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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### *Pilgrims of Hope*

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa

On December 24<sup>th</sup> at the Christmas Eve Mass, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in Saint Peter's Basilica and proclaimed the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Celebrating the Jubilee Year is an ancient tradition, very well documented in the Old Testament. Judaism celebrated every 50<sup>th</sup> year as the year of the Lord. It is written in Leviticus chapter 25, "*on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan*" (9 – 11). Since God is the creator and the owner of all that is existing, freeing the land, slaves and debtors was a mere gesture of acknowledging and accepting God's authority over everything.

The Catholic church revived the ancient biblical tradition of celebrating the Year of Jubilee in AD 1300 with the Papal Bull 'Antiquorum habet fida relatio' by Pope Boniface VIII. An unusually large number of pilgrims gathered at Saint Peter's to celebrate Christmas, with the hope of getting an indul-

gence of remission of sins. Though Pope Boniface VIII had not planned to grant anything, looking at the vast numbers of crowds, he granted them an indulgence and established the Year of Jubilee. From then, every 100 years was designated as a year of jubilee.

Many thought that 100 years is a big gap between the jubilees, so in 1342, Pope Clement VI, reduced it to 50 years and celebrated it in 1350 AD. For the next hundred years there were many variations in the number of years between jubilees. Finally, Pope Paul II extended the inter-jubilee period to 25 years, and in 1475, a Holy Year was celebrated by Sixtus IV.

"Pilgrims of Hope" is the theme for our Jubilee year 2025. Pope Francis invites all to participate in the Year of Hope, inviting them to be drawn to this hope. He then expresses his vision for the Year of Hope: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

Let this Jubilee Year rekindle hope in us.

## PARISH LITURGIES

— THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY  
AND JOSEPH—

*Christmas Octave: Dec 25 – Jan 01*

**Tuesday, December 31 - Eve of the Solemnity of  
Mary, Holy Mother of God**

5:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 01 - Solemnity of Mary  
Mother of God**

10:00 am

**Thursday, January 02 - St. Basil the Great &  
St. Gregory Nazianzen**

### NO MASS

**Friday, January 03 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

8:30

Gerald McGraw

9:00 - 10:00

**Adoration**

—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—

**Saturday, January 04 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

4:00 – 4:30 pm

**Reconciliation**

**5:00 pm**

**For:**

+ Royston Clunies, +Maria Teresa Lecuna,  
Int. Nancy Bell

**Sunday, January 05**

**9:00 am**

For our

**11:00 am**

Parishioners

*Season of Christmas: Jan 02 – Jan 12*



### JUBILEE YEAR 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. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Web-site: [hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee](http://hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee)

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 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.*

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

On Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, our Social Committee will be hosting a **New Year's Eve Games Night & Celebration** starting at 6:30 pm in the parish centre. It will be a fun, social, and perhaps a little competitive night with games for everyone. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer or treat to share. There will be a special New Year's toast at 9:00 pm, as the countdown will be rolled ahead for an early celebration. A variety of games and possibly a special GAME SHOW will be part of the evening! The cost of this event is free. All are welcome to attend!

*"The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger."*



### SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the Intentions of Fr. Ranjan D'Sa*

### CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER RANJAN, ON YOUR 23RD ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

On Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, our pastor, Fr. Ranjan D'Sa will be celebrating his 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Ordination.

May God continue to bless you richly with his peace, joy and love! Thank you for all that you do to make Saint Dominic Parish a vibrant community!

### SAINT DOMINIC PARISH FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING 2025



It has been a tradition in a number of cultures to prayer a particular blessing over the home on the Feast of the Epiphany. Known colloquially as 'chalking the door' this Epiphany Blessing is one way that families and individuals can invite God's blessing into their home and family life throughout the year.

To ask of this blessing of God for your home our Parish Social committee has prepared "Epiphany Blessing Kits" for all families of the parish who would like to perform the blessing of the family home on this year's Epiphany. The kits will be distributed for FREE following all masses the weekend of January 4th and 5th, 2025.

This traditional home blessing is a wonderful way to engage the whole family, your friends and even neighbours in seeking the graces they need for the coming year.

**May your 2025 be truly blessed!**

## SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners are invited to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp that hangs above the tabernacle. This candle burns 24 hours a day, seven days a week as a sign of honour to Our Lord.

If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention during a specific week, you are asked to please contact the parish office. The cost is a \$10 donation per week. Your intention will be noted in our weekly bulletin.

## PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parenting Tip #165 – Family time matters as much when our children age as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly. Traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys – pizza and movie nights, a special breakfast after attending Mass, games night – anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan your together time weekly and remember to share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that is to be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older. (From Teresa Harnett, Family Ministry Office 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

## CHRISTMAS – YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer and fellowship, and praise music in support of your vocations on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm, at the Annunciation of Our Lord Parish, 280 Limeridge Road W., Hamilton. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

*“Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.”*

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, December 30	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O’Mahony
Tuesday, December 31	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wednesday, January 1	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Thursday, January 2	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Friday, January 3	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
Saturday, January 4	Very Rev. Ranjan D’Sa O.C.D.

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!

*May hope, love and warmth be in your heart’s possessing, and may the New Year bring you and yours many blessings!*

## THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS SAVE THE DATE

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 01, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Registration will be available online in January at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com))

## MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

January is the perfect time to sit together as a couple with a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and do a little year in review. Did we spend enough time with each other and with our families? What went well for us and where do we recognize challenges? Discuss how these things could be better in 2025 and commit to making it happen for your couple relationship. A little marriage reflection and tune up can keep the spark alive!

(From Teresa Harnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

*“Our God has appeared on the earth,  
and lived among us.”*

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