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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday **CHRISTMAS EVE**
4:30pm Mass for Young Families with Pageant
7:00pm Mass for Christmas Eve
Midnight Midnight Mass (Carols at 11:30pm)

Tuesday **CHRISTMAS DAY**
9:00am For the People
11:00am For the People

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord
Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-6 John 1.1-18

There are no weekday Masses or confessions
December 26 – 28



December 29, 2018

Saturday
5:00pm +Jim Halk – Phyllis, Glen & Brian
 +Ralph Schnarr – Bernice & Family
 +Special Intentions of Mabel Finch on the occasion of her 100th Birthday – *Mabel's Family*

Feast of the Holy Family
Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21 Luke 2.41-52



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings
 December 16 – TBA

Advent Wreath – Week 4

*“O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ,
 all things are in your hands,
 come and show us the way to salvation.”*

**Sunday 7:00pm Mass will resume on
 Sunday, January 6th.**

**2019 COLLECTION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE
 FOR PICK-UP IN THE PARISH CENTRE.**

2018-19 SUNDAY MISSALS (\$4.00) and CHILDREN'S MISSALS (\$8.00) are available for purchase in the main vestibule.



2019 Membership dues – remain at \$30. These can be placed in the collection baskets in January. If you will be away after Christmas, please submit your dues in December.

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

CHRISTMAS

ALTAR SERVERS

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve
4:30pm: Clara Thompson, Carole Mutuku, Ryanne Tapuska
7:00pm: Elizabeth Swart, ???, ???
Midnight: Joel & Ryan Jobby, ???

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00am: Mark & Elizabeth Pawliszyn, ???
11:00am: Adam Colwell, Ryan Leamen, Carole Mutuku

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve
4:30pm: * Tom Connor
7:00pm: * Abraham Fernandez
 1 Suzanne Johnson 2 Dave Swart
Midnight: * Teresa Palmer
 1 Patrick Dietrich 2 Kishanie Jayasundera

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00am: * Ian Sine
 1 Katherine Bergman 2 Marty Bell
11:00am: * Marvellous Onuma-Kalu
 1 Gerry Kraemer 2 Katrina Fleming

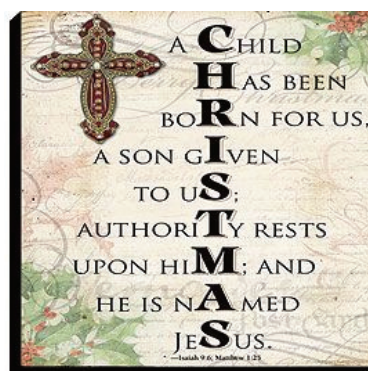
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve
4:30pm: Gai Brown, Mary Ellen Nolan, Alicia Smith, Gerdy Frantzke, Teresa Palmer, Ian Sine, Chris McKenzie
7:00pm: Lynn West, Doug & Yvonne Rickert, Tim & Norah O'Leary, Bob & Jean Balahura
Midnight: Annabel MacDonald, John Miller, Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00am: Tony & Pam De Leo, Betty Lou Borho, Peter & Noreen Michels
11:00am: Jeannie Krulicki, Doug Haennel, Veronica Zarin, Theresa Leung, Magnell Robinson

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Canada Revenue Agency states that charitable donations can only be receipted for the year that they have been given. If you would like credit for donations in 2018, **all donations must be into the collection at the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, December 31st, 2018.** Donations given on Tuesday, January 1st, 2019 at the 10:00am Mass will be included in 2019 donations. The Parish Office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019 at 9:00am.



**May Peace
 and Love
 surround
 you all this
 Christmas!**

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 29

5:00pm: Katie Kuepfer, Noah & Alia Van Alphen

Sunday, December 30

9:00am: Mark & Elizabeth Pawliszyn, ???

