

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025

Tuesday, December 9, **Fr. Steve Murrin**
at 7pm

Wednesday, December 10, **Daniel Pace**
at 9:00am

Thursday December 11 **Blessing &
Good Health for Dechnik, Wojcik,
Lewicki, Aqua & Stankiewicz Families**
at 9:00am

Friday, December 12, **Giacinto
DiDomenico** at 9:00am

Saturday, December 13, **Daniel Pace,
Bryan DeRosse, Michael Poag,
Jennifer Marcella, Cecil & Anne
Fulcher, Joan McCann & All Souls in
Purgatory**

Mass 5:00pm

Sunday December 14, **Our Parish
Family**, Mass at 9:30

Mass 11:30 am **Cesare Berardi**

SANCTUARY LAMP

Requests accepted by placing an envelope
with the name of your loved one, your name
contact and \$10 in the collection basket

READINGS

Isaiah 35.1 1-6a, James 5.7-10 Matthew
11.2-11

DONATE

The Diocese of Hamilton has helped all
their Parishes set up a giving page
whereby parishioners can support their
Church.

The link for this giving page is on the first
page of our website. You can visit

our website www.stbasilparish.ca. and
just hit the red donate button on the
home page and it will take you to the
Canada Helps secure donation. Just
complete the St Basil's Parish Donation
form and you are finished. Thank you
for your support

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

In your charity, please remember in
your prayers all who have passed
away, may they rest in the peace of
Christ and rejoice in the glory of
heaven.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to donate towards the cost
of flowers in the Church for Christmas,
please place your donations in an
envelope marked "Christmas Flowers"
with your name or envelope number
marked on the front. Many thanks for all
your support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE



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Mark Your Calendars! The Knights of Columbus Christmas Food Drive will take Place **Saturday December 13th 10:00 am till 12 noon. Thank you ahead of time for your wonderful generosity!**

SUNDAY ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2026 are now available for pickup at the back of the church. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE 2026 ENVELOPES UNTIL THE NEW YEAR** as some numbers have changed. If any corrections need to be made (name spelling, address), please contact the parish office.

New Parishioners and those returning after an absence are welcome to request Sunday Offering Envelopes as a way to support the parish. Forms at the back of the church or by contacting the parish office. Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Basil Parish through your gifts of time, talent and treasure.



MEMBERSHIP - It is that time of year again. CWL Membership renewal for 2026. Fee remains at **CWL FUNDRAISER for St. Vincent de Paul** Donations of NEW

bedding, including blankets, sheets/linen, beg-in-bag, or pillows for twin size beds are welcome. They are being collected at the back of the church.

This new linen is being collected for the "Bed for Every Child Program".

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\$40. It can be paid by cash or cheque payable to CWL St. Basil. Please put your membership fee in an envelope marked CWL Membership and put in collection basket or provide to Leeanne Vreugdenhil (current Vice President /Membership of CWL). Inside the envelope please also note your full name, address, phone number, and email if you agree to use of your email.

CWL NEWS

DECEMBER 31, 2025 - MEMBERSHIP DRAW for \$50 gift certificate

If you renew before December 31, 2025, you will be entered into a draw for a \$50 grocery gift card. In order to renew, please put \$40 cash or cheque payable to St. Basil CWL in an envelope marked "CWL Membership" and inside neatly write your name, address, telephone number and email address. By providing your email address you are agreeing to receive emails.

COLD CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

December 14, 2025

(following 11:30 am mass in the hall)
Welcome all ladies of the Parish!
Please bring your own table setting including cutlery and cup/mug. Coffee, tea and punch will be provided.
Please bring a **cold potluck item**. Door prizes are welcome

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CWL 2026 MEETING DATES

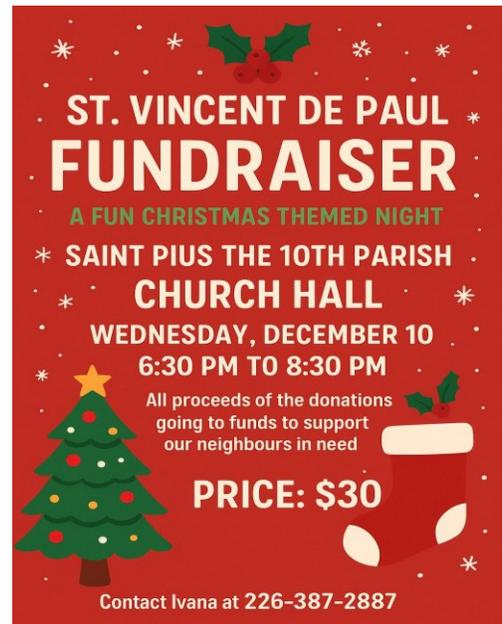
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 – Executive meeting following mass

Collection November 30, 2025

Loose offerings	646.40
Sunday Collections	2,732.65
Christmas Flowers	45.00
Other	30.00

Total
3,454.05

**Thank you for your generosity
and sacrifice**



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Wed. Dec. 24th
4 pm & 6 pm

Christmas Day Thurs, Dec. 25th
9:30 am & 11:30 am

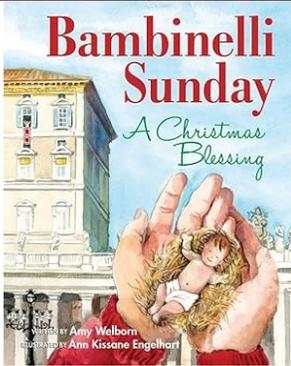
New Year's Eve Wed. Dec. 31st
5 pm

New Year's Day Thurs. Jan. 1st
9:30 am



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Invitation to bring your Baby Jesus Figurine to that Mass

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, December 14th and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 14th at all Masses to be blessed, as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday.

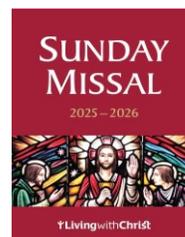
After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus

in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.



The Parish office will be closed for Christmas Holidays at 12:00 noon on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th and will re-open again on Tuesday January 6th.

Wishing all our Parishioners a Blessed Christmas Season!



Missals are still for sale at the back of the Church. They make excellent gifts or stocking stuffers for \$5.00. Pick up yours, while supplies last.



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News From the

Diocese:

CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

During the Christmas Season, 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, January 3rd at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton)**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

THE [REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL](https://hamiltondiocese.com/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.

PARENTING TIP #174

Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus, through stories, Mass, prayer and discussions, on the joy of Christ's birth and the real reason for the season. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP #154 Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: "I married my best friend." It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Do you spend time together, share parts of your day, invite them to share in an event with you, watch a movie together, or even a series that can

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become together time? Do you call once in awhile to say hello during the time you are not together and plan time for your spouse in your agenda – everyday? Are you patient when they make a mistake, are not perfect, or let you down? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage.

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RESTART: MOVING FORWARD

Have you experienced a divorce or separation? Are you looking to learn ways to cope, for support from others and to gain a feeling of moving forward? Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal or simply learn more. The sessions will run **Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21, 2026** from 7-9 pm and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

ADVENT VIDEO SERIES BY HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP W. LOBSINGER

Auxiliary, His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger provides the video series for us. Please share these reflections on the Gospel of Matthew with your communities through bulletin announcements, and/or the parish website. You can find all information, here: