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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.

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 12-5pm, Wednesday 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

Tuesday: 6:00pm to 6:45pm, 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

December 14, 2025

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 Tuesday 6-6:45pm. and Saturday 4:15-4:45pm

Liturgical Calendar

Monday December 15, 2025

No Mass

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Adoration & Confessions 6:00pm.

Mass 7:00pm.

Intentions of Brandon Szabo

offered by Pearl Szabo

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Mass 8:30am.

~All Souls in Purgatory~

Reconciliation before Christmas (3 Priests) 5:30pm

Thursday, December 18, 2025

(Welcome Blessed Sacrament Students)

Mass 8:45am.

†Manuel DaSilva offered by Maria DaSilva

Friday, December 19, 2025

Mass 8:30am.

†Donald Blake offered by Sylvia Miller

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Mass 5:00pm (Confessions 4:15-4:45pm)

†Tony & Sergio DaSilva offered by Beatrice DaSilva

†Jack Vilaca offered by Gloria Vilaca

†Hayes McDermott offered
by Jenny McDermott & Family

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Mass 9:30am

~ All Our Parishioners ~

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK



IS 35:1-6A, 10; PS146:6-10; JAS 5:7-10; MT 11:2-11

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." "Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

Reconciliation

This Wednesday at 5:30pm Father Andrew will have a couple of other priest to assist him with reconciliation. Everyone is encouraged to go to Confession before Christmas.

We Are Stewards

Weekend Contributions.....\$2,573.30

Building Fund (and memorials)...\$542.00

**THANK
YOU!**

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH



Liturgical Calendar

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

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Weekend Contributions.....\$.645.00 **THANK YOU!**

Christmas & New Year's Schedule
Blessed Sacrament and St. Anthony Daniel Parishes

Celebration of Penance
Wednesday December 17, 2025,
5:30pm at Blessed Sacrament Church



Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24, 2025
5:00pm-Blessed Sacrament Church



Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25, 2025
9:30am- Blessed Sacrament Church
11:30am- St. Anthony Daniel

New Year's Eve
Wednesday, December 31 2025
5:00pm Blessed Sacrament



New Year's Day
Thursday, January 1, 2026
9:30am- Blessed Sacrament
11:30am- St. Anthony Daneil

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

2026 Envelopes



Starting next week, our new envelopes will be available at the back of the church. Please take a moment to check that your name and address are spelled correctly. **THANK YOU!**

2025 Tax Receipt Reminder



If you would like your donations included in your 2025 income tax receipt, please ensure they are received by the parish no later than Sunday, December 28, 2025. Thank you for your generosity!

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

Close of the Jubilee of Hope

All are welcome to join Bishop Crosby and Bishop Lobsinger for the close of the Jubilee Year at a Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. We will have an opportunity during this Mass to offer thanks for Bishop Crosby's ministry as Bishop of Hamilton at this celebration.



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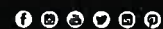
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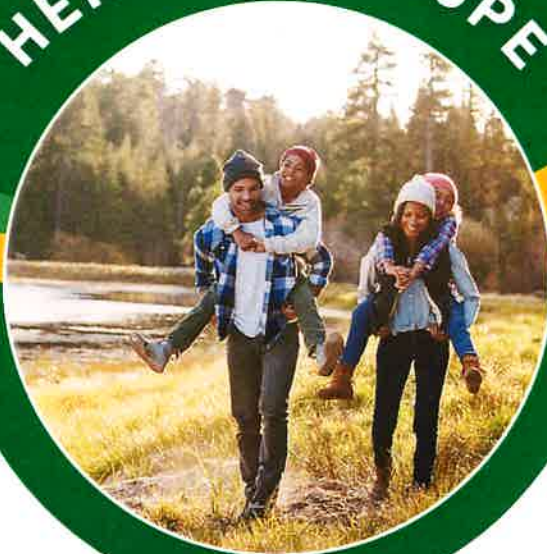




Jubilee Year of Hope December 2025

For those to Minister
to Families

HEROES OF HOPE



Heroes of Hope is a monthly newsletter from the Diocese of Hamilton, shining a light on the extraordinary individuals and ministries who inspire hope and transform lives in our communities.

#HEROESOFHOPE

The Catholic Church describes the family as a **Domestic Church** since it is in family that faith is first lived and communicated. Parents draw children to the faith through prayer, love, holiness and engagement in the Church. The home is a sacred space where Christian life is set as a foundation in children's lives. Parents are vital heroes of hope since they are the primary educators of their children.

Beyond parents, grandparents give so much to their families to help nurture and support them. As Pope Leo XIV stated at the Jubilee of Grandparents and the Elderly, *"Let us look to grandparents and the elderly as witnesses of hope, capable of lighting the path for new generations. Let us not leave them alone, but join them in a covenant of love and prayer."*

"The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity." – CCC 1666



Ministries for Families

Across our Diocese, many organizations and ministries work tirelessly to support families, especially the most vulnerable. Through their efforts, they offer strength, care, compassion, and hope – reflecting God's love in action.

Heroes of hope work and/or volunteer in various places: the **Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton**, through the **Good Shepherd's** numerous programs, by offering assistance at **The Working Centre**, by providing homes that support new families such as **Marillac Place** and **Angela's Place**, by providing for the challenged through **Rygiel Homes Support for Community Living**, through the works that occur at the seven school boards, by delivering a multitude of programs for children through the **Catholic Youth Organization**, or by assisting at the many other places that provide support. All have a mission to help families become the best version of themselves.

