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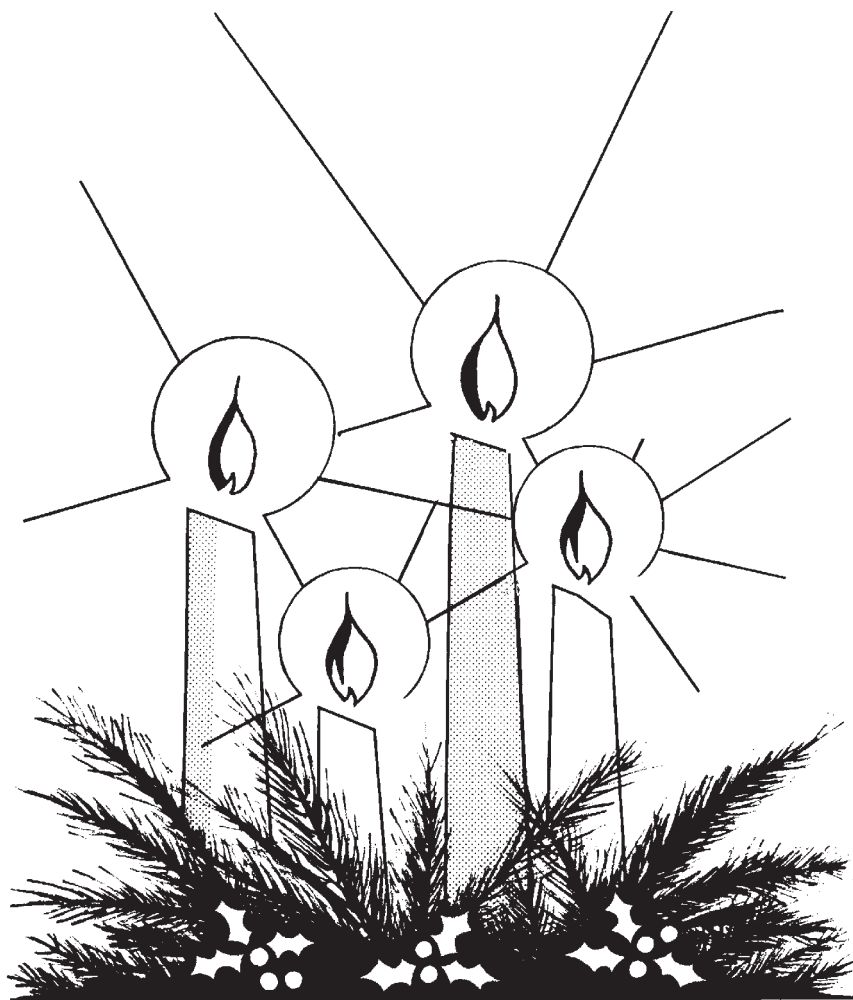
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# Advent

# DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Christmas Celebrations

**Christmas Eve**, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12:00 midnight

**Christmas Day**, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 am & 12:30 pm



## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm & December 31<sup>st</sup> 8:30 am & 10:30 am

## Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 - 5:00 pm  
Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 - 10:30 am & 12:30 pm



*On behalf of Father Murray, Father Glen  
and the entire parish staff*



*We Wish You A Very Healthy, Happy and Blessed Christmas!  
Thank you for such a wonderful year.  
We look forward to more great things in 2018.*

## **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION...**

At Christmas time we are happy and grateful that so many people come to celebrate with us. Please try to be considerate in the following matters.

1. Parking...In our continued efforts to streamline the parking during Christmas Eve Masses, the Maitland entrance to the parking lot will be CLOSED to cars entering. ALL CARS are to enter off of Cheapside Street down the lane between the Church and Rectory to the lot. This should make the overlap of guests smoother. Once again the Knights of Columbus will be on-site assisting with the parking. Please try to park carefully so we can get as many cars in the lot as possible, and be patient. Plenty of parking is available in the neighbourhood, be careful to avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours.
2. At the 4:30 pm Mass the overflow crowd has, in the past, spilled over into the foyer, sometimes extending beyond the first wash-room and there has been no room to maneuver in the church. We have been very fortunate that an emergency situation has not occurred. Once the church is full, people will be directed to the parish hall where mass will be celebrated. This will not only relieve congestion in the foyer but also in the church and provide a much safer environment should an emergency occur. When we get to an overflow situation, please follow the direction of the ushers.
3. Something most of us can do, not only at Christmas but at other busy Masses throughout the year, is to move toward the center of the pew, allowing others to be seated more readily.

