



## **Feast of the Holy Family December 27, 2020**

### **ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH**

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***All public celebrations of Weekday and Weekend Mass are cancelled until the end of the current lockdown.***

***Confessions are available by appointment only. Please contact Fr. Tim directly:  
[ttheriault@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:ttheriault@hamiltondiocese.com)***

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 28 - Thursday, December 31**

*No Mass*

**Friday, January 1, 2021 - -10AM**

*Mary, Mother of God Mass*

**Saturday, January 2**

*Steven Rabak, Raymond Friolet, Deceased Members of the Jacobs Family*

*Deceased Members of the Holland Family, Donna Lawson,*

*Intention of the Lawson Family, Intention of Aleks van Miltenburg*

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Instagram or visit our website**

***IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH***

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***PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE or CALL THE PARISH OFFICE – 519-893-6960***

## LOCKED DOWN BUT WE'RE STILL HERE!

Even though the church and parish office are both closed to the public, the running of the parish continues! Fr. Tim will celebrate daily Mass (privately) for all of the previously scheduled Mass Intentions. Fr. Tim also continues to be available for confessions by appointment only.

Baptisms, funerals and weddings may continue during the lockdown, but only 10 people, including Fr. Tim, are permitted to be in attendance. Please call the office for more information.

In this current lockdown, just as we did last time, we will post the gospel reflections from Wednesday to Friday each week & will also work to provide new ways to connect with the parish community online.

If you know someone who is unable to join us online, but would benefit from a phone call from us, please have them call or email the office and we would be happy to connect with them!

## CLARIFICATION ON THE MORAL IMPLICATIONS OF COVID VACCINES

There have been many questions regarding the new COVID-19 vaccines. Clarification has been provided by the Diocese:

The Vatican has released a statement approved by Pope Francis on the Church's teachings on the moral acceptability of receiving a vaccine to protect against the COVID19 infection.

The short answer is that **it is morally acceptable to receive one of these vaccines** once they become available.

You may read the entire text of the statement [here](#).

## A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL TEAM

While this has been a Christmas like none other, we were blessed to be able to celebrate 4 Christmas Eve Masses and 2 Christmas Day Masses before the lockdown on December 26. Thank you to everyone who joined us in person or online - we welcomed a little over 850 people in person over our 6 Christmas Masses & have had over 600 people join us for our 3 online Masses. Thank you for your patience as you were ushered to your seat, or, if you joined us online, encountered any technical issues. We are very thankful for your understanding during these different times.

We could never send a Thank You card to everyone who offered us beautiful cards, generous gifts and/or kind affirmations over these days. We were overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness.

Thank you to the volunteer team who decorated the church so beautifully for our Christmas Masses. The time, energy and talent you have shared with the whole parish community is deeply appreciated.

Thank you to our "Pandemic Volunteers" who not only helped us throughout the reopening of our parish, but who helped us to safely welcome everyone to our Christmas Masses, and who gave up so much of their time to assist with planning, seating, sanitizing and offered warm welcomes to everyone they encountered. We could not have done any of this without the help of so many!

While we wait in hope for the next time we are able to resume public Masses, know of our continued prayers for you. Please reach out if there is anything we can do to support you during this time:

519-893-6960

Father Tim: [ttheriault@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:ttheriault@hamiltondiocese.com) Sarah: [smounstevenbertling@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:smounstevenbertling@hamiltondiocese.com)



# PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*(Recited during our livestream Masses)*

MY JESUS,

I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE PRESENT

IN THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT.

I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS,

AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL.

SINCE I CANNOT AT THIS MOMENT

RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,

COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART.

I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE

AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.

NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.

AMEN.



We will livestream our 10AM Sunday Masses & Solemnities  
[www.youtube.com/c/stanthonydanielparish](http://www.youtube.com/c/stanthonydanielparish)

PRAYER FOR

# Families

Loving God,  
During this holy season of Christmas,  
we ask for your blessing on all families.  
Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be  
an inspiration to place all trust in you.  
Let Joseph's courage provide hope during  
times of anxiety and uncertainty.  
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit  
of light and love.  
May the grace that encircled the Holy Family  
widen to embrace all families.  
For this we pray.  
Amen.





## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

### **COVID-19 UPDATE - DECEMBER 23**

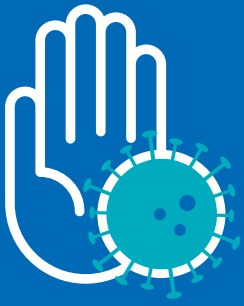
Following the announcement by the Ontario Government that the Province of Ontario will go into a strict province-wide lockdown as of 12:01 am on December 26 and until January 23, 2021, **ALL** Public Masses in the Diocese will be cancelled until further notice.

Parish churches will remain closed for the duration of this lockdown period, the only exceptions being previously scheduled weddings, and funerals, with a limit of 10 persons (including the priest). All current public health protocols are to be observed.

Parish Offices are also closed to the public. Individual appointments (including Confession) with priests can be made according to need, by phoning or sending an email to the parish.

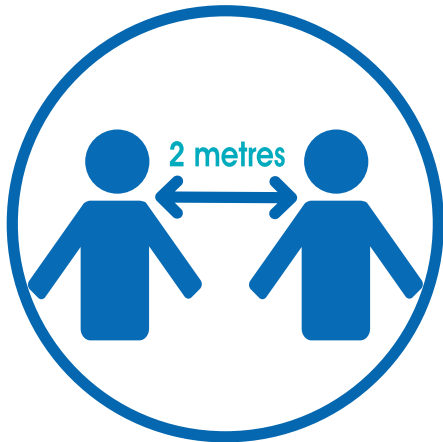
The previously announced dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and Solemnities, granted by His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, remains in force during the period of the pandemic.

Parishes with the capacity to do so are providing livestream Mass and other resources such as daily Scriptural reflections. Parishioners are invited to view these and televised Masses where possible to be spiritually united at this time.



# Protect each other

## Slow the spread of COVID-19



Keep 2 metres between  
yourself and others



Wear a face covering in enclosed  
public places and on transit



Wash your hands often, with  
warm water and soap or use  
alcohol based hand sanitizer



Stay home if you're  
sick and get tested!

We all have a role to play.



[regionofwaterloo.ca/COVID19](https://regionofwaterloo.ca/COVID19)

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