

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

You're all invited to attend "Simbang Gabi". A revered Filipino Christmas tradition to observe a series of nine evening Masses. It will start on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH** to **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD** at **7:00 PM** here in our Parish. Bishop Crosby will be the main presider on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH** and Bishop Lobsinger on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD**. Come and experience the Filipino Mass and Hymns.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON
PRAYER CALENDAR

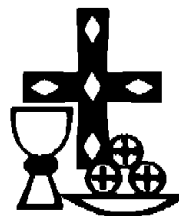
MONDAY – Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
TUESDAY- Rev. Hayden Starczala
WEDNESDAY – Order of Preachers
(Dominica) (O.P.)
THURSDAY – Rev. John Van Hees
FRIDAY – Very Rev. James Petrie, E.V.
SATURDAY – Rev. Gerald Mulhall

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



The wreath itself is made of various evergreens, which signify continuous life. The greens themselves have traditional meaning, which can be adapted to our faith: laurel of bay leaf, victory or persecution and suffering; pine, holly and yew,

immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly, with its prickly leaves, reminds us of the crown of thorns. The circle, without beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Pine cones, nuts or seedpods that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. This all comes together to remind us of the everlasting life promised to us through Christ, who entered the world, and was victorious over sin and death through His passion, death and resurrection.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY – DECEMBER 5TH

7:30 am – Intentions of David & Jake

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 6TH

7:30 am – Diosdada Bergantinos, Manuel Moniz,
Maria & Joeph Moniz

WEDNESDAY- DECEMBER 7TH –

ST. AMBROSE

7:00 pm – John & Maria Arruda, Domenico &
Liberata Bonitatibus, Antonio &
Luisa Mare, Joe Pracsovics, Sr.

**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 8TH – THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:30 am – Nicola & Crescenza Monaco

7:00 pm – Concepcion Gomen Venzon

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 9TH

7:30 am – Joycelyn & Martin Gregoire &
Deceased Members of Gregoire
Family
7:00 pm – Adoremus

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 10TH

9:00 am – Pericles Sison

THIS WEEK

Join us **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH at 7:30 PM** for Bible Study in the Hearth Room. We will study **“MAKING ALL THINGS NEW”**. Bible study will resume on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2023**.

On **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 7:00-8:30 PM**, we will have adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with confessions available, with Scripture readings and songs sung in the background.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

There is a Papal tradition of blessing the Baby Jesus figurine on the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) and this has come to be known as Baminelli Sunday. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurine to Mass on **SATURDAY/SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH/11TH**, to be blessed. You are then encouraged to wrap your “Baminelli” as a gift and open it as the first gift on Christmas day and place Him in the manger –reflecting on what a great blessing He is.

BISHOP CROSBY’S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

We are preparing a ***SPIRITUAL BOUQUET*** for Bishop Crosby’s 25th Anniversary of Ordination as Bishop. Please complete the forms available in the Narthex with our commitments to include in the bouquet.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE
EVENTS**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 6:00 PM – Join us for an evening in Ophthalmology. **WHAT IS CATARACT EYE SURGERY?** Guest speaker, Dr. Nina Ahuja, will discuss this interesting topic. All are welcome to attend.

COMING LATER

YTOL (Youth Teams of our Lady) Canada is inviting all young adults 18-28 to join us for a retreat **DECEMBER 28TH-JANUARY 2ND 2023**. For more details please contact Karolina Jach at 226-789-1228 or ytolcanada@gmail.com

St. Margaret Mary “Mini-Bazaar” Update

Dear Parishioners:

We are happy to announce that we had a profit of \$5,880.71 from our “Mini-Bazaar” on November 18th/19th. It is with deep gratitude that we thank you for your support with your donations and/or presence. As we write this, we have nothing definite to report re the parish refrigeration unit for the school kitchen. We promise to update you,

probably in January. Please be assured that we will be good stewards of your generosity!

May God bless each of you and your loved ones this beautiful Christmas season and always.

With our sincere thanks . . .

Convenors: Joe Pracsovics and Betty Tapuska

CHRISTMAS TREE OF HOPE

Once again our parish will be collecting gifts for the Good Shepherd to distribute to the less fortunate in our community. This year they are asking for the following:

1. Unwrapped gifts only for ages 0-9 years of age.
2. WalMart gift cards in a \$15.00 denomination only which will be give to all those 10 years of age and over. (This ensures fair distribution.)

We will have the tree in the Narthex **NOVEMBER 26TH-DECEMBER 13TH**. All gifts must be delivered to the Good Shepherd by **DECEMBER 16TH**. Please place unwrapped gifts under the tree. Please place Gift Cards in an envelope marked "Tree of Hope" into the collection boxes at the weekend Masses.

Thank you so much for your assistance.