

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, December 18

No Mass

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 p.m. Frank Cain Family and Amelia Kowalsky
Alf and Jeff Waechter
Frank Maloney
Special Intention
Intention of Tony Kreze and Family
Barbara Rushlow
Lorna DeMarsh

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Marty Ancio and Nora and Melville Noonan

Thursday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Maria Eduarda Teixeira

Friday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Joanne Tremblay

Saturday, December 23

5:00 p.m. Peter Nhi Vu and Family
Janet Jackson
Deceased Members of Livingstone Family
Wilfred Mayville
Intention of Timothy Faver

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 17

12:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Choir Practice
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chug Mass followed by Social

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry

Wednesday, December 20

8:50 a.m. ANIMA Series (in church)
7:00 p.m. ANIMA Series (in PLC)
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir

Thursday, December 21

6:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul
Food Hamper Distribution
7:30 p.m. Sunday Choir

Friday, December 22

8:30 a.m. Confessions All Day until 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Cursillo
9:00 a.m. Decorating of Church

Sunday, December 24

Sunday Morning Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Masses at 5:00, 7:30 and 10:00 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 17, 2017

Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8,19-28



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Bring Your Baby Jesus to Mass

This year, with the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the celebration of Christmas in such quick succession, we're embracing a new practice at St. Anthony Daniel Parish to help us observe the last hours of our Advent period of waiting in a special way. Parishioners are invited to bring the baby Jesus figures they intend to use in their Nativity displays with them to any of our Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.). There will be a table at the front of the Church where the figures can be left for blessing during Mass. It might be a good idea to label or tag your Jesus discreetly, as many of the figures look the same!

Christmas Eve

Many parishioners have noted the busy Christmas schedule this year. With Christmas falling on a Monday, the faithful must indeed attend a Sunday Mass (5p.m., 8:30/10:30 a.m.) and Christmas Mass (5/7:30/10 p.m., 8:30/10/30 a.m.), perhaps even on the same calendar day. It will be a season of many meetings with the Lord! Because the Korean community ordinarily gathers in our Church on Sunday evenings, they will join us for our 10:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. A truly unique opportunity, this Mass will display clearly the *catholicity (universality)* of our faith. The Gospel announcing the birth of the Saviour will be proclaimed in English and Korean, as will the Prayer of the Faithful. We will also, once again, be blessed with the incredible talents of the St. Paul Chung Parish choir. What a beautiful way to celebrate Christmas!

New Parish Office Hours

Beginning in the new year, the parish office hours will change slightly, opening one half-hour later Monday to Friday, at 9:30 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. The office will still be closed at 4:00 p.m. and between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pp. While there may be activity around the Church or in the office during these times, parishioners are kindly asked to hold their requests and inquiries until the office is open. Email and phone messages can be left at all hours for reply in a reasonable amount of time.

Advent Faith Formation: The ANIMA Series

To help us prepare for Christmas this year, the parish will be using another title available to us through *Formed.org*. In the three short and powerful episodes of Bishop Donald Hying's ANIMA Series, we are invited to reflect on one all-important question:

“Did you ever wonder how you got here or where you're going?”

The date for the last in the series is scheduled below:

Week 3 “Blaze”	<i>Wed. Dec. 20th</i> 8:50 a.m. Church	<i>Wed. Dec. 20th</i> 7:00 p.m. PLC

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Reverend Junghyuk Choi
 Tuesday Reverend Allen Varlaki
 Wednesday Missionaries
 Thursday Reverend James Malone
 Friday Reverend Stephen Csiszar
 Saturday Reverend Jerome Mascarenhas, O.C.D.

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.



There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest,

religious or deacon, contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com

RCIA - open to those who are not baptized or baptized within another faith tradition, those baptized Catholic but have not received other Sacraments and those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith. Can begin at any time. Meet each Wednesday 7 – 9 p.m. in the Marian room. Call or email office and a team member will contact you with information.



PLEASE NOTE: RCIA will not meet in January, but will resume again in February of the new year).

YOUTH MINISTRY (GRADES 7-12)



All young people in grades 7-12 are invited to join us on **Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Centre.** The topic for the month of December is Advent and Christmas. Young people of our parish are encouraged to bring friends and relatives who may want to participate. As always, no young person should feel unable to participate because of a time conflict in one or more months; come whenever you can!

REMINDER TO VOLUNTEERS

Annual Volunteers' Retreat
Saturday, February 3rd

Mark the date on new calendars!

Formal invitations available for pick up January 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th in church foyer



THE JESSE TREE, ADVENT 2017

Third Week of Advent Symbols:

1. Stone Altar
2. The Tongs
3. The Crown
4. Stalks of Grain
5. A Great Fish (whale)
6. A Watchtower

An explanation of the symbols can be found by the Jesse Tree in the PLC foyer.



**TELEVISED CHRISTMAS
MIDNIGHT MASS**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. Salt+Light Catholic Television will air the celebration live on television and on their website. CHTV of Hamilton will also carry the telecast. This year we are happy to welcome Father Paul Murray, OP and Archbishop Arthur Roche (Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, Rome) as special guests.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH



Christmas is a season of great excitement and joy, filled with gifts, sharing love and visiting with our family and friends. These are wonderful parts of Christmas, but it is important to help our children remember that the holiday is really about the birth of Christ. Start during Advent by having an Advent wreath, where each week you pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love. Find ways as a family to spread these into the world in which you live. Jesus taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care for the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outward towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what “I” want. Help your children to learn that is in giving that we truly receive.



MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Rita McNeil’s Christmas song titled, *With My Family*, has the following line: “All I want under my tree is peace and love and harmony.” It is what we all want in our relationships, but it is important to ask ourselves what we are willing to do to get it. Will we take a peaceful approach to conflict, will we love the good pieces and the struggling pieces of our spouses and will we act in ways that bring us together in our decisions. The line ends with, “Wrap it with a ribbon please, I’ll share it with my family.” What a great Christmas gift to your spouse – a promise to work on peace and love and harmony!



**DRAYTON ENTERTAINMENT
2018**

Five great shows have been booked for the 2018 season. Check out the green flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Maybe you would like to reserve a ticket(s) for family or friends for Christmas. It would make a great gift.

TAX RECEIPTS



Please note that all donations requiring tax receipts for 2017 must be received in the parish office **by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 28th**.



**Sacrament of
Reconciliation
(Confession)**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the Advent season at the following times:

Tuesday, December 19	6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Friday, December 22nd	8:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. <i>Confessions all day</i>
Saturday, December 23rd	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**HOLIDAY PARISH
OFFICE HOURS**



Please note the following:

Tuesday, December 26: *Closed*

Wednesday, December 27: *Closed*

Thursday, December 28: *Closed*

Friday, December 29: *9:00 a.m. to noon*

Monday, January 1: *Closed*

Tuesday January 2: *Closed*

***Regular office hours will resume on
Wednesday, January 3rd at 9:30 a.m.***