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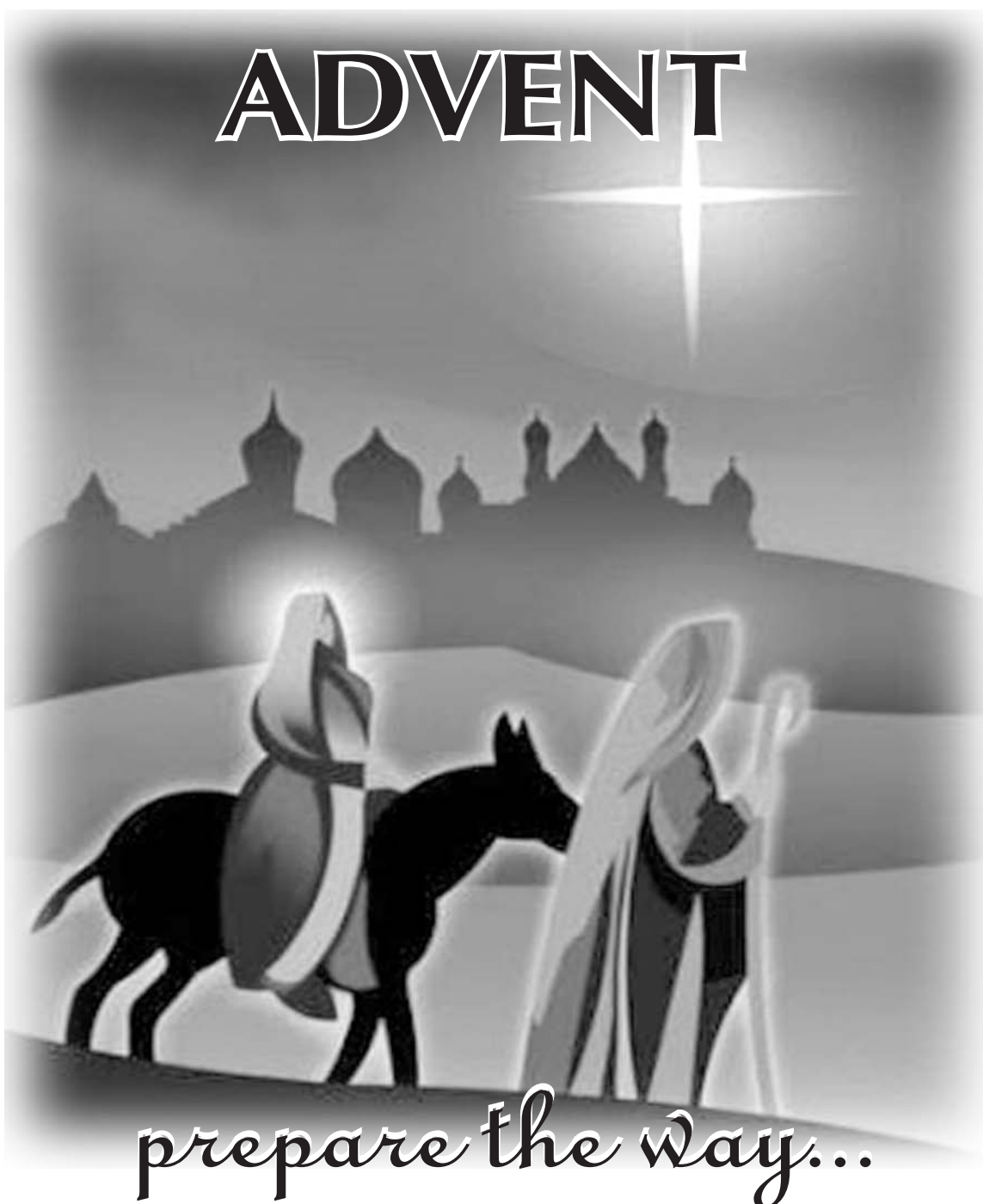
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ADVENT



prepare the way...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, December 20	7:00 p.m.	+ Charles Duffield + Deceased Members of the Freiburger Family Intentions of Carol & Richard O'Brien	Megan Lam and Family Rita & Murray Freiburger Lisette Caron
Wednesday, December 21	8:00 a.m.	+ Stanislav Kubala	The Zaviscky Family
Thursday, December 22	8:00 a.m.	+ Joey Woods and Alavine Tourout	The Woods Family
Friday, December 23	8:00 a.m.	+ Maria de Freitas Chaves & Family	Carmen Chaves



WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH

A special welcome to all new members and visitors! We encourage all new members to register with the parish. Please pick up a registration form at the church entrance or complete an online form:

www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners

O COME LET US ADORE HIM: Jesus, who was born in a stable in Bethlehem, is waiting for you in our Chapel of Adoration. Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic Presence will increase His divine life within you and deepen your relationship with Him. Please visit our Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration located off the lower parking lot. For more information please call: Sheila or Frank (519) 658-9414

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Saturday, December 24 th	Sunday, December 25 th
5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m. (no 9:00 a.m. Mass)

Weekday Masses will follow the regular schedule

Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 1, 2023	Sunday, January 8
5:00 p.m. (December 31 st) 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m. (January 7 th) 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS" CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

St. Vincent de Paul would like to offer their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the success of this year's SVDP/Parish Christmas Project.

The response was amazing! Every tag for a child/teen was taken and at last count almost 98% were returned this past weekend. Your generosity and kindness will be felt by the many parents, children and seniors who will be recipients of your caring hearts! We will distribute 106 gifts to children and teens – 70 blankets and chocolates to every "family & adult" household that we serve and approximately 30 care packages to Seniors belonging to our parish. Households will also be provided with a generous Food Basics gift card, all as a result of your generous donations throughout the year! We would also like to thank Father Ed for his support these last two years of this amazing project and of all of our outreach. Furthermore, we would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the new coats which were distributed to over 60 children this last month! The feedback from parents has already been overwhelming and they wish to also pass along their appreciation to each one of you for your kindness! Thank You again for all you do to help our neighbors! *Merry Christmas! SVDP.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy program will pause after this weekend (Dec. 18) and resume on January 8, 2023.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES: Thank you for your dedications of flowers for the Christmas season. Christmas flowers for the church will be placed in memory of your loved ones and their names will be kept near the altar and remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season.

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT:

Tuesday, December 20: 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 22: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

MASS AT ST. LUKE'S PLACE: Wednesday, December 21st at 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please be advised that to enter the long-term care facility requires a rapid Covid test so plan to show up 10-15 minutes before. The Mass is celebrated in the chapel in the lower level.

Deacon Mike's Health Update: Deacon Mike is still dealing with frequent migraine episodes making his visiting scheduling difficult. In addition, his liturgical duties are on hold whilst waiting for an overdue redo of ankle replacement surgery. This delay is caused by acute medical staff shortages. Meanwhile, your prayers are greatly appreciated for grace and a speedy return to full mobility and ministry.

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO "COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS" - Any time is a good time to invite family, friends, and neighbours to attend Mass. Especially so during the beautiful Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to Come Home for Christmas? Whether they have been away for a short time or a long time, we want all Catholics to know that they are warmly welcomed back to our Parish community. Please consider extending this invitation to loved ones, neighbours, and colleagues – for more information, visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/comehome/>



THE KIDS BULLETIN: Visit <https://thekidsbulletin.com/> for a fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week. A great resource for the season of Advent!

PARISH OFFERINGS

December 10 - 11, 2022

Sunday Envelopes (85): \$1,953.00
Loose Offerings: \$ 265.60

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate

2022 OFFERINGS: Please submit any donations to the Parish for 2022 by Thursday, December 29th. Thank you.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS BACK! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, April 16, 2023** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY – Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for “*Evenings with His Excellency*.” An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann’s YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.



THE POPE'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations. Let us pray that volunteer non-profit and human development organizations may find people willing to commit themselves to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths of international cooperation. *Pope Francis – December 2022.* Visit www.thepopevideo.org.



ONE HEART, ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Thank you for your continued commitment to your pledge payments. As mentioned in the spring, the majority of our parish goal was allocated to reducing our parish debt to the Diocese. (*Debt that was acquired to facilitate the parish centre additions.*) We have since paid down this debt by \$75,000. After discussion with the finance council it was decided to next use a portion of the available funds to repair our organ. The organ has an electronic system to add the 12 lowest notes in the organ. These notes are very often used and form the foundation for the pedal of the organ. The attempt to repair the system was unsuccessful, and therefore requires replacement at a cost of approximately \$4800. This repair will be completed in January 2023.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

December 19 – December 24

Monday	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
Tuesday	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Wednesday	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
Thursday	Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.
Friday	Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
Saturday	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.

VOCATIONS: “*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, deacon, brother or sister or a consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

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