

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 2

No Mass

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 p.m. Intention of Tony Kreze and Family

Wednesday, January 4

8:00 a.m. Intention of Ruby Kreze

Thursday, January 5

800 a.m. Intention of Eleanor Rainford
6:30 p.m. Deceased and Living Members of the CWL

Friday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Reverend Bob Walz, Joyce Shewchuk
Bill D'Aguilar, The Langan Family
Special Intention

Saturday, January 7

5:00 p.m. Anne Lindsay, Bora Belavic
Marie and Waldemar Wagner
Brdar Dusan, Nathan Querin

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 1

5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass
6:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Social

Thursday, January 5

7:00 p.m. CWL Meeting

Saturday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Cursillo
10:00 a.m. Server Training
1:00 p.m. Experienced Server Training

Sunday, January 8

Coffee Sunday following the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Reverend Mark Sullivan
Tuesday Reverend Bernard (Mike) Francis
Wednesday Holy Cross Fathers (O.C.D.)
Thursday Reverend Edward Mahony
Friday Reverend Peter Ciallella
Saturday Reverend Malcolm Katzenberger

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND, JANUARY 1, 2017

Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21



We learn the great truth that Mary is the Mother of God from St. Luke's Gospel, in the message given by the angel to Mary: "You are going to be the mother of a Son and you will call Him Jesus, and He will be called the Son of the Most High." Once she said yes, the Holy Spirit created in her womb the human nature that God the Son would assume. Since motherhood is of the person and not of the nature alone, and since Mary is the mother of Jesus, true God and true Man, then she is rightly called the Mother of God. After the angel had appeared to her and told her that she would be the mother of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary visited Elizabeth. At Mary's greeting Elizabeth said, "Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord's mother comes to visit me?" [Lk 1:43]. The Holy Scriptures teach us that Jesus was both God and man. John writes: "The Word became flesh and lived among us" [Jn 1:14]. St. Paul refers to this event when he writes to the Galatians, "God sent forth His Son, born of a woman," and as, "eternally begotten of the Father." So Bible teaches that Mary was the mother of the God-Man Jesus, not in the sense that she gave birth to Jesus as God, but in the sense that the Baby she bore had the nature of God and the nature of Man.

Source: Homilies of Father Anthony Kadavil, Vatican Radio



MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

The Virgin Mary was already venerated as Mother of God when, in 431, the Council of Ephesus acclaimed her Theotokos (God-bearer). Her role in the mystery of the incarnation was celebrated on this day in Rome in the seventh century, but was soon eclipsed by other feasts of Mary. Restored to the liturgical calendar in 1931, and to this day, the feast celebrates from a Marian perspective the Word make flesh and so enriches the observance of the Octave of Christmas and provides a solemn beginning to the New Year.

SEMINAR OF HOPE

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR SONS, DAUGHTERS & LOVED ONES

FREE LIVE SEMINAR – by Vernon Robertson.
As seen on EWTN



As parents do you suffer because of the spiritual condition of your children? Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you.

FREE participant manual will be given at the Seminar. For more information or to register call Pat or Rita at telephone 519-748-5548 or email at paddy@golden.net.

The seminar will be held at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Church, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener on Friday, January 20th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bring a bag lunch. Love offering will be taken.

View Promo Video at www.seminarofhope.org



Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the

Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com

REGION'S NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM -

STARTING MARCH 1st



All parishioners are welcome to attend this learning session to see how waste impacts us all and what we can be doing to help with the proposed changes on Thursday, January 5th at 7:15 p.m. in the PLC (immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass). Sponsored by the CWL.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE'S GENERAL MEETING



Thursday, January 5th starting with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Our guest speaker from the Region of Waterloo's Recycling Program will do her presentation first at 7:15 p.m. followed by our General Meeting. This is an important meeting as our proposed budget for 2017 needs your approval. Plan to attend. Bring a friend.

2017 CALENDAR FOR SALE DEPICTING FIRST NATIONS' ACTIVITIES



Support the on-going efforts of our Catholic Missions in Canada. You can purchase a calendar which can be found in the church foyer. Cost \$10. All proceeds will go the work of these Missions.

COME JOIN US TO FIND THE "KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS"



“Keys” is a nine week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program runs Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. starting January 24th, at St. Mark’s Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave., Kitchener. The cost is \$45.00. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please note that going forward, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.





CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT

Confirmation candidates and their sponsors and families are invited to Confirmation Enrolment that will be taking place during the 10:30 a.m. Masses on January 8th and January 15th. You are invited to come to either of these

Masses and to bring your Letter of Enrolment for Father Allen. We look forward to the opportunity to pray with you and for you, as a whole parish community. Please email Sarah if you need an extra copy of the Enrolment Letter.

MINISTRY RETREAT INVITATIONS

Parish volunteers may pick up their invitations to the February 4th Ministry Retreat *next weekend, January 7th and 8th*, in the narthex.



FLOWERS TO OUR SHUT-INS



The shut-ins of our parish who regularly have Communion taken to them on Sunday morning were each given a poinsettia this Christmas. We wish to thank the Eucharistic

Minister(s) who delivered them.



Many, many thanks to all who helped to make our Christmas Week liturgies faith-filled: readers, Eucharistic Ministers, music directors and choirs, altar servers, decorators and ministers of hospitality. To each of you – our heartfelt thanks!

Father Allen and Father Jim would also like to send a special “thank you” to so many for your wonderful Christmas greetings and generous gifts.



2017 THEATRE TRIPS

2017 Theatre trips have been booked! To view upcoming shows, pick up an information paper found on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Our first outing

is "Singin' In The Rain" at St. Jacobs Playhouse Theatre on March 29, 2017. All are welcome to join us!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Lord, I know – New Year's resolutions rarely last, but I also know it is good to make them. Sometimes one of them sticks; sometimes one of them really makes it. So this year, I resolve to begin and end each day with a prayer: “Thank you Lord, for the gift of another day.” This year, I resolve:

- to taste what I eat, especially at breakfast;
- to walk more than I sit;
- to listen more than I talk;
- to walk more by faith than by fear;
- to communicate more than to quarrel;
- to sing more in church and in the shower;
- to let the small things slide and the big things be confronted;
- to eat salads and fruit more than chips and sweets
- to live up to at least one of these resolutions.

HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS



Please note the following:

Monday, January 2nd: Closed

Regular office hours resume on Tuesday, January 3rd



from the Parish Staff