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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Basil Markides – *Deacon*
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Secretary*

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 PM
Wed., Thur., Fri. 7:00 AM *
Saturday 9:00 AM
(*First Friday 7:00 PM followed by Benediction)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday following 9:00 AM Mass
and 4:15–4:30 PM or by appointment.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Adoration – Spots available,
see chapel bulletin board

Divine Mercy – Fridays 3:00 PM

Our Lady's Rosary – First Saturday at 10 AM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – We invite you to become a registered parishioner. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES / PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

To receive an annual tax receipt for your donations you are encouraged to use offertory envelopes and/or to enroll in our monthly debit plan. Offertory envelopes can be requested by filling out a parish registration form, or if you are already registered, simply call the office to request a box. Debit plan enrollment forms are available in the church lobby.

BAPTISM – Baptisms are celebrated during Sunday Mass. Two months' notice is required. Please pick up a baptism form in the church lobby, introduce yourself to Father after Mass and give him your completed form at that time. Dates for preparation and the baptism will be confirmed by the parish office only after you have met with Father.

MARRIAGE – At least 6 months' notice is required. Please introduce yourselves to Father after Mass to set up an appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office or see Father after Mass. Please advise the office of hospital admissions to request Anointing or a pastoral visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – White Box Collection on the last Sunday of the month. Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.



“... The seed is sprouting and growing ...” (Mark 4:27)

MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked “Mass Intention,” and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office if it is closed. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at Mass.

If you require a Mass card please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours, or call the office to make pick-up arrangements.

The offering for a Mass (for living or deceased) is \$10 per Mass.

I would like to have _____ Mass(es) celebrated for
HOW MANY?

the intentions of (living) **OR** the repose of the soul of (deceased)

NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

Please choose your preferred way of setting the date for this Mass:

The date of the Mass does not matter.

OR

The exact date does not matter, but I would prefer one of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on any weekday | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on any Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on any Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on any Sunday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on any Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM on any Sunday |

OR

I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

* Please keep in mind that our ability to accommodate a request for a specific date (especially for a weekend) can be difficult without sufficient notice. For this reason, we recommend submitting requests for weekend Masses several months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 17 – 23, 2018

Monday - NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM + Joseph Dias – Agnelo & Dolorosa Dias

Wednesday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Joseph J. Flood – Brian & Marie Lynch

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am – Intentions of Fr. Adrian Lee – Pat & Grace Feeney

10:00 am - Advent Mass with St. Dominic School in the church

2:00 PM - Mass at Bankside Terrace

Friday (FERIAL)

7:00 am + Maria do Carmo da Silva – Maria Soares

Saturday - NO MORNING MASS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Dec. 22/23) NOTE MASS TIMES!

Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Sat. 5:00 PM + Jennifer Anne Durante – John & Linda Deneau

Sun. 10:00 am + Olivia Baptista – Jose & family

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Monday, Dec. 24th (Christmas Eve)

5:30 PM – You are warmly invited to join St. Mark's choir for Christmas carols and hymns before the 6:00 pm Mass.

6:00 PM + Gerry & Lorie Feeney – Pat & Grace Feeney

11:00 PM - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Tuesday, Dec. 25th (Christmas Day)

10:00 am + All those in whose memory donations were made toward Christmas Flowers



PLEASE NOTE: Next Sunday, December 23rd, only ONE Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM. The same will apply for the following Sunday (Dec. 30) preceding New Year's Day.

Offertory Collection

Dec. 8/9, 2018

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 4,843.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52).....	\$ 1,200.46
Loose monies	\$ 561.15
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 6,104.61

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 815.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)	\$ 254.88
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS.....	\$ 1,069.88

- Thank you for your generosity -

Thank you to everyone who packed SHOEBOXES for Operation Christmas Child. We took 114 boxes to the processing centre in Woodstock. Thank you for your generosity toward this worthy cause!

*** Bulletin Submission Deadline for New Year's**

The Christmas bulletin has already gone to print. If you wish to include something in the New Year's bulletin, copy must be emailed to Pam no later than Mon. Dec. 17 (tomorrow!). Thanks!

