

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, November 5

No Mass

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 p.m. Bob Bechard

Wednesday, December 7

8:00 a.m. Intention of Tony Kreze and Family
Bogumil Dembek

Thursday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Etelka Dicsi

Friday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Branday Family
Daniel Derksen
Deirdre Mungovan
Donald Valad
Special Intention

Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. Mato Belavic
Donald Targosz and the Intention of Marge Targosz
Anne Lindsay
Ivan Cabran
Frank Cerotic

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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

Monday, December 5

10:00 a.m. Grief Support
7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

6:00 p.m. Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. Alpha Youth

Wednesday, December 7

1:30 p.m. Canadian Martyrs School Grade 4
Bible Celebration
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir

Thursday, December 8

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting
7:30 p.m. Sunday Choir

Saturday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Cursillo
9:00 a.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, December 11

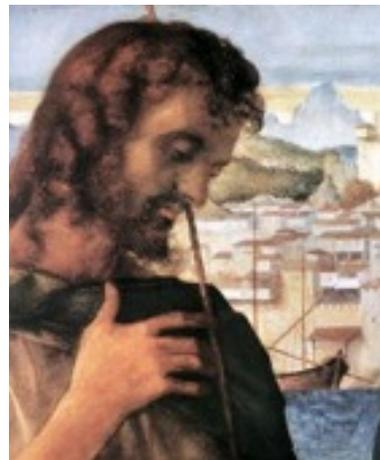
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 4, 2016

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Many thanks to our Fundraising Committee and all those involved in making our Soulful Elvis Christmas concert an incredible success.

A near-capacity crowd enjoyed an evening of beautiful and spiritual Christmas and gospel classics. 'O Holy Night' and 'How Great Thou Art' were showstoppers. The event was appreciated by all who attended, and I'm pleased to report that its success has allowed us to pay off our new roof!

It truly was an evening for our parish community to shine.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

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| Monday | Reverend Janusz Roginski, S.A.C. |
| Tuesday | Reverend Robert Love |
| Wednesday | Order of Preachers (Dominican) |
| Thursday | Reverend Andrew Lopatniuk |
| Friday | Reverend Francis Truzupek |
| Saturday | Reverend Mark Sullivan |

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.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2:11

But in Christianity, the more we understand what

God it is who is said to be present and the purpose for which He is said to have appeared, the more credible the miracles become. (*Miracles, 138*)

Considering the Incarnation, reflecting on this “central miracle” during this season of preparation, can deeply enrich our Advent experience. A greater understanding of the miracles presented to us by our faith will help us to welcome Jesus, the “peace, hope and light” that the title of this devotional references.

C. S. Lewis has written about the consistency of the miracles of the New Testament, stating that they aren't like some miracles that appear in mythology, such as the fairy tales of the Grimm Brothers or the miracles in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. In those tales, animals turn into human beings, trees talk, and a magic ring fills tables with food. They are fun to read, but they are odd. Odd because they aren't connected to their context or to the world in which they are found.

The miracles of the New Testament, on the other hand, are just what one might expect if one believed, as did the writers of the New Testament, that nature had been invaded by the God who created nature. For example, the miracle of the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11) tells us that God of wine has arrived, doing in a moment what God does in nature slowly every year. When we see purpose both in his miracles and in his coming, they are easier to understand and believe.

Among the gospel writers, John is unique in calling the miracles of Jesus “signs” (John 2:11). Whatever else he meant by using the word “signs,” he certainly meant to teach us that the miracles of Jesus said something about the one who performed them. Jesus certainly performed miracles out of compassion when he healed or raised the dead. He undoubtedly performed miracles out of love, as when he drove the demons out of the Gadarene demoniacs. But he also performed miracles to demonstrate his messiahship. “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them” (Matthew 11:4-5).

Lord Jesus, thank you for the miracles you performed to show us why you came. You came for us. Amen.

Dr. Joel Heck



“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in

order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? If God is calling you, 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



Today you will find the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper envelope in your pews. You may have taken



your envelope home and we thank you for this.

You may return it at your convenience. Completion of your information on the envelope will result in a receipt to be sent to you if your donation is \$ 5.00 or more. The families of the Stanley Park area and the working members of your St. Vincent de Paul thank you for your generosity.

GRIEF SUPPORT



Has someone you cared about died? Are you feeling emotional, grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you wondering whether others share your experience? You are not alone. Come for an opportunity to learn, share, pray, and heal as you journey through grief. We will view excerpts from the DVD series “Grief Matters” by Dr. Bill Webster, followed by informal discussion. Join us in the Marian Room on Monday, December 5th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. This month's topic is “Coping with Christmas”. All are welcome.

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CHRISTMAS CAKES

On the weekend of December 10th and 11th, Campaign Life Coalition will be selling traditional Christmas cakes in the foyers made by the monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey. The small cakes sell for \$15 and the large for \$25. This year we also have an Abbey Gift Basket which contains caramel filled and maple filled chocolates as well as a mini fruit cake and a jar of Maple Spread which sells for \$25. Your support is always appreciated.





CONFIRMATION MEETING – CANDIDATES ONLY

Our Confirmation Candidates are reminded of the upcoming session, this Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Centre. We will be exploring the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The meeting will run until 8:30 p.m. Caregivers are asked to come into the building to pick up their children. We look forward to seeing you there!

ALPHA YOUTH FILM SERIES

Young people in Grades 7 through 12 are invited to take part in our parish Alpha Youth Programme. No registration is required, and Alpha Youth is open to all (Catholic, non-Catholic, non-Christian, undecided, questioning, etc.) so students are encouraged to bring their friends. Each of our meetings will include a free meal and ample time for fellowship.

Young people will enjoy some good food, great fellowship, and the third of twelve topics they will discuss over the course of the year. We will meet again on **Tuesday, December 6th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Young people who missed the first sessions are more than welcome to join. You can catch up, if you wish, by viewing the first few videos on YouTube.

Please keep praying for the success of this exciting new programme.

THE JESSE TREE, ADVENT 2016

Second Week of Advent Symbols:

1. **The Grain Sack**
2. **The Bush**
3. **The Kneading Bowl**
4. **Stone Tablets**
5. **The Ram's Horn Trumpet**
6. **The Lyre**



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



THANK YOU FROM THE CWL

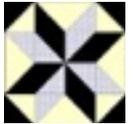
The Catholic Women's League wants to thank all those who donated, purchased or helped to serve at our November 26th and 27th Bazaar. With your help we raised over \$3,600 which will be used to serve needy causes in our community. Your support is greatly appreciated.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to our audience, **our debt for the roof is paid off.** Our 'Elvis Soulful Christmas' concert was a huge success. We had over 550 people attend. We raised \$11,258.15. Thank you to Steve Michaels, who put on a very professional soulful concert, along with his backup group and orchestra. Thanks to his manager, Mark, and his public relations person, Linda, for helping all of us. Many thanks go to our parish secretary, Nilla, the fundraising committee, ushers who helped even though they were not on our committee, our Korean community and others who helped to make this such a huge success. Thank you so much to Father Allan who was so cooperative to make all of this happen. We know by your response that you enjoyed it immensely.

QUILT WINNER



Thank you for all who bought quilt tickets. A special thank you to our parishioner, Louise Maloney, who spent many hours making the quilt and then donating it to our roof fundraising. We raised \$875.40 from these sales. The winner is Jack Cooper from Kitchener. A thank you goes to committee members and those who sold tickets offsite as well.



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EUTHANASIA/ ASSISTED SUICIDE– DID YOU KNOW?

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.

