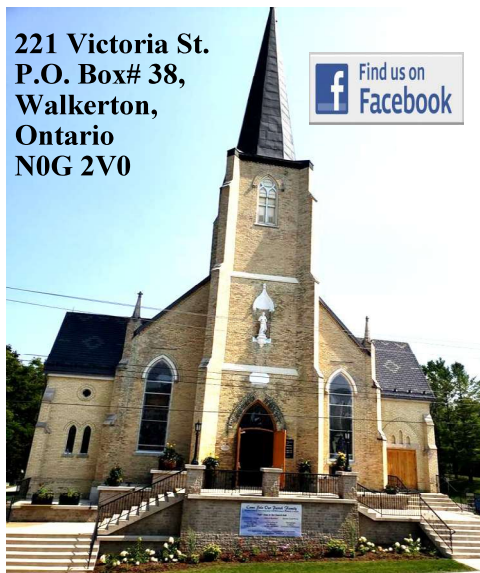


# Sacred Heart Parish

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## SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday: 5:00 pm.

Sunday: 11:00 am.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday's 30 minutes before Mass  
and Saturday's at 4 pm.  
or by appointment

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday  
9 a.m. to 12 noon  
& 1p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Valerie Austin**  
Office Administrator  
**Allan MacDonald**  
Bookkeeper

**Rev. Leszek  
Szczygiel**  
Pastor

## Sacred Heart Parish, Walkerton

### Mass Schedule

**Tuesday** Mass 9:00 am  
**Friday** Mass 9:00 am  
**Saturday** Mass 5:00 pm  
**Sunday** Mass 11:00 am

## Sacred Heart Parish, Mildmay

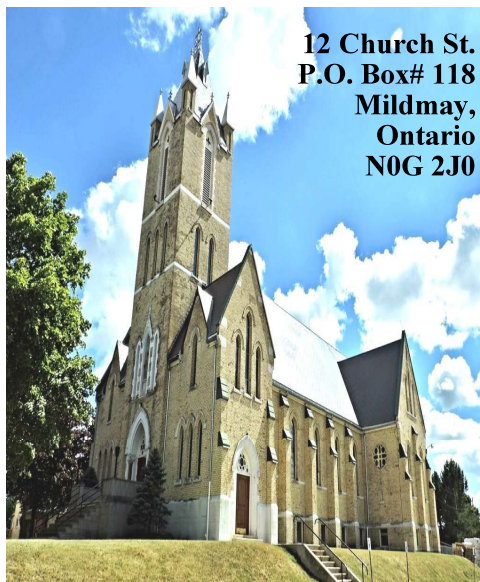
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**Wednesday** Mass 9:00 am  
**Thursday** Mass 9:00 am  
**Saturday** Mass 6:30 pm  
**Sunday** Mass 9:00 am



**First Reading:**  
Isaiah 7.10-14  
**Second Reading:**  
Romans 1.1-7  
**Gospel:**  
Matthew 1.18-24

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Saturday: 6:30 pm.

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday  
& Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
& 1 p.m.- 2:30 pm

**Roy Haskins**  
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

## Fourth Sunday Of Advent Sunday, December 21, 2025

### Diocesan Newsletter

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for Christmas

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# Fourth Sunday Of Advent

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR MILD MAY

December 23-31, 2025

**Wed. Dec. 24** The Nativity Of The Lord

7:00 a.m.

+Ruth Ditner & +Delfina I. Rodriguez *req by:* Irma

**Thurs. Dec. 25** The Nativity Of The Lord

9:00 a.m.

+Betty Thompson *req by:* The Family

**Sat. Dec. 27**

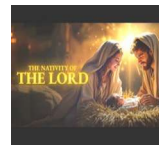
6:30 p.m.

+Butch Campbell *req by:* Theresa Roehring & Family

**Sun. Dec. 28** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 a.m.

For the intentions of our Parish and its benefactors



## MASS SCHEDULE FOR WALKERTON

December 23-31, 2025

**Tues. Dec. 23**

9:00 a.m.

+Irena Kania

**Wed. Dec. 24** The Nativity Of The Lord

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass

+Howard Girodat

*req by:* Ron & Therese Weiler & Family

**Thurs. Dec. 25** The Nativity Of The Lord

11:00 a.m.

+Donelda Miller

*req by:* Wilma Moore

**Fri. Dec. 26**

9:00 a.m.

In memory of the Mazzacavallo Families

*req by:* Pat & Terri McNinch

**Sat. Dec. 27**

5:00 p.m.

