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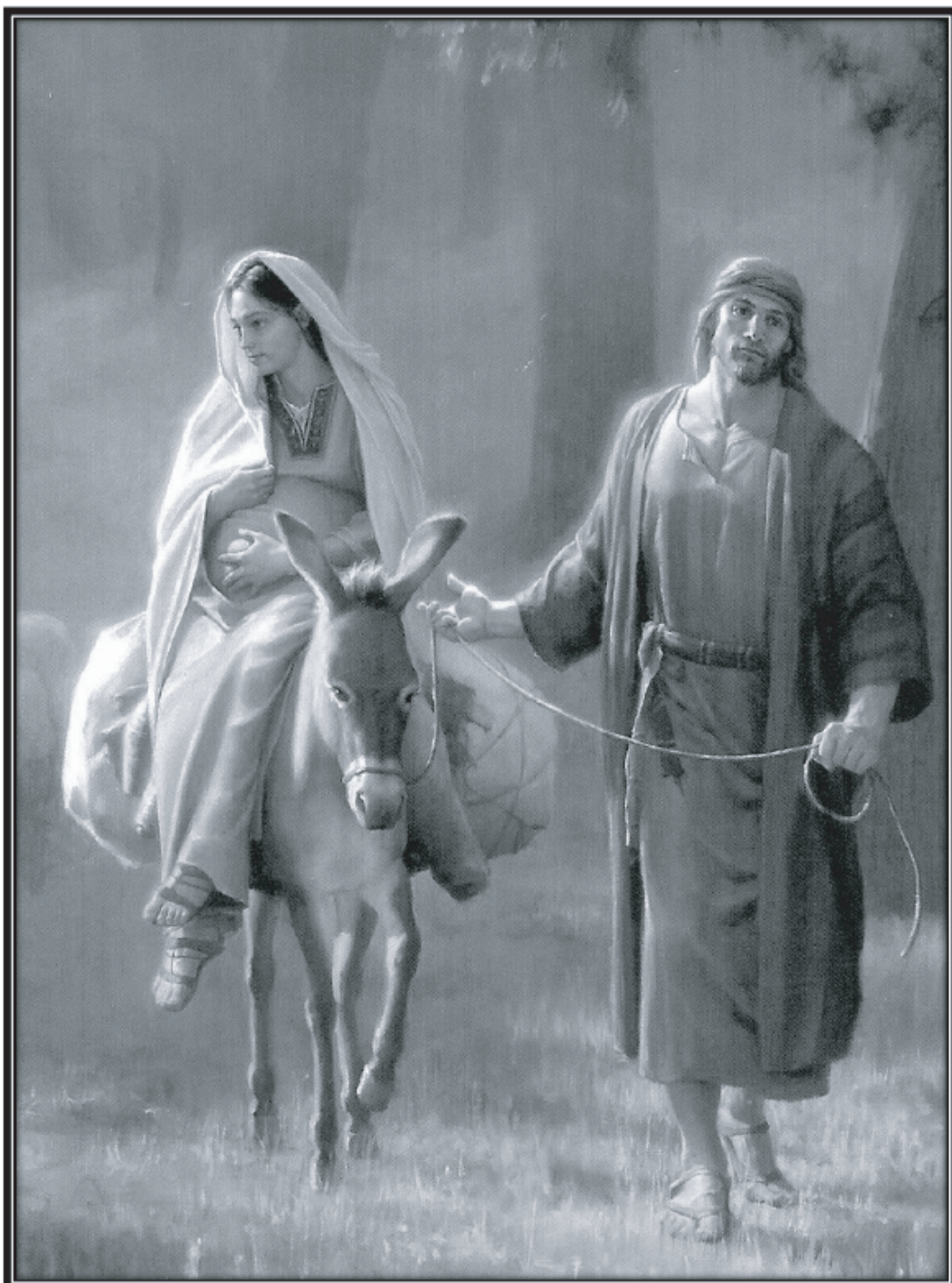
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 a.m. Pro populo
9:30 a.m. (L) Dziękczynno-błagalna w intencji córek:
Monika i Angelica
11:00 a.m. (L) In thanksgiving from Granasiuk & Starcevic
Families
12:30 p.m. + Weronika Kilian

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 6:00 p.m. + John Moschini (by Jenn Paduch)
(Eng.)
7:30 p.m. + Jan Tomera
(Pol.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 6:00 p.m. (L) In thanksgiving from Richard Joseph
(Eng.)
7:30 p.m. (L) Józef & Zofia Potoccy
(Pol.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 6:30 p.m. NO MASS
(Pol.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

*Memorial of St. John
of Kanty, priest*

- 9:00 a.m. + + + All souls in Purgatory
(Eng.) + John dos Santos
6:30 p.m. NO MASS
(Pol. & Eng.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 5:00 p.m. + John Grysak
(Eng.)
10:00 p.m. (L) For needed graces for Robert Sokołowski
(Pol.)
12:00 a.m. + Arnaldo Berardocco
(Eng.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

