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prepare the way...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 23RD

Tuesday, December 24, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 5:00 pm Our Parish Community 8:00 pm Our Parish Community
Wednesday, December 25, 10:00 am Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Our Parish Community
Thurs., December 26, No Mass <i>Arise, all you nobles and peasants! Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her newborn Son. – St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>
Friday, December 27, No Mass & No Adoration <i>Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve him with great humility. – St. Francis of Assisi</i>
Saturday, December 28, 5:00 pm +Kyle Kelly; Kieran & Kathy Kelly & Family +Larry & Dolorosa Bouzane; Kay Bouzane
Sunday, December 29, Feast of The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 9:30 am Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR December 28/29

First Reading: Sir 3:6, 12-14
 Second Reading: Col 3:12-21
 Gospel Reading: Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON - FRI Office Closed

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 23 Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma
 Tues., December 24 Rev. James McSharry
 Wed., December 25 Christmas Day (Nativity of the Lord)
 Thurs., December 26 Rev. Martin Mikulski, S.A.C.
 Fri., December 27 Rev. Joseph Okoko, iv.Dei.
 Sat., December 28 Rev. Franjo Sprajc

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Juice and Canned Fruit (not pineapple)

MINISTRIES for December 28/29

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Stewart Logan, Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
 9:30am Pat Ditner, Peter & Laura Antonello

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Jane Goll, Marilyn Hurlburt, Bill Strauss
 9:30am Bill & Anne Hanley, Linus & Joseph Ditner

Altar Servers

5pm Phil Milan
 9:30am Heike Elliott, Amber Elliott, Ilan Nero, Taya Nero

Lectors

5pm Peggy Kelly
 9:30am Barry Glofcheskie
 Morgan Glofcheskie

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
 Joan Couto

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 29 Jane Goll

Sign Ministry

Dec 23 Ray Denomme

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Jan 8 Stewart Logan



May God bless you and your families this Christmas Season. From my wonderful staff and myself we hope this season will bring all of us light where there is darkness. I ask our Lord to continue to hold and inspire both you and your families.

*In Jesus,
Fr. Peter*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Confirmation: A Parent Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Teresa of Avila Church. If your child attends a public school and is in Grade 7 please contact the Parish Office.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2020, which are available in the hallway. For those who are donating electronically please also pick up your set of envelopes as they have only the envelopes for special collections. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPORT GROUP FOR PERSONS SEPARATED OR DIVORCED - Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st and

3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register just come and join us at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton from 7 – 9 p.m. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!

CCYMN HOPE COMES HOME CONFERENCE - The Canadian Youth Ministry Conference is being hosted **Friday, February 21st to Sunday, February 23rd, 2020** in Hamilton. Through keynote addresses, workshops and prayerful collaboration with one another, we look forward to unpacking the fruits of the Synod, and finding ways of applying the Apostolic Exhortation - *Christus Vivit* to day-to-day ministerial and Parish life. We invite anyone working alongside young people to join us, including priests, religious, youth ministers, youth ministry volunteers, teachers, chaplaincy leaders and teams, and individuals working for catholic service agencies. There are bursaries available for those wishing to attend but may not be able to due to financial constraint. For info about the conference, to register, or apply for a bursary please visit www.hopecomeshome.com. If you have any questions please contact Nicole McCowell, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, at 905-528-7988 ext. 2245 or nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – The gift of self promised during our wedding vows is essential to put into action during moments of struggle. When a spouse's actions cause anger, sadness or disappointment, we must try to look past the action or words and see the person we love. Instead of responding negatively in the moment, try to understand what has caused this situation and propose a resolution that will work for both of you and for your relationship. In our most vulnerable moments we have a chance to show our greatest love by responding as we should, as opposed to how we feel.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – At Christmas it is easy for children to get so wrapped up in what they want that they forget the reason for the season: the birth of Christ. Jesus came to offer a great sacrifice – his life so our sins could be forgiven. He taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care of the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outwards towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what “I” want. When we teach our children what Christmas really represents and why we celebrate, it helps them know God loves them and to spread his love to others.

VOCATION SEEDS – “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him. Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION: IT IS POSSIBLE - Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

Community Care Concepts offers **FREE EXERCISE CLASSES FOR SENIORS** in Woolwich Township at the followings locations:

- The Meadows, 29 Water St. S., St. Jacobs on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 – 10:30 p.m.
- Duke Street Apartments, 28 Duke St., Elmira on Mondays from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- St. James Lutheran Church, 60 Arthur St. S., Elmira on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Valley View, 1070 Printery Road, St. Jacobs on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.



JOIN US if you are a Catholic man 18 years or older and you wish to become closer to your family or if you wish to strengthen your faith or just want to give back to your community, we have something for you in the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8192**. If interested contact Adrian Miltenburg at adrian.miltenburg@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Lk 6:38 “Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you.”

Offertory collection for December 14/15:	\$4,925.00
Average per envelope:	\$41.05
Electronic funds for the week:	\$1,243.50
(based on 4 Sundays per month)	
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$90,397.15

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