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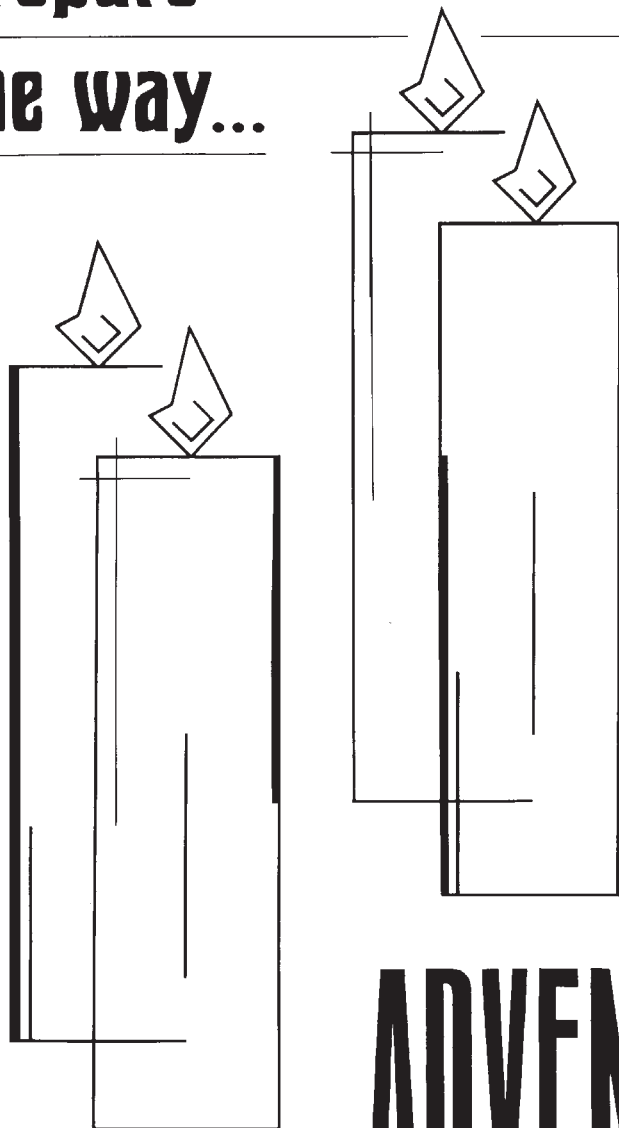
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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Mass Schedule

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

Monday 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 – 29**



December 30, 2017

Saturday
4:00pm Reconciliation
5:00pm +Janeen Delarge – *Lucille Bordman & Family*
 +Mary Poechman – *JP2SC Student Family*
 +Frank Pauls – *Joseph Goodwin*

Feast of the Holy Family
Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21 Luke 2.22-40++



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings
 December 10 – \$6,497.75 PAG – \$6,337.00
 December 17 – 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.”

2018 COLLECTION ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP OUTSIDE THE PARISH CENTRE.

Please note that our next reconciliation here at St. Michael's is Saturday, December 30th at 4:00pm.

The Sunday 7:00pm Mass will resume on Sunday, January 7th for the remainder of the school year.

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988 x2246 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve
4:30pm: Elizabeth Swart, Renee Puthran, Ryanne Tapuska
7:00pm: Gabriel Pregelj, ???, ???
Midnight: Joel & Ryan Jobby, Randy Jayasinghe

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day
9:00am: Mark Pawliszyn, Ryan Leamen, ???
11:00am: Neme, Edu & Ify Okonkwo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve
4:30pm: * Dave Swart
7:00pm: * Shari Guinta
 1 Tom Connor 2 Teresa Palmer
Midnight: * Kishanie Jayasundera
 1 Yesith Jayasinghe 2 Steve Kamski

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day
9:00am: * Sylvia Daudu
 1 Peter Michels 2 Diana Knoll
11:00am: * Marty Bell
 1 Gerry Kraemer 2 Judy Shulist

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve
4:30pm: Gai Brown, Tony & Pam De Leo, Alicia Smith, Gerdy Frantzke, Peter Michels, Paul Gladding
7:00pm: Lynn West, Doug & Yvonne Rickert, Tim & Norah O'Leary, Bob & Jean Balahura
Midnight: Annabel MacDonald, John Miller, Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day
9:00am: Martin & Diane Jones, Betty Lou Borho, Jeannie Krulicki, Chris McKenzie
11:00am: Theresa Leung, Veronica Zarin, Lorna Kennedy, Dorothy Krauskopf, Magnell Robinson

Wherever there are ???'s we short altar servers.

