

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, December 11

No Mass

### Tuesday, December 12

7:00 p.m. Maria and Francesco Cinquemani  
Santya and Giuseppe Seminatore  
Kurt Sommer  
Donald and Julie Hudson  
Intention of Tim Kreze

### Wednesday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Ludwig Michaelis

### Thursday, December 14

8:00 a.m. Delores Gross

### Friday, December 15

8:00 a.m. George Flynn

### Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. Josephine Graci  
Peter Nhi Vu and Family  
Maria and Vincenzo Romano  
Deceased Members of Kavanaugh and Martin Families  
Stefan Koenig  
Gerard Couture  
Ed Cerant

## PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, December 10

Youth Ministry Presentation after 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses  
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

### Monday, December 11

7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

### Tuesday, December 12

7:30 p.m. Baptism Preparation

### Wednesday, December 13

8:50 a.m. ANIMA Series (in church)  
1:00 p.m. Screening Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. ANIMA Series (in PLC)  
7:00 p.m. RCIA  
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir  
7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

### Thursday, December 14

7:30 p.m. Sunday Choir

### Friday, December 15

1:00 p.m. CWL Executive Meeting

### Saturday, December 16

8:00 a.m. Cursillo  
9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Toy Distribution

### Sunday, December 17

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

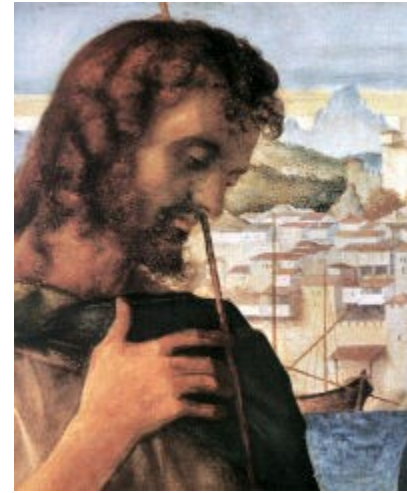
## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 10, 2017

*Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

*2 Peter 3:8-14*

*Mark 1:1-8*



### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

#### *Prayer Intentions from our Youth*

During the month of November, our Youth Ministry explored the topic of prayer. After hearing from a guest speaker the young people spent an evening preparing their own prayer requests. The list of intentions generated is impressive, and shows great care and spiritual devotion. Beginning at Christmas and continuing throughout the New Year, we will be including one of these intentions in the Prayer of the Faithful at each of our Sunday Masses. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to pray as a community for the continued and strengthening faith of our young people, and to show them how important they are to our parish.

#### *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!

**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?”*

It's the perfect series for a busy time of year, because each of the three meetings will last no longer than one hour. If you can spare three hours in December, you're guaranteed to celebrate Christmas more deeply aware of our cause to celebrate that day. Each episode will be shown **twice weekly** for those with changing schedules (and for those who prefer daytime activities in winter). The morning meetings will begin after weekday Mass and a brief period of time for coffee in the Marian Room. See the schedule below, and check out *Formed.org* if you'd like a sneak peek.

<b>Week 2</b> “Kenosis”	Wed. Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup> 8:50 a.m. Church	Wed. Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. PLC
<b>Week 3</b> “Blaze”	Wed. Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup> 8:50 a.m. Church	Wed. Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. PLC

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

*This week we especially pray for:*

Monday Reverend Malcolm Katzenberger  
 Tuesday Reverend Arthur Scidmore  
 Wednesday Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)  
 Thursday Reverend Gary Schlack  
 Friday Reverend Mervyn Perera  
 Saturday Reverend Thomas Manninezath, C.M.I.

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.



**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.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION**



You may have picked up an envelope in the pews this weekend for the Christmas Hamper Collection. 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. 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 next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the PLC.



**THE JESSE TREE, ADVENT 2017**

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.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR**



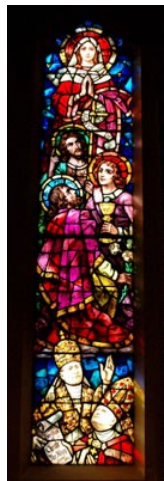
The Children's Choir will be leading the music for the 5:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Eve, sharing their love for singing as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus!

The next Christmas Eve Children's Choir Practice will be on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.



**LIGHTHOUSE/  
AUGUSTINE  
INSTITUTE**

If you stop by the Lighthouse Kiosk in the PLC foyer you will notice that it has been restocked with new CDs and books. There are titles of interest for all ages and areas of Catholic interests, such as Evangelization, Apologetics, Sacraments, Lives of the Saints and Spirituality. The talks are by the best Catholic speakers in the world and include Ralph Martin, Scott Hahn and Father Robert Spitzer and, for young adults, Curtis Martin, Matt Maher and Chris Stefanic. A few titles are: *Who Am I to Judge*, *Four Levels of Happiness* and *Religionless Spirituality*. These CDs and books make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers besides helping our own spiritual growth. All items in the Kiosk are available for a \$5 donation, which allows this program to continue at St. Anthony Daniel parish. Thank you for your support.



**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.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**POPE FRANCIS TO ATTEND WORLD  
MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN**

The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place August 21– 26, 2018. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis’ *Amoris Laetitia*, or *The Joy of Love*. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, but registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>.***