

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



SUNDAY DECEMBER 25, 2022

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord



BISHOP OF HAMILTON

Christmas 2022

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” Luke, Chapter 2

Dear Friends,

Christmas is a time of familiarity. We sing familiar songs, share familiar greetings, we pray and gather and celebrate in all those ways to which we are accustomed. Yet does this familiarity numb us to the awe-inspiring reality of the Lord's Nativity? Look into the Christmas crèche: what do we see here? The King of the Universe – lying helpless in a manger. The Lord God Almighty – wrapped in swaddling clothes. The Eternal Word – an infant, unable even to speak!

The Creator of Heaven and Earth is held in the arms of one he has created, and upon opening his eyes - and so looks up at each of us. God so loves us that *he comes to us*, he lowers himself for us, he refuses to be distanced from us and so becomes one of us – taking on the frailty of the human form, yet losing nothing of the greatness of his Diving power.

May we never grow tired of discovering anew these jarring truths, which turn upside-down our expectations of power, greatness, kingship, and so much else. May we renew with fervour our adoration of the God who has become a child, who for love of each one of us has inserted his very self into our human story. This is the blessing of Christmas – may it fill our hearts during these holy days!

*May God, who by the Incarnation
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,
fill you with the gift of his peace and favor
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven!
(From the solemn blessing of Midnight Mass)*

Merry Christmas!
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

*Thank you to the children at
St. John Brébeuf Catholic Elementary School
for adding their prayers to our Christmas tree!*

Merry Christmas!



JAN. 1, 23 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
First Reading: Numbers 6.22-27; Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67; Second Reading: Galatians 4.4-7; Gospel Acclamation: Hebrews 1.1-2; Gospel: Luke 2.16-21.

COME HOME
for Christmas



DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION	CELEBRANT
December 24 The Nativity of the Lord	1-2 p.m.	ERIN	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Fr. Edward Hinsperger
	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)	
December 25 The Nativity of the Lord	9:00 a.m.	ERIN	Christmas Day Mass	Msgr. Theodore Slaman
	11:00 a.m.	OUSTIC	Christmas Day Mass	
December 31	5:00 p.m.	ERIN	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	Msgr. Theodore Slaman
January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	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.ctkbasilica.ca.



OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR 2023 are now available for pick-up at the back of the Church. If you would like to be a registered parishioner at St. John Brébeuf Parish, please contact the Parish Office.

DIocese OF HAMILTON, SERRA CLUB

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, or a consecrated virgin. Contact: Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton: 905-528-7988
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
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!

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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

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ST. JOHN BRÉBEUF C.E.S.	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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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!