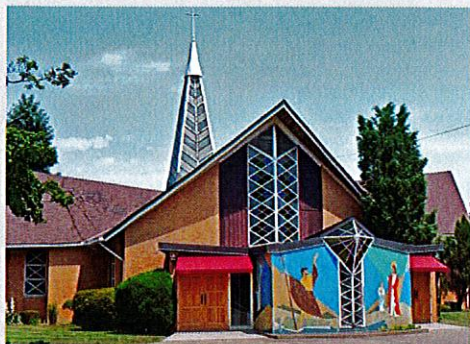


MARCH 24 , 2024



WELCOME to all who have come to worship and pray with us this weekend. We are glad you are here!

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Kevin Upendran, Administrator
Fr. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba
Lisa White, Office Administrator
David Mclsaac, Music Director

All Masses and Sacraments have been cancelled until further notice. Parishioners are invited to attend St. Eugene Parish.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday and Thursday
1 pm to 5pm
Friday 9am to 5pm

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH IS DEDICATED TO WELCOMING EVERYONE TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST, GROW IN FAITH AND SHARE OUR GIFTS.

Sacraments and Pastoral Services

Baptism: Parents must fill out a Baptismal Registration Form and attend the Baptismal Preparation meeting.

Marriage: Contact us at least one year in advance. Marriage Preparation course must be completed.

Car or Home blessings, Communion to the Homebound: Priest or Minister will visit the home.

Anointing of the Sick: For those who will be undergoing surgery, are very ill, or are near death.

Funeral: Contact us as soon as possible to plan Vigil Prayers, Funeral Mass and Burial.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

St. Eugene Parish

232 Queenston Road
(corner of Queenston and Parkdale)

St. Eugene Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 11:00 am
Children's Liturgy during Sunday Mass

Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am
Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am
Saturday 9:00 am

Please note that donation envelopes placed in the collection at St. Eugene will be returned to St. John for deposit.

Confession at St. Eugene
Saturday 4 - 4:45 pm
Tuesday 6:30 pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki Chrism Mass
Tuesday	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Wednesday	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (C.S.J.)
Thursday	Holy Thursday
Friday	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday	Holy Saturday

Blessed are those
who come in the Name of the Lord!
Blessed are they who live their lives
in the Name of the Lord!

If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/



St. Eugene Parish
Schedule for Holy Week and Easter
March 23 to March 31

Confession
Tuesday March 26 at 6:00 pm

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm

Good Friday
Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 pm
(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday
Blessing of Festive Foods at 11:00 am
Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday
Mass at 9:00 am and 11:00 am

COLLECTIONS for March 17

Sunday Offerings	\$ 845
Share Lent	\$ 540
Average weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 539.40

Scan the QR code to donate through the *CanadaHelps* website.



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Contact the office if you are interested in having your monthly Parish offering transferred electronically from your bank account. Donations can easily be changed or terminated at any time.

PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

Call Ginette at 905-746-9976 or the Parish office if you would like to add the name of a loved one to our Prayer Network, or if you would like to join the Prayer Network to pray for others. Monthly updates would be appreciated if you would like your prayer request to continue.



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Please read today's insert...the latest newsletter from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