*Solemnity of The Nativity
of the Jesus Christ*

- 9:00 a.m. + Paweł Socha
(Pol.)
11:00 a.m. + Janina Ślęzak (by Kowanda Family)
(Eng.)
12:30 p.m. + Lidia Czeranowska
(Pol.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

*Feast of The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

- 8:00 a.m. NO MASS
9:30 a.m. (L) Za członków Żywego Różańca
11:00 a.m. Pro populo
12:30 p.m. + Władysława Biskup

Collection on December 11/12	\$ 4769
Christmas Flowers	\$ 140
Building & Maintenance	\$ 140
White Mass Collection	\$ 196
Pre-Authorized Giving:	
December Donation	\$ 2650
Building & Maintenance	\$ 440

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2022

Please pick up your envelopes for Sunday donations at the back of the church. Your donations are tax deductible. Please do not use your 2021 envelopes in 2022.

Pre-Authorized Giving is the best and easiest way to continue to support our Parish. It is simple to sign up! Please contact the parish office today to set up your account.

DECEMBER

The month of December is dedicated to the *Immaculate Conception*. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayerfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.

The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Pick up your schedule for the Advent Retreat, Sacrament of Penance and Holy Mass times during the Christmas. It is available in the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on following days: December 21 to 28 and on December 31.

St. Gabriel Church Elf Challenge

as I go around the Church this Advent and learn about our faith in the process! Comment/like to win me after Christmas!!

Follow me on



SCAN ME

Instagram@gabriel_youth_burlington or
www.saintgabrielchurch.com

ADVENT RETREAT: DECEMBER 18-21

The Advent Retreat will be preached in English & Polish by **Fr. Adam Filas, OMI**. Please check the Christmas Program for details.

NO EVENING MASS

Please note that there is NO EVENING MASS on Wednesday, **December 22** and Thursday, **December 23**.

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on **December 25, 2021**. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30 p.m. on December 24. The Carols and the Mass will be shown live on Salt+Light Television and CHCH-TV. Admittance to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by ticket only – a limited number of tickets are still available by contacting the Cathedral at (905) 522-5744.

ST. GABRIEL'S CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Christmas will be here soon and now is a perfect time to donate to the St. Gabriel's Food Drive. Non-perishable food items will make a difference for those less fortunate during the Christmas season. Do you want to help? You can drop items off anytime the church is open in the bin located in the Narthex. Did you know that Council #10061 have partnered with the St Gabriel's CWL to make a difference in our community?

LITURGY FOR CHILDREN ON SUNDAY

All children ages 4 and up are welcome to learn about Jesus and our faith during interactive lessons/activities. No sign up required. Children's Liturgy is held at 9:30 AM Mass in Polish/English and at 11am Mass in English. Led by qualified schoolteachers who follow covid protocols. Children will be called up by Fr. Paul at the beginning of Mass.

WE WELCOME ALL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

- Young Adults (18-35) to our Young Adults group. We will meet every second Thursday evenings at 7PM in the Annunciation Room.
- High school youth (Gr. 9-12) We meet on Fridays from 7:15 pm – 9:00 pm

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

- We need more readers to read during weekend Masses. We need both English and Polish lectors.
- Ushers –to collect the offering and to greet people at Mass. All are welcome to join.

PALLIATIVE CARE IN CARPENTER HOSPICE

In case one of the members of your family is transferred to the palliative care facility, Carpenter Hospice, please inform the nurses if you would like a priest to come to perform Last

Rites. The Carpenter Hospice staff will contact us to arrange the visit.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

The **2021 – 2023** Synod of Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>



Luke in his Gospel included narratives and sayings that were not in any other gospel, such as The Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan.

As a first century historian, Luke investigated everything about Jesus and tried to communicate the truth about Jesus to the community, drawing on oral and written sources. Most importantly, Luke interpreted, in his own way, the significance of Jesus; as was expected of historians at that time.

Mary sets out to visit her relative Elizabeth, who lived in a hill town in Judea, an area which extended from Emmaus in the West to the Jordan River in the East and surrounded Jerusalem.

Elizabeth is the mother-to-be of John the Baptist and the wife of Zechariah. She is also a relative of Mary. She was barren (unable to conceive) and of an older age when it was announced that she would give birth to a son named John, along with the prophetic message about John's future mission. It is this barrenness that foretold of a child of great significance, like that of Sarah (mother of Isaac) and Hannah (mother of Samuel) in the Old Testament. Elizabeth also felt that her pregnancy signalled that the Lord had found favour with her. Mary learned of Elizabeth's pregnancy through the angel Gabriel and went to visit her.

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