

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

DONATE

Tuesday, December 23, Les Barsony at 7pm

Wednesday, December **24 Christmas Eve**. Taylor & Cassar Family at 4:00pm, The Cross Family & Dian Smith at 6:00 pm

Thursday December 25 **Christmas Day** Joanne & Lyle Wright & Families at 9:30 am, Fred Reeve at 11:30 am

Friday, December 26, **Boxing Day No Mass**

Saturday, December 27, Janice Lynham, Domenico Pietrobon, Lorna Taylor, Olympio Aguilar Jr. & All Souls in Purgatory.

Sunday December 21, **Our Parish Family**, Mass at 9:30

Mass 11:30 am **Sue MacDonald & Paul Tran & Joseph Nguyen & Families**

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!

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**

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

Brian DeRosse & Family

READINGS

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3.12-21, Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23



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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.



CWL 2026 MEETING DATES

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 – Executive meeting following Mass

Collection December 7, 2025

Loose offerings	1,236.25
Sunday Collections	3,925.00
Christmas Flowers	245.00
Building Fund	25.00
Missals & fundraising	159.00
5,590.25	

Collection December 14, 2025

Loose offerings	972.15
Sunday Collections	3,658.00
Christmas Flowers	170.00
Other	490.00
5,290.15	

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

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!

SONS & DAUGHTERS OF POFI



Date: Friday December. 26, at 3:00 p.m
St. Pius X Parish Hall

We are pleased to host a reception for Mayor Angelo Mattocchia and Vice Mayor Marco Savarese of Pofi (FR, Italy). In the 1950s and 60s many Pofani immigrated to Canada, settling in Brantford. They would like to meet local Pofani, and their families.

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Siamo lieti di ospitare un ricevimento per il Sindaco Angelo Mattoccia e il Vicesindaco Marco Savarese di Pofi (FR, Italia). Negli anni '50 e '60, molti abitanti di Pofi emigrarono in Canada, stabilendosi a Brantford. Vorrebbero incontrare i Pofani del posto e le loro famiglie.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Receipts will be issued for offerings in 2025. If you wish a receipt, please put a self-addressed stamped envelope with, if possible, your envelope number and put it into the collection basket. This will facilitate getting a receipt to you.

If you wish to donate to the Church it must be done by December 31st 2024 for income tax receipts issued for this year.

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

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

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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 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 ext. 2249