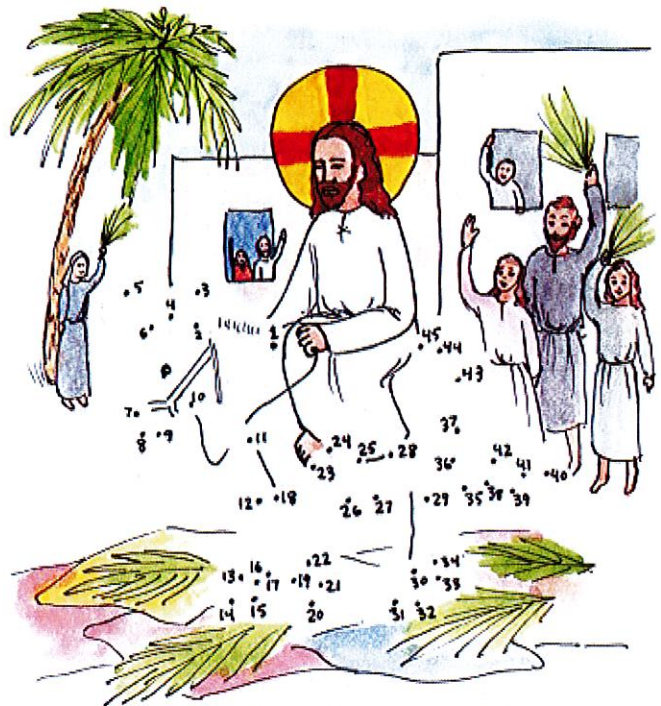
Divine Mercy Apostolate of Canada cordially invites everyone to celebrate

The Feast of Divine Mercy

on Sunday April 7 at St. Catherine of Siena Parish
620 Rymal Road East (at Upper Sherman)

2:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(Confession/Holy Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet)

4:00 pm Holy Eucharist
Celebrant Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger



A few days before He died on the Cross, Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times. What was it? Connect the dots to find out!

PARISH HALL RENTALS

For those looking for an alternate venue when hosting events. The cost is \$300 plus insurance (we can provide a website link). Regular parishioners may be eligible to receive a discounted rate. Please contact the office.

Island of Lemurs, Madagascar

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival March 27, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

for our special youth screening of *Island of Lemurs, Madagascar*. An insightful documentary for the whole family! Follow Dr. Patricia C. Wright's mission to help lemurs, the highly evolved creatures who arrived on Madagascar millions of years ago as castaways but are now highly endangered.

The screening will be hosted online via Zoom.

Register at reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com

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.

Are you interested?

The Heart2hands Ministry at St. Catherine of Siena Parish is looking to organize a 1-day bus trip to the Spinrite Yarn Factory Outlet Tent Sale in Listowel from July 29 to August 10. The exact day and cost will be depend on the number of people. If you are interested and would like more information, leave your name and number at the St. John office at 905-544-2100.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Upcoming Parish Events

Sat. April 6 10 - 1 pm	Craft Group St. John Parish Hall
Thurs. April 11 7 pm	Finance Council Meeting St. John Parish Hall
Thurs. April 18 6:30 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting St. John Parish Hall
Sat. April 20 9 - 1 pm	Craft Group St. John Parish Hall
Friday April 12 7 - 9 pm	Games Night St. John Parish Hall

Vocations Recognition Dinner 2024

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World.

Doors open at 6:00pm.

Tickets are \$90 per person.

Please contact serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for tickets and more information.

Co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.



Taken late Friday afternoon.

What a beautiful shine!

Thank you to the crew at Bruce Cleaning and Restoration!

SJB Annual Plant and Yard Sale



Friday May 10th from 4 - 8pm

Saturday May 11th from 9am - 12pm

New this year...Sale will be held in the gym at St John the Baptist School.

Fully accessible and closer to parking!

If you have a garden and would like to donate plants, we can provide pots, soil and help.

Call the Parish office

or John van der Zalm at 905-920-2117.

Gently used items for Attic Treasures are now being accepted during office hours or by contacting the office. Ask your friends and family – everyone has something to donate! We accept toys, books, decor and household items!

VOLUNTEERS are needed for Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning.



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The Official Newsletter Of SSVV - Hamilton/Hamilton West

SERVING IN HOPE

Welcome to our newsletter from SSVV Hamilton and surrounding areas. We hope this newsletter provides insight into the impact we are making for those in need in the Hamilton area. For more information, visit our website at ssvphamiltonpc.org. Also follow and Like us on our Facebook page. [Facebook](#). We are also on Instagram @SSVP Hamilton/Hamilton-West. [Click here](#) for fun video about what we do.