+Jim Kroeplin

*req by:* Joan & Family

**Sun. Dec. 28** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

11:00 a.m.

+Alf Kieffer

*req by:* The Family

**Tues. Dec. 30**

9:00 a.m.

+Lorne Waechter

*req by:* Don & Helen Waechter

+Donelda Miller

*req by:* Donna Mason

**Wed. Dec. 31**

11:00 a.m.

+Robert Schmidt

*req by:* Mike & Doreen Weber



## In Deepest Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the souls  
and families of:



**Aileen Wilkinson, Stewart Harold McTaggart,  
Rick Gibbings & Nicholas Allen**

May God grant them eternal rest.

## HAMILTON DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR FOR ALL WHO MINISTER IN THE CHURCH

Creator God, life is your gift. Through baptism you invite us to share in service in others. Give us the courage and generosity to respond to your call. Bless those who serve you as priests, religious, deacons and lay ministers. Open the minds and hearts of men and women to accept your challenge to build the kingdom of God. Amen.

This week, **December 22-27, 2025** we pray for:

Dec. 22....Rev. Richard Dordunu

Dec. 23....Rev. Robert Kiffman

Dec. 24....Consecrated Virgin Candidates

**Dec. 25....The Nativity Of The Lord**

Dec. 26....Rev. Jason Kuntz

Dec. 27....Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

“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, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



**Merry**  
Be your Christmas  
**Peaceful**  
Be your home  
**Joyful**  
Be your family  
**Blessed**  
Be each one!



**Winter Weather** is upon us, so we kindly ask that everyone exercise extreme caution when navigating the church grounds and

parking lot. Please remain vigilant for icy conditions and utilize the provided handrails for your safety. Thank you!

**Caution**  
Icy conditions  
Please take extra care

The Walkerton Parish Office will be **CLOSED**  
For Christmas Holidays Dec. 23rd and will reopen on Dec. 29th.



## Pray For Our Sick.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community, especially, **John Grubb, Aliyah Dupuis, Jadwiga Szczygiel, Dorothy Wyatt, Betty Etherton, Harriet Goetz, Sandy Voisin, Karen Ellis, Dwayne, Catherine Regier, Wally Misch, Stephen Benninger, Lloyd Gutscher, Helen Meyer, Helen McLean, Maryanne Buehlow, Phyllis Siegner, Ron & Mike Weiler, Rita DeBaincat, Jason Hart, Gib, Lorraine S., Marg Weber, Mila Schnerch, Sandra Berry, Ron & Rose Wilhelm, Theresa Filsinger, Gordon & Helen Kastner, Jim Walter, Barbara Illerbrunn, Charlie Fischer, Clayton & Dorothy Schmidt, Marlene Self, Nancy Litwak, Vincenzo Lanci, Terry Green, Sr. Simone, Gord Maxwell, Wayne O'Leary, Pat Weiler, Roland Siegfried, Tom Donnelly, Darlene Thorne, Paul Schnurr, Bernard Cotter, Anne Marie Hammer, Shirley A. Grubb, Helena Morley, Len Kraemer, Marg Kleist, Jerome Stroeder, Mary Louise Hauser, Denise Desroches, Dianne Kieffer, Julie McLaughlin, Regina Heaney, Linda Spitzig, Helen Beveridge, John Watson, Mary Benninger, Leonard Manion, Vera Schmidt, Teresa Schnurr, Glenn Schnurr, James Falkingham, Angela Cavanagh, & Rosemary O'Hara** and for all special intentions. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.



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## CWL NEWS:

### Sacred Heart CWL Mildmay

CWL Memberships of \$40 are due. Please put in an envelope marked CWL and drop it in the offertory basket.

### Sacred Heart CWL Walkerton

CWL Members please note that the membership fees are due and the fees remain at \$35.



## Gift to the Church

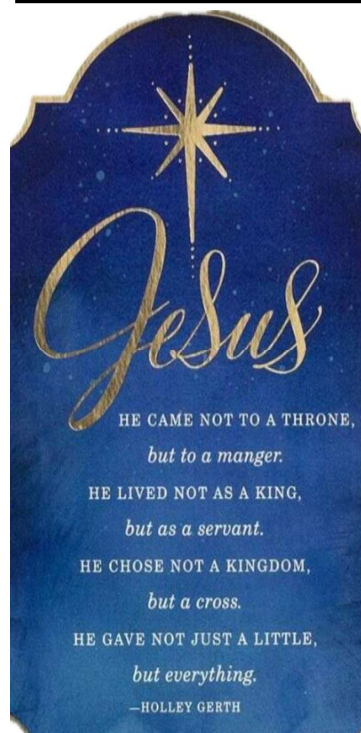
Leaving a gift to the Church in your Will is a profound way to return to the Lord a share of the blessings you received during your life. A bequest to the Church helps accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ. As the Church was there for you in your lifetime, you can now provide for your Church's future ministry and maintenance.