## **St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Receives Star Council Award**

In announcing the local winner of the Star Council Award, Carl A. Anderson, chief executive of the organization, said, "Please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. Your dedication to the Order is seen in the high standard of excellence you have achieved. At the same time, I encourage you to carry forward this enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead. May this award be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your council to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the good of the Church, your community, and the Order."

**Capital Corner** – As another year of Give to Grow – Foundations for Our Future winds down, we must say Bless You and Thank You for your continued support and generosity. Donations have again surpassed the amount pledged for the year. We have had continued fulfillment but also new gifts being contributed! This care and dedication to our Parish home means that we can pay off our debt faster and thus save interest costs. There is still time to make a contribution in 2017 and not only help tangibly invest in our Church, but also decrease your taxes for the year. Thank you again and wishes for a very blessed Christmas.

## Youth Ministry

### **Public & Non-feeder schools Confirmation Candidates**

Reminder our next few Confirmation sessions will be on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12:30pm in the Parish Hall.



### **Next EDGE Night - Wed Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**

Calling all students, families and volunteers! We have a TON of events planned for elementary, high school and families to be a part of. Be a part of EDGE youth group for Gr. 5-7 students, Life teen for Gr. 8-12 high school students. Family members of ANY age can help change a young person's life in so many ways; contact Syl Patry in the parish office or at [spatry@dol.ca](mailto:spatry@dol.ca) for more info.

EDGE Youth t-shirts will soon be available for purchase for \$10. You can pre-order by email with Syl – [spatry@dol.ca](mailto:spatry@dol.ca) with your name, contact and youth size.

**LIFETEEN High School Youth Group 2018!!!** We are finalizing some details to share some great news of St Michael's NEW High school ministry! Please continue to pray for our Team, this ministry and most importantly God's will to be done. We would love to have teachers, principals and other professionals join our ministry team!!! Contact Syl in the parish Office @ [spatry@dol.ca](mailto:spatry@dol.ca)

### **Stations of the Cross for Youth - Good Friday 2018**

Grade 8 and High School Students are invited to be part of the Stations Of The Cross as actors and crew members.

Practices will be on Mondays from 7-9pm on Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>; Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>; Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Holy Thursday Mar 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-10pm and Good Friday Mar 30<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

Also looking for a few leaders with drama and theatre experience. For more information please contact our Coordinator of Youth Ministry Syl Patry at [spatry@dol.ca](mailto:spatry@dol.ca) or 519-433-6689 ext. 206.

***Information Boards - Please refer to these displays for all ongoing and upcoming information here at St. Michael's!***

**Tax Receipts** - In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2017 they **MUST** be received by the Parish Office by **December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**. (Note donations collected at the New Year's Eve Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 5pm and New Year's Day Jan 1<sup>st</sup> masses will be receipted for 2018).

**Mass for the Unborn** will be held on Thursday, December 28, 2017 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, beginning with the Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 7:00 pm and followed by Mass at 7:30 pm. Bishop Ronald Fabbro will preside. This special celebration is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**2018 Parish Offertory Envelopes** - The 2018 envelopes are available for pick up in the Parish Foyer. Parishioners who use envelopes are asked to pick up the box assigned to them. If you do not see your boxed envelopes and would like a set, please add your name and phone number to the sign up list. Parishioners who use the pre-authorized gift (PAG) process do not have envelope numbers assigned to them. (Please note boxes not picked up in Dec will not be mailed out. They will be available for pick up from the parish office during regular office hours in 2018).

**Women of Grace** - Women, you are invited to come and join other women in discovering God's purpose and mission for you. Women of Grace is a faith formation program that will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays, from 12:30-2:00 pm in the JP11 room upstairs, starting with information meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register, call Veronica Solis at 519-488-6265 or e-mail at [versolis@hotmail.com](mailto:versolis@hotmail.com). Registration required. Materials can be purchased or borrowed for the duration of the Study. All are welcome! Limited space, register soon!

# DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 26 - **No Mass**

Wednesday, December 27 - 8:00 am

Margaret Denys requested by Johan Denys

Anthony Aarts requested by Johan Denys

Peter McDonald requested by June & Murray Demaine

Thursday, December 28 - 12:00 noon

Gabriel Paiva Sr. requested by The Paiva Family

William Strybosch requested by Johan Denys

James Dingwall requested by John & Donna Hammond

Friday, December 29 - 8:00 am

Sofia Paiva requested by The Paiva Family

Steve Morgan requested by Guy & Mary-Alma Smith

Elvira & Felice Caranci requested by John & Luciana Caranci

Saturday, December 30 - 9:00 am

Living & Deceased of the Clayton & Kathryn Looby Family

requested by Maureen Looby

Souls in Purgatory requested by Maureen Looby

Margaret Sgariglia requested by Anne & David

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2:1-16

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>



## Sunday Collection December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Regular Offertory \$7,513

Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,689

Thank you for your continued  
generosity!

