

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018



Gospel Quotation:

"John proclaimed the good news to the people."

Luke 3.10-18

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### Mass Times

**Saturday** 5:00 pm

**Sunday** 9:00 am

(Sacred Heart Catholic School) 11:00 am

**DAILY:** Monday **No Mass**  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Wednesday **No Mass**  
Thursday **No Mass**  
Friday 8:00 am

### Confessions

Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:45pm

Saturday 4:30pm to 4:45pm

Sunday 8:30am to 8:45am

and by appointment

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00 am

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

(DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> TO DECEMBER 23<sup>TH</sup>)

Tuesday 7:00 pm Intention of Donor

Friday 8:00 am Intention of Donor

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5:00 pm † Rita Polzin: John Taylor

Sunday 9:00 am Dave & Betty Anne Mulholland, Paul Weller : Gabriel Family

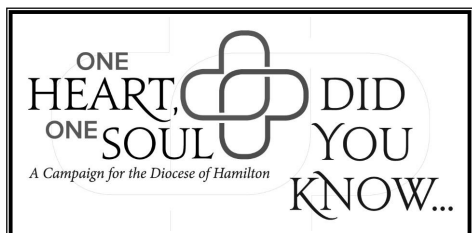
11:00 am For the People

### DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

**Questions & Answers No. 4 - Dated December 15 & 16, 2018**



The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at [onehearttonesoul.ca](http://onehearttonesoul.ca).

**What is the state of diocesan finances? Is this a desperate situation that requires a campaign?**

The diocesan financial picture is strong – the amount of assets has grown in recent years and investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in diocesan operating costs. Property sales have been used more frequently to keep the Diocese’s operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese’s disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.

**I’ve heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can’t those be used?**

At the end of 2017, the Diocese reported assets of \$322 million. However, the majority of the assets are restricted assets, such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries, money legally reserved for the maintenance of cemetery operations and funds held for pre-arranged funeral services and burials. Unrestricted assets are less than a third of the total capital. Of these unrestricted assets, more than 90 percent is used to generate investment income that – when combined with parish assessments – pays for annual diocesan operations (68 percent) and make funds available for grants and loans to help parishes and organizations within and outside the Diocese (32 percent).

**Is there any chance that funds would be used to settle potential claims of abuse of children by clergy?**

The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account, in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given – an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese: “All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy.” For a link to the full letter, see our diocesan website, [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

**What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond?**

Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese’s financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – the website, emails, social media, to name a few.

**2019 DONATION ENVELOPES:** Your Offertory Envelopes are now available for pick up in Coulson Hall. If you are currently using envelopes, a boxed set has been prepared for you. The envelope packages are arranged in numeric order. For your convenience, an alphabetical cross reference list has been provided (just in case). If you do not have envelopes and wish to order personalized envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you. *Italo*

**PARISH UPDATES**

**JESSE TREE:** The Catholic Woman's League will once again be putting up the Jesse tree filled with angel gift tags to help those less fortunate this Christmas season. The tags will be available after all the masses next weekend (Dec. 1/2). Please consider choosing an item from the tree. All items must be new, unwrapped and brought back to the church no later than December 16. Please ensure that you attach the angel tag to your gift. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

*Catholic Women's League*

**RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE:** The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards for the next few weeks after all weekend Mass's Cards are packaged in 10's and sell for \$5.00 per pack.

**CHRISTMAS CAKES:** This weekend and next weekend Christmas Cakes will be for sale again after all Masses on behalf of Campaign Life Coalition. Please purchase a cake to help Campaign Life with all their expenses in their stand on behalf of the unborn. You can purchase a cake for a gift also! Thank You

*Mary Spiteri*

**HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING OF THE CHURCH:** During the Season of Advent, I invite you to join other parishioners for a weekly **Holy Hour for Healing of the Church**. It will take place during Adoration from 7pm to 8pm on **December 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**BOTTLE DRIVE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS:** The Knights of Columbus will, once again be collecting refundable bottles & cans throughout Christmas & New Year. They can be left near the rear door inside Coulson Hall. All money collected will be donated to Ontario Special Olympics Assoc. Thank you all for your continued support.

**WELLINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten at Sacred Heart Catholic School beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Kindergarten Eligibility:**

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2019 to attend Junior Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2019 to attend Senior Kindergarten

Please bring: child's birth certificate, a parent or child's Baptismal certificate, child's health card / immunization record /custody papers (if applicable and proof of tax support for families new to the system (i.e. most recent tax bill)

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

**THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING** celebrates the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Blessing on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at a Mass at noon. It was a grand celebration presided by Bishop John McNally, with Prime Minister R.B. Bennett sitting in the front pew – a proud day for the Diocese of Hamilton! We offer thanks to God for the blessing of such an impressive Cathedral!

**This Week's Events**

*December*

**18** *Rosary For Peace (6:30pm)*  
*Tuesday Mass (7:00pm)*  
*Advent Penitential Service (7:45pm)*

**19** *Enchre Matinee: (1pm Coulson Hall)*  
*Holy Hour for Healing of the Church (7-8pm)*

**21** *Divine Mercy Chaplet (7:45am)*  
*(prior to Benediction and Mass)*  
*Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library*  
*(11:30am to 1:00pm)*

**Did You Know?**

- \* The Jesse Tree is a custom of decorating trees with ornaments
- \* The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."
- \* The ornaments represent Jesus' family tree
- \* Jesse was the father of King David
- \* The ornaments connects the events of the Old Testament to the birth of Jesus

**Reflection:**

Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.

**OUR SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**DECEMBER 9, 2018**

<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$ 1365.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>\$ 116.10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1481.10</b>
<i>Prior Week</i>	<i>\$ 1686.50</i>

**Prayer Calendar for Priests**

*Every day, in our diocese we are invited to pray for a priest serving in our parishes*

Mon.	- Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Tues.	- Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.
Wed.	- Missionaries
Thurs.	- Rev. Stephen Murrin
Fri.	- Rev. Timothy Higgins
Sat.	- Rev. Romelito Guillen