


# St. John Brébeuf Parish & St. Peter's Mission



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 18, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION	CELEBRANT
<b>Saturday December 17</b>	5:00 p.m.	ERIN	For the Special Intentions of Kathleen Noakes (Margaret McDyre)	<b>Fr. Chris Tracey</b>
<b>Sunday December 18 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	9:00 a.m.	ERIN	+ Helene MacDonald and + Bernard MacDonald (M. McDyre)	
	11:00 a.m.	OUSTIC	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	
<b>COME HOME for Christmas</b>				
<b>December 24</b>	1-2 p.m.	ERIN	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<b>Fr. Edward Hinsperger</b>
	5:00 p.m.	ERIN	Children's Christmas Mass	
	7:00 p.m.	OUSTIC	St. Peter's Mission, Oustic	
	10:00 p.m.	ERIN	Midnight Mass (note the time)	
<b>December 25 The Nativity of the Lord</b>	9:00 a.m.	ERIN	Christmas Day Mass	<b>Msgr. Theodore Slaman</b>
	11:00 a.m.	OUSTIC	Christmas Day Mass	
<b>December 31</b>	5:00 p.m.	ERIN	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	<b>Msgr. Theodore Slaman</b>
<b>January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ERIN OUSTIC	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	

## Christmas Midnight Mass – Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass on Sunday, December 25th at 12:00 a.m. The celebration will be livestreamed and can be accessed by visiting the Cathedral's website

[www.ckbasilica.ca](http://www.ckbasilica.ca).



**OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR 2023** are now available for pick-up at the back of the Church. If you do not have an assigned box of envelopes, but would like a set, please contact the Parish Office to register.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – WELLINGTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 9th, 2023. Kindergarten Eligibility: must be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2023, to attend Year 1 Kindergarten; must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2023, to attend Year 2 Kindergarten.

Required Documents: child's birth certificate; a parent or child's Baptismal certificate; proof of tax support for families new to the system (i.e., most recent tax bill); proof of address (government document, mortgage, or rental agreement, Hydro bill, credit card statement); proper immigration documentation; custody documents (if applicable). Students currently attending a WCDSB Year 1 Kindergarten program are NOT REQUIRED to register for Year 2 Kindergarten. Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please call the school.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Any time is a good time to invite family, friends, and neighbours to attend Mass. Especially so during the beautiful Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to Come Home for Christmas? Whether they have been away for a short time or a long time, we want all Catholics to know that they are warmly welcomed back to our Parish community. Please consider extending this invitation to loved ones, neighbours, and colleagues – for more information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>.

### DIOCESE OF HAMILTON, SERRA CLUB

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton: 905-528-7988 [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)



From the Diocese of Hamilton, please help yourself to a prayer card from the back of the Church, which lists the 2022-2023 Seminarians, Permanent Deacons, Religious Men, Women, and Consecrated Women called to live a chaste life. Let us pray by name for each of these men and women as they continue in their formation, studies, and ministries, and let us pray for more vocations!

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Christmas is an exciting and busy time of year, a time when it is vital for parents to counter the secular side of the holiday, so heavily promoted, by helping their children understand the real 'reason for the season'. Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger before opening presents on Christmas morning, giving to charity, and reminding your children Baptism calls all of you to do so, are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus. If Christmas becomes only about Santa, it is a real loss for your children and their faith. From: Family Ministry Office, Diocese of Hamilton.

### RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE

A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support, and fun! These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required. For ZOOM link contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

### JUSTICE, PEACE, AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION: *There can be no peace without a culture of care.*

The *culture of care* thus calls for a common, supportive, and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance. As such, it represents a privileged path to peace. “In many parts of the world, there is a need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter”. Pope Francis, World Day of Peace 2021

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 25, 2022 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10; Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98; Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6; Gospel: John 1.1-18.

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A Catholic parish was established in 1873 for the Townships of Erin and Eramosa. IN 1959, Bishop Ryan asked the Jesuits to establish a mission in Erin. Masses were said at the Legion Hall until the Church was opened in 1965, with Jesuit Father Frederick Elliott serving as the pastor until 1981. Since then, the parish has had the following pastors: Father Edward Grace OSA, 1981-1986; Father Charles Lagan SFM, 1986 to 1990; Father Gus Arthurs CSSp, 1990-2001; Father Joe Kelly CSSp, 2001-2015; Father Ralph Diodati, 2015-2017; Father Don Sanvido, 2017-2021; and our current pastor, Father Gordian Okpuruka.

**PARISH CONTACTS, GROUPS & LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

<b>BOOKKEEPER</b>	Ron Atkinson	(519) 278-0125	<a href="mailto:stjohnnerin@hamiltondiocese.com">stjohnnerin@hamiltondiocese.com</a>
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<b>PARISH SCHOOL</b>	Principal	(519) 833-9994	School Address:
<b>ST. JOHN BRÉBEUF C.E.S.</b>	Kate Seftel		30 Millwood Road, Erin, ON N0B 1T0

*Interested in starting a new Catholic Women's League (CWL) branch in the Parish?  
 Contact Fr. Gordian!  
 519-833-9738*

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**DECEMBER 18, 2022**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday – Friday  
 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Parish Office Assistant & Hours**

Sandra Priselac  
**(519) 278-0125**  
 Tuesday & Thursday  
 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES		WEEKDAY MASSES – St. John Brébeuf Parish	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Wednesday	9:15 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.	Thursday	7:00 p.m.
		Friday	9:15 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
 Please contact the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
 Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
 Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

**PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK**  
 Available upon request.  
 Please contact the Parish Office.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
 Each Thursday at 6:00-7:00 p.m.

*We gladly welcome new parishioners and invite them to pick up a registration form and register!*