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 2017, **all donations must be into the collection at the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, December 31st, 2017.** Donations given on Monday, January 1st, 2018 at the 10:00am Mass will be included in 2018 donations. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018 at 9:00am.

CD of the Week: The Face of God



Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta is known throughout the world as a woman totally committed to the Gospel. In the first presentation, she explains the infinite value of God's gift of life; in the second presentation, she emphasizes the Eucharist and our call to imitate Christ by loving each other unconditionally. A bonus segment is provided by Dr. Scott Hahn on Understanding the Eucharist.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 30
5:00pm: Katie Kuepfer, Alessia Ovcacik, Gabriel Pregelj
Sunday, December 31
9:00am: Don Klein, Mark Pawliszyn, ???
11:00am: Ryanne & Charlotte Tapuska, Carole Mutuku

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 30
5:00pm: * Shari Guinta
 ¹ Stefan Pregelj ² Abraham Fernandez
Sunday, December 31
9:00am: * Denise Dolff
 ¹ Judy Shulist ² Gilles Gelinas
11:00am: * Jason Higgins
 ¹ Krista Nolan ² Ralph Stacey

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 30
5:00pm: Tim & Norah O'Leary, Alicia Smith, Lynn West
Sunday, December 31
9:00am: Tony & Pam De Leo, Teresa Palmer,
 Martin & Diane Jones
11:00am: Jeanette Rousseau, Julie Dreisinger,
 Bob & Jean Balahura, Julie Dreisinger,
 Kathy Shaw, Lorna Kennedy, Martina Smith

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHEDULE

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday, December 31 Feast of Mary, Mother of God
5:00pm: Joel & Ryan Jobby, Reney Puthran
Monday, January 1
10:00am: Noah Van Alphen, Mark Pawliszyn,
 Cecilia Frantzke

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sunday, December 31 Feast of Mary, Mother of God
5:00pm: * Tessa Heffernan-Hendel
 ¹ Patrick Dietrich ² Tom Connor
Monday, January 1
10:00am: * Steve Dosman
 ¹ Veronica Zarin ² Marvellous Onuma-Kalu

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sunday, December 31 Feast of Mary, Mother of God
5:00pm: Lynn West, Veronica Zarin,
 Tim & Norah O'Leary
Monday, January 1
10:00am: Teresa Palmer, Chris McKenzie,
 Jeannie Krulicki, Bruce Fleming,
 Lorna Kennedy

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!

Merry Christmas from Fr. Dave

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! It's 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!

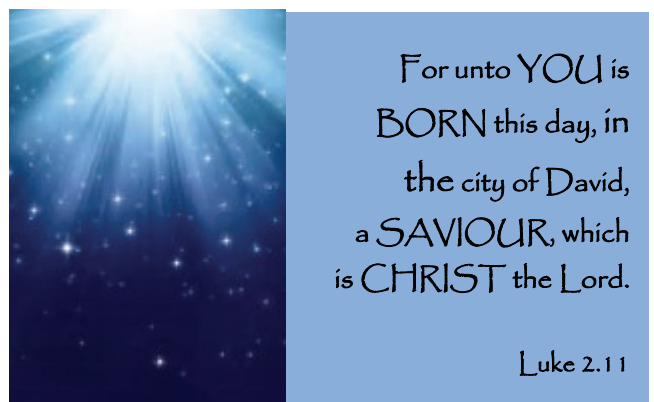
We also underwent the repaving of our parking lot this year – I thank you for your patience during the 6 weeks of disruption this caused us, but like at our homes, our parish home needed to undertake this necessary maintenance project, and I thank all of those who have and continue to offer generous gifts in order to help cover these costs and to help pay down our loan.

As we close out 2017, we're looking forward to another great year in 2018! We hope to strengthen all of our ministries that are already strong, and to continue to work on those areas in which we can use improvement. Our plan in January is to start the year by developing a new pastoral vision and plan for our parish to keep it vibrant and thriving long into the future. We will be asking for your input and talents to help make this vision for the parish a reality!

I thank God for all of you every day, and keep you in my prayers. I'm blessed to be the pastor here at St. Michael's, and look forward to another great year ahead 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



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