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For further information see the Volunteer Commitment forms in the main foyer of the church.

NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME! Registration Forms are available at the entrance of the church, at the parish office or on our website.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

A minimum of 6 months preparation, which includes a Marriage Preparation course required for all couples wishing to be married in the Hamilton Diocese.

SICK & HOME BOUND

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD. Sun 9:30am

For the young children of the parish. The children's liturgy is an opportunity for children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at a level they can understand.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL: 519-865-1562 (Please leave a message)

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm - Burford Sunday 9:30am - Burford 11:30am - Scotland

WEEKDAY MASSES - BURFORD

Tuesday 7:00pm Wednesday 8:30am Thursday 8:45am Friday 8:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:15 to 4:45pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Application forms are available at the entrance of the church. Please complete and place in the collection basket or drop off at the office. Once received Fr Andrew will contact you.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick in home or hospital can be arranged by calling the parish office. Whenever possible, please call before any situation becomes critical.

HOLY ORDERS/RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Individuals wishing to explore a vocation to the priesthood, permanent diaconate or the religious life are encouraged to speak to Father Andrew or check the Vocations tab on the Hamilton Diocese website www.hamiltondiocese.com

CATHOLIC FUNERALS

It is customary to celebrate the funeral of a Catholic with a Funeral Liturgy in the parish church. Please call the Funeral Home or the Parish at time of need. The time of the funeral must be confirmed by the Pastor.

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS

Remember that the Parish Hall is available for reception after a funeral.

SCENT FREE AIR

Some people are sensitive or allergic to scents and fragrances. Please be mindful when you are getting ready to attend church

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

1st Friday of every month is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:30am Mass.

1st Saturday of every month is Mass at 9:00am (Relics of St. John Paul II. special family intentions) followed by the Rosary and Confession,

Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday 4:15-4:45pm

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, December 23 No Mass

Tuesday, December 24Christmas Eve Mass 5:00pm

Wednesday, December 25
The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Day Mass 9:30am

Thursday, December 26No Mass

Friday, December 27

Mass 8:30am
†Stanley Drozd offered by Helen Drozd &

Saturday, December 28

Family

Feast of the Holy Family
Mass 5:00pm
†Jack Vilaca offered by Maria Gloria Vilaca &
Family
†Joe Miller offered by Sylvia Miller & Family
†Jozef Polakiewicz offered by Gacek Family

Sunday, December 29

Feast of the Holy Family
Mass 9:30
~ All Our Parishioners ~

We Are Stewards

Weekend Contributions......\$1,884.00 EFT's Contributions......\$585.00

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

GROW: Ask a child, "Where is God?" and you'll likely receive a variety of responses:

"in heaven," "in church," "everywhere" and "in my heart" are all conceivable answers from a child's lips. But the one we most easily write off as silly or sentimental is one that the saints would urge us to revisit more seriously: God is indeed "in my heart" – that is, he is present in our souls! This is true not only when we receive him in Holy Communion, and not only because he is "everywhere," but because we possess sanctifying grace. Grace is divine life – God's life – and if we are "in a state of grace" (that is, we have brought any mortal sins to confession), we have this life within us!

Our model for becoming aware of this wonderful gift is our Blessed Mother, whose example in today's Gospel teaches us to love, reverence, and obey God within us. Setting out "in haste" to serve her aged cousin, Mary carried God in her womb. We can imagine the love and joy with which she carried him. At every moment, God is present in us, too (not physically, but by grace) and we should strive to recognize and love him who has made our hearts his dwelling place.

GO: The events of today's Gospel suggest that Jesus' presence in Mary is not for Mary alone. Prompted by love, she made the arduous journey to visit Elizabeth - itself an act of charity. But Mary brought more than her services and support to Elizabeth during a potentially difficult pregnancy; she brought God himself! Mary was so conscious of God within her that even her words, flowing from a heart burning with his love, carried a special power; at Mary's greeting, Elizabeth was "filled with the Holy Spirit" and John the Baptist "leaped for joy." As we become increasingly aware of God dwelling in our souls, we, too, become "Christ- bearers" to others. By being lovingly attentive to our Divine Guest, our words and actions become means by which he can act on the hearts of those we encounter each day.

Office Hours:

The Parish Office will be closed December 23 until January 7, 2025.

For any emergency, please call 519-802-4429.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH



Liturgical Calendar Sunday Mass 11:30am ~All Our Parishioners~

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Weekend Contributions......\$560.00

Christmas & New Year's Schedule Blessed Sacrament and Saint Anthony Daniel

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 5:00 PM @Blessed Sacrament Parish



Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 9:30 AM @Blessed Sacrament Parish

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 11:30 AM @St. Anthony Daniel Parish

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 5:00 PM @Blessed Sacrament Parish





Wednesday, January 1, 2025 9:30 AM @Blessed Sacrament Parish

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 11:30 AM @St. Anthony Daniel Parish

Regular Sunday Mass Times remain the same for the weekend Saturday and Sunday Masses. Christmas and New Year's are Holy Days of Obligation

"On behalf of our parish, we would like to extend our heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas. May the joy and peace of the season fill your hearts and homes."

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025 The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year. In Cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28-29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. The year will be officially launched in each Parish in the Diocese on this same day. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude on January 6, 2026.

"In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope."

Pope Francis, Spes non confundit.

There will be Pilgrimage prayer books and prayer cards available at the back of the church beginning Christmas Eve in preparation for the beginning of the Jubilee on the Feast of the Holy Family (December 28-29), one per family.

2025 Envelopes

Our new envelopes are available at the back of ABC the church. Please take a moment to check that your name and address are spelled correctly.

Thank you!

New Sunday Missals for 2025:

Are available at the back of the Church for \$5.00.

Catholic Women's League Membership 2025

We encourage all of the ladies of the parish to join the Catholic Women's League, whether you are able to attend meetings or not. Membership increases numbers, and numbers get the attention of the government on all issues of importance to Catholic women across our country. Those who have envelopes may place a cheque or cash in an envelope marked "Attention CWL" (don't forget to include your name) and place it in the collection basket at Mass. Thanks for your support.



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