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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
<b>Sunday, December 18</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
<b>Monday, December 19</b> Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 Luke 1:5-25	No Mass		Rev. James Link, C.R.
<b>Tuesday, December 20</b> Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Luke 1:26-38	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Rev. Michael McHugh
<b>Wednesday, December 21</b> <b>St. Peter Canisius</b> Zephaniah 3:14-18 Luke 1:39-45	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Eugene Cote	Consecrated Men and Women
<b>Thursday, December 22</b> 1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	James Gaudet	Rev. Michael Sullivan
<b>Friday, December 23</b> <b>St. John of Kanty</b> Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6 Luke 1:57-66	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Saleem Farooqui	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
<b>Saturday, December 24</b> 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 16 Luke 1:67-79	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.  7:00 pm  10:00 pm	Alfred Barrozo  Jim Sheehan  Our Parish Community	Rev. Jeff Bergsma



**Rectory Office Hours**  
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
 9:30 am – 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:30 pm  
 Friday: Office Closed

### CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** – Chili and Zumba Night.

All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!

Ladies – It is Membership renewal time! Please remember to renew your CWL membership for 2017. We also invite all ladies of our parish to join us as new members to help in serving our Parish community. Our annual dues remain at \$35. If you are an envelope holder, the blue CWL envelope is in with the January 2017 envelopes and can be put in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off at the parish office.



### THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary at St Benedicts & Holy Rosary parishes is pleased to announce that they will bring the Pilgrim Virgin statue to homes of families who would like to welcome Mary into their homes as a way of increasing family prayer & bring blessings to families. The Legionaries will accompany the statue to the home & will pick up the statue in a week at an appointed date & time. These visits normally take place in the evenings. Home visitations started in May, to arrange a home visitation please contact Cherry Muller (647-470-0385) or Lorna D'souza (905-864-6489)



Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." — Mt 1:20-21

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**"FILM NIGHT!** Join Halton Alive in viewing **The Euthanasia Deception!** Come learn more about this very important issue that is affecting Canadians. **Kevin Dunn**, producer & director of the film will do a short presentation and question period after the 54 minute film! The film night will take place at the **Oakville Banquet Hall**, on **Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>** at **7:30pm**. \$10 per person at the door, popcorn and drinks are included! RSVP to reserve your seat at [haltonalive.com/film-nights](http://haltonalive.com/film-nights) or call the office at [905-632-3232](tel:905-632-3232)."

**"STOP CENSORSHIP TOUR !** Learn about how the Government of Ontario is actively hiding abortion statistics in order to frustrate the ongoing work of helping women and advancing pre-born human rights. Hear experts John Sikkema, lawyer with ARPA Canada, Mike Schouten Director of WeNeedA<sup>LAW</sup>.ca and Pat Maloney a pro-life blogger from Ottawa speak on this topic! Halton Alive will be hosting the event at the **Oakville Banquet Hall** (1494 Wallace Road, Oakville) on **Tuesday, January 10** at 7:30pm! This is a free event with a free will offering for the ongoing efforts of WeNeedA<sup>LAW</sup>.ca"

### **PROLIFE FUNDRAISER**

"Campaign Life Coalition is launching its annual fundraiser for PROLIFE with the sale of Christmas fruitcakes. These fruitcakes come from the *Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey* in Quebec and are scrumptious, rich and exquisitely delicious. The traditional bar cakes weigh 600g for \$15.00, while the larger deluxe cakes weigh 1000g at \$25.00. They will be on sale after every Mass.

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### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE**

The Milton Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual food drive. As our community continues to grow there is an increasing demand on our local food bank. Help support families in need by bringing non-perishable food items to mass. The Knights of Columbus will be at the back of the church or in the parking lot collecting donations after every mass. The drive will run every weekend from November 26th to December 18th. Please donate a item or a few, with your support we can all make a difference in our community.

### **EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED – DID YOU KNOW?**

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. 8 other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **Embracing the Wisdom of Monks & Mystics A Senior Adult Workshop Series**

**6 Wednesday afternoons, starting Jan. 11, 2017 1:30-3:30pm Chancery Office - Hamilton**

This 6 part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new & creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine ValtersPaintner. Please register by Dec. 22 2016. For further information please contact Monica at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-52807988 ext. 2238 or check the website, [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for more information.

### **BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE**

On **February 18<sup>th</sup>** join **Fr. Larry Richards** and **Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine** for Serviam Ministries' 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place.

Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/>, [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070.

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