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. Dec. 17</u>	8:00 pm	(M)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. Dec. 18</u>	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<u>Wed. Dec. 19</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<u>Thur. Dec. 20</u>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
<u>Fri. Dec. 21</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
<u>Sat. Dec. 22</u>	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. ■

2019 Sunday Missals – \$5 each

2019 Catholic Faith Calendars – Free will offering

This is the last Sunday to vote for Parish Council.

Ballot forms are available in the narthex.

Please submit your choice of 4 people. Thank you.

2018 Income Tax Receipts for Church Offerings

REMINDER: Any offerings that you wish to have included on your 2018 tax receipt **must be received at the office no later than 12 noon on Thur. Dec. 27th in order to be processed.** Donations received after this date must be put towards your 2019 Tax Receipt. Thank you.



All Liturgical Ministers are reminded to sign-up for Christmas and New Year's Masses in the binder on the table in the narthex.

DEC. 22 - 23	5:00 PM Mass	★ 10:00 AM Mass ★
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller G./S. Morgan	E./T./T. Morgan N./A. Gallagher; R. Robin
Commentator:	J. Deneau	T. Angel
Lectors:	B. Crawley	P. Enticott; T. Germann
Ushers:	L Macedo I Cimermanic	J./K. Snyder; P. Drohan
Gift Bearers:		Cerantola
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis K. Friesen G. MacNeil	A. Joseph; M. Walser T. Angel; B. Coutinho

Donations to purchase Christmas Flowers for the Church

Please use one of the envelopes provided on the table in the narthex. Write the names of your deceased loved ones on the back of the envelope, or insert them inside, and place the envelope in the gift box on the table in the narthex. All names will be included on a special insert in the Christmas bulletin, and Mass on Christmas morning will be celebrated for the Repose of their Souls.



CELEBRATE the SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Advent Penitential Services
(Multiple priests available for confession)

- Tue. Dec. 18 7:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila Church, *Elmira*
- Wed. Dec. 19 7:00 pm St. Joseph's Church, *Kitchener*
- 7:00 pm St. Clement's Church, *Cambridge*
- Thur. Dec. 20 7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church, *Kitchener*

Last opportunity for individual confession before Christmas at St. Mark's: Saturday, Dec. 22nd in the Chapel at 4:15 p.m.

Vocation Seeds – Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think 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.

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is currently accepting applications for Occasional Teachers. Please visit their website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca.

Christmas Tree Blessing

This prayer may be used to bless your Christmas Tree at home:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



C.W.L. Corner

♦ **Nominations for your 2019/2020 Executive Council open December 1st!** Please pick up

nomination forms from the CWL mail slot on the wall in the Narthex or print as many copies as needed from the email sent to members the first week of December. Nominate as many ladies as you like, including yourself! Completed nomination forms can be dropped in the labelled slot in the large wood cabinet in the Narthex by Dec. 28th.



♦ **"Keep Christ in Christmas" CAR MAGNETS** - \$5 each in the narthex.



♦ **Next Mass for CWL Intentions:** Wed. Dec. 26th at 7:00 PM*

The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign* to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. A compilation of "Frequently Asked Questions" are available throughout the campaign at www.oneheartonesoul.ca.



LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE – If you are grieving, lonely or sad for any reason as the Christmas Season approaches, please consider attending this ecumenical service, **Friday, Dec. 21st** at 7p.m. at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener**. This will be an evening of scripture, reflective music and prayer. A time of fellowship will follow.

**ADVENT
O ANTIPHONS**

One of the Liturgical indications of the days of preparation for Christmas is the Antiphons for the Cantic of Mary at Evening prayer, called the "O" Antiphons, as "O" begins each one. The Antiphons are also used as the Gospel Acclamation verse for the day. The hymn "O Come, Emmanuel" is based on these Antiphons and is fittingly used at Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, Dec. 17-23, with Dec. 24 being Christmas Eve and Vespers for that evening being for the Christmas Vigil.

The importance of O Antiphons is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (O Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Rising Sun), *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and *O Emmanuel*. Also, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.

December 17 - O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18 - O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19 - O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20 - O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21 - O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22 - O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23 - O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!



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