

LITURGIES

Saturday, May 8

"You do not belong to the world; I have chosen you out of the world."

✦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Maria Nguyen Thi Xuan

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Pablito Labado

Sunday, May 9, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Mafalda Tuori, † Peter & Josephine Mitchell, † Betty Barron, † Rita Carrieri, † Tito & Antonia Imola, † Souls in Purgatory, Int. of the Maria SS Della Libera Committee

Mass 11:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Allison Mahoney, C.S.C.

Tuesday, May 11

"If I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you."

✦ **Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

✦ **Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers – 6:45 p.m.**

Mass 7:00 p.m. – Int. of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.

Wednesday, May 12

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth."

Mass at SJLC – Special Intentions (Not public)

Vocation Prayer – Congregation of the Resurrection (C.R.)

Thursday, May 13

"You will weep and mourn, but your pain will turn into joy."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Jim Klezli

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot

Friday, May 14, St. Matthias

"I call you servants no longer, but I call you friends."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – Int. of Fr. Lukasz Kopaniak

- Holy Hour (begins after Mass, confessions not available)

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Edwin Lapinski, C.R.

Saturday, May 15

"The Father himself loves you because you have loved me..."

✦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Lois Hardy

Vocation Prayer – Very Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.

Sunday Collections:

April Online Donations \$903.00



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for your generosity!
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Important Information:

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Please contact our Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) ministry for food vouchers, furniture, or other in-need inquiries,

Phone: 226-208-6846

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with a break from Noon – 1:00 pm., on Thursdays until 6 pm. There are safety protocols in place, access in-person is limited. We try to make arrangements over the phone when possible. Please give us a call first. Thank you!



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HOLY BAPTISM AND OTHER SACRAMENTS

We are all anxious to finalize dates for Sacraments for the children. We want to assure you that as soon as the church re-opens we will make arrangements, so at this time there are no dates. As long as the church is closed, we cannot make any plans. The Sacraments under current restrictions are available only to someone who is in grave need, and under strict protocols. These protocols also include any family gathering that is always an essential part of every celebration in the church. We have to practice patience and hope that the end of the restrictions is nearing. Please follow the updates on our website: www.marybrantford@gmail.com

SUMMER PREPARATION

We all are aware that the majority of the children have been unable to attend church in some cases for almost two years. The remote education is also challenging, and it is not an adequate way to prepare children for their sacraments: Confession, Holy Communion, Confirmation.

We hope and pray that this summer we will be able to invite children who are interested in their Sacraments to a 5-day camp and allow them to learn more about faith and sacraments.

We cannot make any promises until we get a clear go-ahead message from the government and our Diocese. We hope to come up with some announcements in the coming weeks.

We are looking for volunteers as leaders, for support persons. Volunteers might be of any age, desirably members of children families, or our parishioners.

GARDEN in NEED

We welcome volunteers to help us keep the church surroundings in good shape. You can drop by at any time. Weeding is the most challenging. Thank you in advance.

Reel Justice Film Festival,

May 27th, 2021, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM join for the screening of The End of Immigration. This powerful documentary examines the realities of temporary foreign workers in Canada and reveals an inequity that is having a profound impact on the society in which we live. Following the film, Sarah Guinta, Coordinator for the Office of Justice and Peace, and Rev. Peter Ciallella, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Burford, will offer a conversation regarding ministry to temporary foreign workers in the Diocese of Hamilton. RSVP online: <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/> or by email: library@hamiltondiocese.com.

ANNIVERSARY MASS REGISTRATION

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ years of marriage on the Diocesan website at hamiltondiocese.com. The Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page - click on the icon and you can register your anniversary. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. If you have questions, please contact, familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Listening may be the most important aspect of any relationship, but it is also the hardest part for us to get right! Listening requires our full attention, not just to the words spoken, but also to the emotions attached. Doing so allows us to understand how our spouse is feeling and, if we listen attentively, to repeat back what we are hearing. When we do this without first making a defensive reply, issues get resolved and our spouse feels supported. Then we can reverse roles, expressing our thoughts and feelings on the issue, as our spouse becomes the listener. Happy couples work on these skills until they become second nature, thus keeping their relationship bond strong. From: Family Ministry Office.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

“Nurturing Hope” was celebrated May 2-9, 2021. Below are excerpts from the message of Bishop Crosby for this occasion.

“Students in our Catholic Schools have discovered ways to dialogue about what it means to bring hope to other people and to pursue hope for our environment. Through our Catholic Social Teaching, young people acknowledge the priority of sustainable living, and care for the Earth. Our schools are environments where young people can learn, understand and examine the impact they and their communities have on our common home.

Our schools have prioritized the compassionate care for one another during challenging times by offering mental health supports and resources for students and staff. They have advocated for the importance of mental health and reminded us that no one is alone no matter how much they may be struggling.

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Our hope gives us the strength we need to rise to the occasion, to shine the heart of Christ upon the world and to bring about a brighter tomorrow. Our efforts commit us to live for one another and now, more than ever, to put the needs of our brothers and sisters before our own. May we never return to the old “normal”, but rather, rewrite the ways and means that we embody hope in our Catholic Learning Communities, and may this commitment strengthen our play, our learning and our prayer.
God bless you all!”

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Sunday, May 16, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and sits at the right hand of God.”

Mass 9:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Valeria DiMattia, † Evelyn Young, † Madeline Epps, † Ugo Principe, † Assunta, Antonia, Luigi, Domenico & Tito Imola

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Rafal Tomon

Tuesday, May 18

“Father, glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you.”

✦ **Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.**

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✦ **Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers – 6:45 p.m.**

Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Maria Petrucci & DiMarzo Family

Vocation Prayer – Rev. David Mowat, C.R.

Wednesday, May 19

“Holy Father, protect them, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Mass at SJLC – Spirit of Conversion (Not public)

Vocation Prayer – Seminarians

Thursday, May 20

“May they become completely one, so the world may know that you have sent me.”

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Mary Marcella

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

Friday, May 21

“Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep.”

Mass 9:00 a.m. – Int. of Lukasz Kopaniak

- Holy Hour (begins after Mass, confessions not available)

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.

Saturday, May 22

“This is the disciple who is testifying to these things; his testimony is true.”

✦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Joseph Nguyen

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Patrick McKelvie, C.R.

Sunday, May 23, PENTECOST SUNDAY

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Mafalda Tuori, † Giovanni & Gaetana Tarantello, † Peter Tuong Tong, † Joseph Pham Van Hien, † Giovanni Imola, † Sisto Lama

Mass 11:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Peter Pigott, C.R.

SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

- For our Catholic Education system, may it nurture hope in our province and the world.
- For Catholic students, may they nurture hope in themselves, their families, friends, school, and community.
- For Catholic educators, may their work reveal the beauty of creation in their students.

SAINT JOSEPH HOSPITAL

in Hamilton has had over 530 patients admitted with COVID-19 since March 2020. There have been over 100 COVID-related deaths. Stark and shocking statistics! On the positive side, over 40,000 vaccines have been administered since March 1, 2021, at the West 5 th clinic. Through it all the healthcare professionals at the hospital have been generous in “going the extra mile” to fight the pandemic. We can do our part by getting vaccinated as soon as possible!
(Bishop Crosby, Heart 2 Heart)

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your **Ascension** into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!