

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, November 28

No Mass

Tuesday, November 29

7:00 p.m. Kurt and Peter Kofler

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 a.m. Intention of Tim Kreze and Family
Intention of Charlotte Miciula and Family
Arthur Collins

Thursday, December 1

8:00 a.m. Intention of Sister Alice Long, CND
6:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the CWL
Frank Cain Family and Amelia Kowalsky

Friday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Jose Leal da Silva,
Reverend Bob Walz
Joyce Shewchuk
Deceased Members of the Fallor and Blask Family
Special Intention

Saturday, December 3

5:00 p.m. Julika Badovinac, Tadija Badovinac and Nikola Badovinac
Marie and Waldemar Wagner
Intention of the David Family

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 27

CWL Annual Bazaar following
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses
12:30 p.m. Baptisms
4:30 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass
7:30 p.m. Soulful Christmas Elvis Concert

Tuesday, November 29

6:00 p.m. Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. Fundraising Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir

Thursday, December 1

6:30 p.m. CWL Christmas Dinner
7:30 p.m. Sunday Choir

Saturday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Cursillo

Sunday, December 4

Coffee Sunday following 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses
St. John Paul II School Sharing the Spirit
at the 10:30 a.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass followed by Social

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 26, 27, 2016

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Catechism, on the topic of the Advent Season, says the following:

When the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.

Over the next few weeks, as we ready ourselves and our families for the celebration of Christmas our Sunday liturgies will place us at the heart of a different and more vital kind of preparation. The people of God, for generations, were prepared by divine revelation to receive the miracle that was the Incarnation. We recall this period in our history as we trace the promises made to humankind by God through his prophets. During this time, we remind ourselves also of the need to faithfully anticipate the Lord's second coming through penance, prayer and good works. This time of hopeful and expectant penitence is the perfect way to begin our new liturgical year.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Reverend Pablito Labado
Tuesday	Reverend Robert Dunn
Wednesday	Society of the Catholic Apostolate
Thursday	Reverend Scott Whitfield.
Friday	Very Reverend Ian Duffy
Saturday	Reverend Joseph Durkacz

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.



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

And [God] has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:22-23

The one really adequate instrument for learning about God is the whole Christian community. (*Mere Christianity, 144*)

Advent calls us to prepare for and await the coming of the Savior. Being patient and discerning in advance of such a joyous occasion is not meant to be done in isolation. A serious contemplation of the body of Christ teaches us to work in concert with others to accomplish the mission of God in our community in every season. The body of Christ also helps me to resist my own selfishness. This positive encouragement toward unity (with a corresponding disincentive to go it alone) amounts to much of the power of community, the Christian community, where God, by his Spirit, works out his will.

Drawn from the Old Testament teaching about the corporate personality of ancient Israel, the New Testament image of the body of Christ includes the teaching that Christ is our head. Just as our physical body has one head, we in the Church, the body of Christ, have one head. That places Christ in the position of leadership and us in the position of followership. The primary question, then, is this: "Toward what goals is Christ leading us?" The primary answer is to be found in Scripture. While that answer won't solve disagreements about the colour of the carpet in the sanctuary or the nature and extent of communication between the leadership of the local church and the entire congregation, it will remind us to exercise the fruits of the Spirit in our discussions. And it will drive us to our knees in prayer that "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," or, to paraphrase, "Thy will be done in our church as it is in heaven."

Lord Jesus, the head of the Church, bring my will into submission to yours and our Church into agreement with your leadership. Amen.

r. Joel Heck



"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to ministerial service, contact

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Each year the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish distributes Christmas hampers to those in the Stanley Park area stretching from Freeport Hospital to Breslau whose financial situation makes the Holiday Season difficult. Next weekend, December 3rd and 4th, there will be envelopes in the pews for this special collection. The Society relies on your generosity each year and all donations of \$5.00 or more will result in a receipt if you complete the information on the envelope. You may consider a donation next weekend or take your envelope home and return at your convenience. Thank you from the families you will be assisting and from all of your working members of St. Vincent de Paul.

The monthly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be on Monday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the PLC.

THE JESSE TREE, ADVENT 2016



People who make up our Family Tree hold a fascination for us. In the same way, people who make up our family of faith tell us much about who we are and how we are related to God. As Christians, we are all a part of Jesus' family. His story is our story – the story of salvation, the story of a people chosen, shaped and redeemed by God. Let us travel this road of discovering our heritage during this Advent. Each week we will adorn our Jesse Tree with symbols representing our progress from Genesis to Christmas. Come travel with us!

First Week of Advent Symbols:

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| 1. <u>The Dove</u> | 4. <u>The Stars in the Sky</u> |
| 2. <u>The Tree</u> | 5. <u>The Ram</u> |
| 3. <u>The Rainbow</u> | 6. <u>The Ladder</u> |

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

ATTENTION CWL MEMBERS



Last opportunity to make a reservation for our Festive Christmas Dinner. The event starts with Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1st. Please contact Darlene at 519-894-1993 or email at (djburgetz@sympatico.ca) before 12 noon on Monday November 28th to save your spot. Cost is \$20 for dinner and entertainment.



SHARING THE SPIRIT

St. Anthony Daniel Parish has dedicated a "Sharing the Spirit" Mass on *Sunday, December 4th at 10:30 a.m.* for families of St. John Paul II School. Join us and see the special symbols of life at St. John Paul II School!

EUTHANASIA/ ASSISTED SUICIDE-- DID YOU KNOW?



DIocese of HAMILTON

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament.

ADVENT RETREAT

St Anne Parish, Kitchener. Saturday, December 10, 2016.



Our Hearts are Restless is a day long seminar presented by Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries. The day will focus on how the emptiness we sometimes experience can only be fulfilled and transformed by God and what Pope Francis calls "a renewed encounter with Jesus Christ" and the power of the Holy Spirit. Join us for an uplifting and grace filled day. There is no cost! Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and the day will conclude at 2:00 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch. Refreshments will be served and a free will offering will be taken to support the work of Magnificat Ministries. For more information please contact Patrick or Rita at 519-748-5549 or paddym@golden.net.



DID YOU KNOW?

The waterfall in the Prayer Garden and some of the trees were donated by parishioners in memory of their loved ones. When Father Earl Talbot left St. Anthony Daniel Parish, two trees were planted in his honour. A hockey stick and a golf club served as stakes to secure them. They are still there today.

AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES 2016

The following are dates and times of Penitential Services in our area by date:

Sunday, December 4th

1:00 pm St. Jerome's Catholic Community, Waterloo

Thursday, December 8th

7:00 pm St. Joseph Church, Kitchener

Sunday, December 11th

3:00 pm Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener

Monday, December 12th

7:00 pm St. Mary's Church, Kitchener

7:30 pm St. Louis Church, Waterloo

Tuesday, December 13th

1:00 pm St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm St. Clements Church, Cambridge

7:30 pm St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

Wednesday, December 14th

7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha

7:30 pm St. Michael's Church, Waterloo

Thursday, December 15th

7:00 pm St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm St. Clements Church, St. Clements

7:30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo

Tuesday, December 20th

7:00 pm St. Mary's Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira

7:00 pm St. Ambrose Church, Cambridge

EXTRAORDINARY CONFESSION TIMES 2016

The following is a list of churches with extra times for Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent:

St. John's & Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kitchener

Friday, December 9th, 16th, 23rd 5:00 – 6:30 pm

St. Mary of the Visitation Church, Cambridge

Thursday, December 15th 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

St. Anne's Church, Kitchener

Wednesday December 21st 7 – 9 pm

St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener

please see the enclosed pamphlet