We are dedicated to helping anyone in need in our Hamilton communities. We are 22 conferences strong and growing! Your support is essential to our success.



2023 Update



Last year was another growth year. Our on-going Help us Grow campaign took in over \$90,000 so far, our 3 events over \$50,000. Separate from this success, income is up 15% which is great news. Admin costs are at 5% of our income which is very reasonable. Our spending on families in need is up 6%. The adults we have served is up 30%, children are up 4% and visits are up 3%. Our number of members is up 35%. Please [click here](#) for our annual report.

We are well positioned to achieve even more impact for our neighbours in need.

Christmas Joy



Across all conferences, Christmas is a special time for giving. Our neighbours in need get an extra gift from us each year and it is so appreciated. This generosity comes easily for us out of love and caring for our friends. Easter is soon approaching, and some conferences will use this holy time to provide an extra gift.

Events



Lottery – We are launching our 2nd Lottery. Last year, we raised over \$12,000 which went directly to food vouchers. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Please get your tickets from your conference or online. [Click here.](#)

Dinner Dance – May 31st, we will be hosting our 16th annual event. Tickets are \$80 each and can be purchased on-line through our website. This year, Connie Smith will be our Master of Ceremonies. [Click here for Tickets](#)
Stay tuned for more info for Golf and Purse Bingo.

Pencil case program



After a long COVID break, please join us once again in support of the *right to learn* by donating your used school supplies and other classroom/household items that you no longer need. Where possible, please separate the pens, pencils, pencil crayons and markers into individual boxes, by type. Doing so, will help us ready the shipment much quicker. Target is to complete by end of June 2024 for donations. For more information contact Lorenzo Mostacci at renzmostacci@gmail.com or [Click Here.](#)

Education



Michael is a client of St. John the Baptist. He is a young adult, visually impaired and trying hard to complete his schooling for social work. He has already completed most of the requirements to become a licensed Social Service consultant and this last chapter of education will qualify him as a psychotherapist. He has been awarded \$3,000 towards this program through the Ozanam Fund. Good luck Michael!

If you have anyone in your conference that needs help to complete an educational program, please contact Maria Scattolon at mariascattolon@gmail.com.

Ken Burley - In memory of our departed Vincentians



Ken passed away January 2023. He was a dedicated Vincentian for over 20 years. He was a humble, caring man who in addition to SSV, volunteered with Knights of Columbus, Kinsmen, K-40 and Warm-up Canada. It is important to remember the service of friends like Ken. He will be missed by his wife Laurie, their family and community. The Burley family made a generous donation the Help Us Grow campaign in his name. God Bless Ken and all our departed Vincentians who are an inspiration for us.

Our Impact

St Thomas Waterdown cooked over 100 litres of chili to feed over 600 people and accumulated over 10 construction bags of winter accessories for De Mazenod Door in January.

We have been giving attention to the encampment sites. Maria Scattolon has been cooking meals for an encampment in East Hamilton, 3 times a week. Extraordinary generosity. Many needed items have been donated and distributed to other encampments and we have supplied The Hub (Police Service organization) with donated items for their good work in the city.

Our Thrift Stores

The stores continue to be a vital part of our service to the community. We are blessed with a steady volume of gently used furniture, clothing and household items and continue to struggle with space for these items and volunteers to help prepare and move these items for sale. It is important to note that you do not need to be a Vincentian to volunteer and even a little time given is a huge help.

To view our recent video for Volunteering, [click here](https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/). <https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/>

North of 60 – Year 3



From Maria "On October 16, 2023, I visited the northern community of Coral Harbour. The sea container's long journey from Stoney Creek had just arrived at Coral from a barge several kilometres from the town. I cannot express their gratitude and thanks for the goods that they received. 2024 will be the 3rd year we will be sending food to Coral Harbour. Hamilton and Hamilton West will once again increase their efforts to provide much needed support for our northern brothers and sisters". Watch the packing video. [Click here](#).