### Three common types of bequests are:

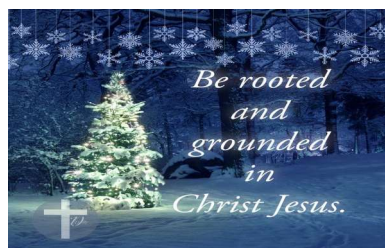
1. **RESIDUARY BEQUEST:** Once your loved ones have been looked after, you may wish to leave the rest of your estate to your Parish.
2. **GENERAL BEQUEST:** Should you wish to leave Sacred Heart Parish a specific dollar amount, a certain asset or a percentage of your estate.
3. **CONTINGENCY BEQUEST:** Helps you leave a portion of your estate to Sacred Heart Parish if a named beneficiary does not survive you.



Please remember your Parish, Sacred Heart, Walkerton or Mildmay in your Will. It is only through your generosity that we can maintain and upkeep our beautiful historic buildings.



**On behalf of  
Sacred Heart Parish,  
Walkerton & Mildmay  
we would like to wish  
you all a  
Very Merry Christmas  
and a Very Prosperous  
New Year!  
Faith makes all things  
possible, Hope makes  
all things work, Love  
makes all things  
beautiful, May you have  
all three for this  
Christmas.  
May God Bless You All!  
Father Leszek Szczygiel,  
Valerie & Roy**



## To the wonderful team of Christmas decorators for both Parishes:

Thank you so much for the time, effort, and creativity you put into making our churches look so festive. Your dedication helps all of us feel the joy of the season.



**Our Special Thanks To....** Our Music Ministry, Commentators/Lectures, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lift Operators and our Children's Liturgy instructors. You All Have Made Our Sunday Liturgies Flow Smoothly And With Dignity To Our Lord All Year Long. May The Light Of The Christ Child Be For You And For All Your Loved Ones A Source Of Blessing And Guidance throughout The New Year.







## The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as of **Advent** and are represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the **Christmas** season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity, and innocence.

The month of December is filled with expectation and celebration. Preparation is the key word for the first 24 days of December. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking, and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity. Christmas is a Christian feast — and we must reclaim it as such! In the same way that a family eagerly prepares for a baby, so in Advent should we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.



A BIG Thank You to  
The Walkerton CWL and The  
Walkerton Senior Card Party  
for their very generous donation  
to the Walkerton Building Fund.



**Peace, love, hope and prosperity is our  
Christmas wishes to you.  
May you experience all these blessings, sending  
all our endless love to you.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**We should keep Advent as a season of waiting and  
longing, of conversion and of hope and keep our  
thoughts on the incredible love and humility of our God  
in taking on the flesh of the Virgin Mary.**

Let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in  
our hearts wherein our Savior may come to  
dwell. The best person we can turn to for help  
during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our  
Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with  
more eagerness than any other human being.



Her preparation and borrow something of Mary's  
prayerfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to  
God's will.



### 2025 Income Tax Receipts of \$250.00

or more will automatically be given out.

If your donations are less than that amount you  
will have to request your receipt from the Office.

Thank you.

### Year End Charitable Donations:

Thank you to all our Parishioners who have so generously donated throughout this year.

We greatly appreciate all of your support! If you wish to top up your charitable  
contributions for 2025 please do so by **December 30, 2025, 12 noon**. Anything after that date will be entered for the  
year **2026**. Thank you for your continual generosity!

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to pick up your Offertory Envelopes for 2026 located at the back of the church.

Thank you for your donations to Sacred Heart  
**WALKERTON**. Your contribution is greatly appreciated  
as we seek to encourage all with God's Love and Word!  
**Sunday Offerings.....\$3,124.00**  
**Building Fund.....\$11,960.00**  
**Christmas Flowers.....\$40.00**  
**Christmas.....\$900.00**  
**Initial.....\$20.00**

Thank you for your donations to Sacred Heart  
**MILDMAY**. Your contribution is greatly appreciated  
as we seek to encourage all with God's Love and Word!  
**Sunday Offerings.....\$2,539.50**  
**Building Fund.....\$515.00**