11:00am: Carole Mutuku, Cecilia Frantzke,
Adam Colwell

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 29

5:00pm: * Steve Kamski

1 Stefan Pregelj 2 Marta Mandich

Sunday, December 30

9:00am: * Peter Michels

1 Steve Dosman 2 John Strong

11:00am: * Krista Nolan

1 Fidelia Otokhina 2 Jason Higgins

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 29

5:00pm: Eleanor Horrigan, Tracey Kuepfer,
Mike Lahn, John Miller

Sunday, December 30

9:00am: Tony & Pam De Leo, Glen Loffree,
Chris McKenzie, Mary Ellen Nolan

11:00am: Martin & Diane Jones, Doug Haennel,
Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera,
Dorothy Krauskopf, Jeannie Krulicki



The **St. Michael's Africa Project Committee** would like to thank all our sponsors and general donors for their contributions to the **Harambee Child Sponsorship** program. This year, \$79,910 was raised for the sponsorship program of the Notre Dame Children Outreach. All of the children on Sister Rose's list (129) were re-sponsored and there is money left over for a few more. So thank you St. Michael's and St. Jerome's for this amazing gift that transforms the lives of the children, their families and the community of Nyalieng'a. Another 6 students are sponsored annually by Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic Elementary School. The Rotary Club of Kitchener, with its "Rotary African Women's Education Fund" sponsors 4 women from Nyalieng'a to attend various universities in Kenya. Sister Rose Ngacha, Director of the NDCO since 2011, is being reassigned in January. She is currently celebrating 20 years of being a School Sister of Notre Dame. As we celebrate the coming of Christmas, please remember all of the children, their families and the staff of the NDCO in your prayers.



The **Social Justice Committee** wishes to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting the **St. Michael's Christmas Sharing** project. There are many demands on pocketbooks at this time of year so thank you for taking your personal resources, your time and your energy to help the needy in our community. The gifts have been sorted, wrapped and delivered to all of the different agencies - Kaljas Homes, Healing of the Seven Generations, HUGO, Marillac Place (SEB school), St. John's Kitchen (St. Nicholas school). The recipients, we are told, are overwhelmed that strangers give to them so generously and so personally. Thank you. Any notes or cards received from the agencies will be displayed on the main bulletin board in January.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! It has once again been a busy year here at St. Michael's with many thriving ministries that keep the parish vibrant in worship, and vibrant through our caring outreach to the community locally and around the world. For the countless hours of volunteer work that you all give, I express my sincere gratitude. A parish is only as 'alive' as its parishioners' willingness to get involved, and I thank everyone for their commitment to our parish family!

As we close out 2018, we're looking forward to another great year in 2019! As has already been announced, my last Sunday here at St. Michael's will be January 13th, at which time the parish will receive a new pastor, Fr. Frank Freitas. I have loved my time here, and although it is always difficult to leave, I trust that the Holy Spirit is in charge. I know you will show Fr. Freitas the same welcome and support that you have shown me, and I am confident that he will continue to lead the parish with passion, energy and dedication. I am leaving 'at peace' knowing that the parish will be in good pastoral hands long into the future.

I thank God for all of you every day and keep you in my prayers. I have been blessed in my time as pastor here at St. Michael's, and am proud to have worked alongside all of you as *"we worship and serve Christ Jesus in community on the journey of faith!"* (quote from our Parish Mission Statement)

Merry Christmas everyone!

- Fr. Dave

PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS

Performance Dates:

Saturday, April 13th following 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, April 14th following 11:00am Mass

Friday, April 19th at 11:00am and 7:00pm

* Commitments include **ALL** of these performance dates as well as **ALL** rehearsals leading up to them. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons starting January 20th. *

Audition Dates:

- Wednesday, December 12th 4:00pm
St. David's High School Drama Room
- Sunday, January 13th 2:00-3:00pm
St. Michael's Church

Please arrive prepared to sing acapella and do a short provided reading. Whether you are an actor, singer, tech person, pianist or violinist we would be pleased to hear your talents. Students must be in high school, college or university. If you have any questions contact jane.jagas@gmail.com



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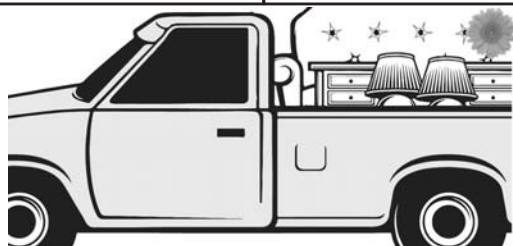
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