

St. John the Evangelist Parish Community, Dundalk

(Missions: Shelburne and St. Patrick's Proton)

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December 29, 2024

Feast of the Holy Family

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday (Rectory basement) ...10:00 am

Wednesday (Rectory basement) ...5:00 pm

Thursday (third Thursday of every month) Dufferin Oaks Long

Term Care...3:00 pm

Friday St John the Evangelist Dundalk11:00am

Saturday St John the Evangelist Dundalk... 4:00pm

Repose of the soul of Julie Furtado Req: by Peter Furtado

-Sunday Shelburne (United Church 200 Owen Sound Street)

Repose of the soul of Antonio Disidoro Req: by Clothilde Disidoro

- Sunday Proton...11:15 am

Repose of the souls of

(1) Michael Reis Requested by Albert and Bertha Reis

(2) For peace in the world, requested by Grace Brown.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available 30 minutes before every scheduled Mass

BAPTISM is scheduled by appointment, except during lent.

Mass Schedule

Dundalk

Jubilee year opening Holy Mass Saturday December 28th @ 4:00 PM

New Years Eve Holy Mass Tuesday 31st @ 5:00 PM

Shelburne

Jubilee Year opening Holy Mass Sunday December 29th @ 9:00 AM

New Years Day January 01, 2025, Holy Mass @ 9:00 AM

Proton

Jubilee year opening Holy Mass December 29th @ 11:15 AM

New Years Day January 01, 2025, Holy Mass @ 11:15 AM

MARRIAGE: call the parish at least 6 months in advance. A marriage course is required.

FUNERAL/BURIAL ARRANGEMENT: advise the parish immediately and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements.

SICK CALL/BLESSING anytime, at request. If you want the priest to visit you, or for anointing, please call the parish.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH and want to be a member of one of our churches, please do not hesitate to approach us.

PARISH BEQUESTS Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish in your will when recommending expressions of sympathy.

Reflection

A little look at the first reading from the book of Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus) is an Old Testament Book containing many useful suggestions and a lot of good advice for all situations in life: it teaches how to behave with friends, with guests, with women, how to conduct financial matters and handle money, how to deal with leaders and with servants and so on. A good part of the Book is used to describe family life, the duties of husband and wife the obligations of children towards

their parents and vice versa (confer Sir 30:1-13 and 41: 9-14. If you go to the bible in (Exodus 20) the fourth commandment is :-Honor your father and your mother, and that is why the Gospel of today throws light on a problem that we often have in our families

Announcements

1. Personal requests for Holy Mass may be made directly to Father or the office.
2. Eucharist adoration will be held on the first Saturday of every month, at 9:00 am in Dundalk. Please note this is a Parish affair and make every effort to attend.
3. Parishioners are asked to note that any request for assistance with regards to funeral arrangements should be addressed to St. John the Evangelist Rectory (Phone # 519-925-8703) or Mr. Gerald Gorman. (Phone # 519-373-4751)
4. Persons whose advertisements appear in the bulletin are asked to note that the renewal for subscriptions with regards to said ads will now become due on the 1st of January of the new year. We would endeavor to notify by email. This has come about because of the arrears that was overlooked prior to this year's payment. Thank you for payments this year.
5. Parishioners are asked to note that mass intentions should be one mass one intention and must comply accordingly.
6. You will be pleased to know that St. John the Evangelist Parish Dundalk has now opened the website so parishioners can access Parish information regarding the Parish easily. The website link is indicated hereunder: -
stjohndundalk@hamiltondiocese.com
7. We are having our Annual Christmas Potluck on December 29 from Noon until 4:00 PM. The venue is the Dundalk Arena Auditorium @ 550 Main Street East, Dundalk. (The auditorium is through the front doors of the arena, and up the stairs. For those who are unable to

climb stairs, there is an elevator available. The potluck will be followed by singing Christmas songs with Debbie!

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RITE FOR THE OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

Feast of the Holy Family 2024

OPENING HYMN

The Hymn for the Jubilee or one of the following hymns may be sung.
Praise to you, the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ (CBW III – 613)
All My Hope on God is Founded (CBW III – 479)

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The people reply:
Amen.

Priest:
The God of hope,
who in the Word made Flesh
fills us with every joy and hope in the faith,
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
be with you.

The people reply:
And with your Spirit.

The priest invites the people to bless and praise God in these words:
Blessed be the Lord our hope.

V. Blessed be the Father who, by sending his Word,
made him the sign of hope and the sacrament of redemption for humanity.
R. Blessed be the Lord our hope.

V. Blessed be the Son who, born of the Virgin Mary,
has opened for us the gate of hope to new life.
R. Blessed be the Lord our hope.

V. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, who, revealed in the Incarnation,
has made us heirs through Baptism of the hope of eternal life.
R. Blessed be the Lord our hope.

THE PROCLAMATION

The priest addresses the people in these words:

Brothers and sisters,
the mystery of the Incarnation of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
fostered in the communion of love of the Holy Family of Nazareth,
is for us the ground of deep joy and certain hope.

In fellowship with the universal Church,
as we celebrate the love of the Father
that reveals itself in the flesh of the Word made man
and in the sign of the Cross, anchor of salvation,
we solemnly proclaim the beginning of the Jubilee year
in our Parish community.

This rite is for us the prelude to a rich experience of grace and mercy;
we are ready always to respond to whoever asks the reason
for the hope that is in us, especially in this time of war and disorder.
May Christ, our peace and our hope,
be our companion on the journey in this year of grace and consolation.
May the Holy Spirit,
who today begins this work both in us and with us,
bring it to completion in the day of Christ Jesus.

*All may respond by singing **Thanks be to God** or a suitable acclamation, such
as Praise and glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! (see CBW III – 262 or 264)*

After a brief moment of silence, the priest says the following prayer.

PRAYER

O Father,
you are the hope that does not disappoint
and the beginning and end of all things;
bless the start of our pilgrim journey
behind the glorious cross of your Son
in this time of grace;
bind up the wounds of hearts that are broken,
loosen the chains that hold us as slaves of sin
and prisoners of hatred
and grant your people the joy of the Spirit
so that they may walk with renewed hope
towards their longed-for destiny,
Christ your Son and our Lord.
He lives for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

BLESSING OF WATER

The priest blesses the water to be sprinkled upon the people.

Dear brothers and sisters,
let us invoke the Lord our God
that he may bless this water which he has created;
we shall be sprinkled with it as a memorial of our Baptism.
May the Lord renew our hearts.

After a brief silence, the priest, with hands joined, continues:

Lord God almighty, source and origin of life,
bless + this water with which we shall be sprinkled.
We are trustful that we shall receive the forgiveness of sin,
protection from all infirmity and from the deceit of the evil one,
and the grace of your protection.
In your mercy, grant us, O Lord,
a fount of living water that wells up to eternal life,
so that, free from every danger of soul or body,
we may come to you with a pure heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

At the conclusion of the sprinkling rite, the priest says:

Almighty God,
may we be purified from our sins
and by this celebration of the Eucharist
may we be worthy to participate in the banquet of your kingdom
for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

*The Gloria is now sung, and the celebration continues as normal,
using the formulary of the Mass for the feast of the Holy Family.*

*This rite is adapted from the Rite of the Opening of the Jubilee Year approved by the
Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of Sacraments, for use in Parishes in the
Diocese of Hamilton.*