The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton puts children first by supporting their safety, well-being, and healthy development. Through family-centered, culturally responsive services and strong community partnerships, we work to protect children, strengthen families, and help them thrive.



Ministry for Families in the Diocese

Many parish ministries, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society and others, seek to support families who may be struggling to meet their many needs. Their tireless efforts and outreach provide hope, often on a daily or weekly timeline.

In our parishes, as well as the Diocesan Offices, numerous ministries exist to assist families meet their needs. They offer support in passing on the faith through catechetical programs, assistance when preparing children for the Sacraments and aid to help families fulfill their important foundational role. These heroes of hope see that families are encouraged to pray together, supported in teaching and living Catholic values, assisted in celebrating the liturgical seasons and in living the Gospel in their daily lives.



By offering **Marriage Preparation** at both parish and diocesan levels, our heroes of hope help couples build strong, faith-filled relationships — foundations that support families rooted in love, charity, forgiveness, and service. The Diocese further strengthens marriages through enrichment opportunities, **Retrouvaille** for couples facing difficulties, and **ReStart** for those with changing family situations after divorce.



Support from the Diocese for families as they navigate their ever-changing family dynamics and the many unexpected issues that arise in everyday living allows families to become their own heroes of hope in dealing well with these challenging situations. **Catholic Moms Groups** offer support to moms with monthly meetings, which include faith and practical elements to support mothers in their vocation. Families are often in need of support, and the Diocese remains committed to meeting those needs with compassion and care.

“As you join together to marry and form a new circle of love, never forget that you are surrounded by a larger circle of family, friends and a faith community who are there to celebrate with you. As you welcome children your circle of love will expand further, but that same larger circle, which includes the Church, will continue to surround and uphold you.” – *Bishop Douglas Crosby*



HEROES OF HOPE PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO MINISTER TO FAMILIES

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who uphold the dignity of marriage, built on the firm foundation of love and faithfulness, and for those who assist families to grow in mutual love, that they may enjoy your peace in their homes and become a source of blessing for one another and for the life of the world.

Through their varied ministries, may they touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We invite you to visit the **Family Ministry Office** for resources, workshops, and support.



Examination of Conscience

Did I deny or doubt God's existence? Did I refuse to believe God's revelation?

Did I believe in (or use) horoscopes, fortune telling, good luck charms, tarot cards, Ouija boards or reincarnation?

Did I deny that I was a Catholic? Did I abandon the Catholic Faith for any period of time?

Did I despair of or presume on God's mercy? Did I neglect prayer for a long time?

Did I fail to pray daily? Did I blaspheme God or take God's Name in vain, curse or break an oath or vow?

Did I miss Mass on a Sunday or on a Holy Day of Obligation through my own fault?

Am I always reverent in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament?

Was I inattentive at Mass? Did I arrive at Mass late? Did I leave Mass early?

Did I do unnecessary servile work on Sunday? Did I disobey or disrespect my parents or legitimate superiors? Did I neglect my duties to my husband, wife, children or parents?

Did I fail to actively take an interest in the religious education and formation of my children?

Have I failed to educate myself concerning the teachings of the Church?

Did I give a fair wage to my employee(s)? Did I give scandal by what I said or did, especially to the young? Did I contribute to anyone's abandoning of the Catholic Faith?

Was I impatient, angry, envious, unkind, proud, jealous, revengeful, hateful toward others or lazy?

Did I give bad example, abuse drugs, drink alcohol to excess? Did I physically injure or kill anyone? Have I had an abortion, or advised or supported an abortion?

Did I participate in or approve of the grave evil known as "mercy killing" or euthanasia?

Did I attempt suicide or physically harm myself? Did I willfully entertain impure thoughts and desires?

Did I use impure or suggestive words? Did I tell impure stories or listen to them?

Did I deliberately look at impure television, internet, plays, pictures or movies?

Did I deliberately read impure material? Did I perform impure acts by myself (masturbation) or with another (adultery, fornication or sodomy)?

Did I marry or advise another to marry outside of the Church? Did I abuse my marriage rights? Was I unfaithful to my marriage vows? Did I practice artificial birth control or was I or my spouse permanently sterilized (tubal ligation or vasectomy)?

Did I steal, cheat, help or encourage others to steal, cheat, or keep stolen goods?

Have I made restitution for stolen goods? Did I deliberately fail to fulfill my contracts or to pay my bills? Did I give or accept bribes? Did I rashly gamble or speculate or deprive my family of the necessities of life? Did I tell lies? Deliberately in order to deceive or injure others? Did I commit perjury? Did I vote in accordance with a properly informed conscience, in a way consistent with the teachings of the Church, in regard to the sanctity of marriage and of human life issues? Was I uncharitable in thought, word or deed? Did I gossip or reveal the faults or sins of others? Did I fail to keep secrets that I should have kept? Did I eat meat knowingly on the Fridays during Lent or on Ash Wednesday?

Did I fast as required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

Did I fail to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season? Did I fail to confess my sins at least once a year? Did I receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin? Did I receive Holy Communion without fasting for one hour or more from food and drink? (water and medicine are permitted)

Did I make a bad Confession by deliberately not telling all the mortal sins I had committed?

Did I fail to contribute to the support of the Church? Have I forgiven those who have hurt or harmed me or my loved ones?