Some of our Parishioners  
have allergies and are  
sensitive to perfume.  
We invite people to refrain  
from using perfume  
and cologne.



## The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

collection for the needy within our parish boundaries

is the 2nd Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support.

(Make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish and write SSVF on the memo line.)

## This Week at St. Michael's

### Monday, December 25

- No Northern Hospitality Community Meal

- Parish Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 26

- Parish Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 27

- 8:00 pm—AA—St. Andre Bessette & St. Kateri Rooms

### Thursday, December 28

- No Cards

### Friday, December 29

- Parish Office will close at 12:00 noon

## Please Mark Your Calendars

No Confessions on Sat Dec 23/17

Knights of Columbus - Jan 2 - 7:00 pm

Art Club - resumes - Jan 3 - 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

YAH Cards resumes - Jan 4 - 1:00 pm

Exposition - Jan 5 - 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Benediction - Jan 5 - 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Baptism - Jan 7 - 2:00 pm

English Learners resumes - Jan 8 - 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross Practice - Jan 8 - 7:00 pm

Women of Grace Information - Jan 9 - 12:30 pm

Rosary Guild - Jan 10 - 7:00 pm

Jane Tyers  
Paula Lenardon  
Cheryllan Robinson

John Hunt  
Nick Greens  
Cathy Meyers

Greg Giesen  
Grace Wren  
Jennifer Ackford



All those who are sick, including:

And all those who have died, including:

Mary Stevens mother of John, Thomas, James & David

## Memorial Masses at St. Peter's Cemetery

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month, Rosary at 4:00 pm, Mass at 4:30 pm

Everyone is welcome to come to pray for their loved ones.



**CWL News** - St. Michael's CWL financial statement is available upon request. If interested please call Maggie McGee at 519-951-1827. Reminder that there is no January meeting! Next meeting will be February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018."

**Pre-Authorized Giving** – Why not make 2018 the year you move to Pre-Authorized giving? Your contribution is taken safely and simply the first day of each month and a great way to ensure your gift is received each and every week. Enrollment kits are available at the welcome desk or from the office. Thank you for considering the switch!

**You Are Not Alone** - Are you giving support to a person struggling to manage a mental illness? Come share your wisdom and resources, lighten your worries and deepen your faith. We will be meeting at 7:00 pm the second Wed of the month. Our next meeting is Wed Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar. All are welcome. If you would like to chat first to see if Y.A.N.A. is the support you are looking for, please call Cathie Gauthier at 519-850-0600 or Dorothy Solomon at 519-204-2931

**New Day** - A faith-based support group for people living with a mental illness. Come - receive and share in the compassion and strength of this welcoming group. We meet every Tues. afternoon 1:30 – 3:00 at Parish Office building of St. Peter's Basilica. If you wish further information call Cathie at 519-850-0600 or Theresa at 519-850-3627.

## Catholic Websites

[www.stmichaelslondon.ca](http://www.stmichaelslondon.ca), [www.catholic.net](http://www.catholic.net), [www.catholicnews.com](http://www.catholicnews.com),  
[www.dailymass.com](http://www.dailymass.com), [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va), [www.dol.ca](http://www.dol.ca), [www.saltandlighttv.org](http://www.saltandlighttv.org)



Please note **No Children's Ministries** on  
Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> or Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

## Bus Schedule over Christmas

– Please note that the free bus will be running on the regular schedule for both Sun Dec 24 (Christmas Eve) and Sun Dec 31 (New Years Eve). Please use this service and join us! Thank you.

## Housing Request

the office is currently assisting a parish family in their search for rental housing. If you have any information about, own a rental property or connection to a source, will you please contact Fr. Murray in confidence. Thank you for your kindness.

## CCH-Music Extension Program-Applications are OPEN for 2018/2019!

Catholic Central High School has a tradition of musical excellence through the String and Vocal Music Extension Program. Students with musical interest and background are invited to apply and audition to determine eligibility to be part of the 2018/2019 Gr. 9 classes. Application deadline: Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. For application and audition requirements, visit: <http://www.ldcsb.ca/school/CCH/Programs/musicextension>

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Men of Faith Conference - Sat Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

All men and young men are invited to this conference. It will be held at St Michael's Church in London. Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers", known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon" is one of the most sought after speakers in the Church today. Come join us for the fellowship and opportunity to grow in your faith. Hot lunch, refreshments and registration kit are included; \$30 adults, \$25 students or \$45 at the door. Sign up on line at [www.famfi.ca](http://www.famfi.ca) or call 519-518-2025 ext. 22 (Mike) Registration starts at 8:00 am.

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