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# **ADVENT**

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

## December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025



**Dec 22 to Dec 28**



**No Monday Mass**

**No Tuesday Morning Mass**

**Tues 7:00 pm** Mary Ann Kirkconnell (Int)

**Christmas Eve – December 24**

**3:00 pm** Lion's Head – Mr. Jim & Isaiah (Int)

**5:00 pm** OS – Marilyn Schinbein +

**8:00 pm** OS – Pro Populo

**Christmas Day – December 25**

**9:00 am** OS – Frank Szakall +

**11:00 am** OS – Joan & Stephen Mills (Int)

**9:00 am** Chatsworth - Tiki (Int)

**11:00 am** Meaford – Elizabieta Mikulska +

**9:00 am** Hepworth – Gerard McKenna (Int)

**11:00 am** Wiarton – Robert Renaud +

**1:00 pm** Cape Croker - Mass

**Fri 9:00 am No Mass**

**Saturday – December 27**

**9:30 am** Lion's Head – In thanksgiving for Blessings received

**11:30 am** Tobermory – Patricia Rybka +

**5:00 pm** Owen Sound – Darlene Lee +

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – December 28**

**9:00 am** OS – William Bumstead +

**11:00 am** OS – William (Bill) Norton +

**9:00 am** Chatsworth – Nicola Camplese +

**11:00 am** Meaford – Pro Populo

**9:00 am** Hepworth – Martha Radbourne (Int)

**11:00 am** Wiarton – Earl & Marian Hoffman & Patrick Ryan +

**1:00 pm** Cape Croker – Pro Populo

**From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar**

**This week we pray for:**

Mon. Rev. Richard Dordunu

Tue. Rev. Robert Kiffman

Wed. Consecrated Virgin Candidates

Thu. **The Nativity of The Lord**

Fri. Rev. Jason Kuntz

Sat. Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk

**\* Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the sick:  
Available upon request. Please call the office. \***

**\*Adoration is every Friday starting at 9:30 until 10:30 am\***



## *Update from Fr. John:*

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's and the Missions. I will be taking some time away from the parish beginning on Dec 15 and returning before Easter. In my absence, Fr. Francis Ahuekwe will be the administrator of our parish, and Fr. Paul Niesiobedzki will be coming up on weekends to assist with the Masses. Fr. Luc will continue assisting as well. While I am away, any messages or mail for me will be held at the parish office.

I ask for your continued prayers for me and assure you of mine each day. Though distance will separate us for a time, we are always united in faith, especially when we celebrate the Eucharist. I look forward to joyfully celebrating Easter together upon my return.

Sincerely,

*Fr. John*

## *From Fr. Francis' Desk:*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we gather to celebrate Christmas this year, our hearts are drawn once again to the quiet beauty of Bethlehem. In a small and humble place, God entered our world as a child—bringing light, peace, and hope that no darkness can overcome. Christmas reminds us that God is close to us. He sees us, He walks with us, and He desires to share our joys, our burdens, and our daily lives.



This feast is not only a memory of something that happened long ago. It is a living truth that continues to shape who we are as Christians. When we come before the manger, we are invited to welcome Jesus more deeply into our hearts and into our families. His birth calls us to renew our love for God and for one another, and to let His peace guide our choices and our relationships.

Here in our parish of St. Mary's and the Missions, we are blessed to celebrate this holy season together. I am grateful for the faith, generosity, and kindness I witness among our parishioners in Owen Sound and in all the communities we serve. Christmas is a time to thank God for you, for your presence, and for the spirit of prayer and service that strengthens our parish family.

As we prepare to enter a new year, we look forward to continuing our mission as a community of faith. We will keep offering the regular Mass times, confessions, Adoration, Divine Mercy Hour, and the many sacramental and pastoral services listed on our parish website. These moments of prayer and encounter with the Lord are gifts that help us grow spiritually and support one another through the seasons of life.

May the grace and peace of Christ fill your homes this Christmas. May His light guide you, His love surrounds you, and His hope remain with you throughout the coming year.

With prayer and warm wishes,

*Fr. Francis Ahuekwe*

## *\*In the Parish\**

Parish Office Closure – Our Parish office will be closed for Christmas starting at noon on Wednesday, December 24. The office will be open on Tuesday, December 30 and Wednesday, December 31 from 9:00 am until noon. We reopen on Friday, January 2, 2026, with our normal hours. Merry Christmas to all our parishioners and to your families near and far and Happy New Year!



Collective Mass Intentions - Beginning in January 2026, there will be a change in the scheduling of Mass intentions. Our Diocese allows us to offer Masses for multiple intentions. We will begin this in the New Year on **Saturdays at 5:00 pm Mass in Owen Sound**. The Mass can be offered for multiple intentions because each Mass is infinite value and the grace is not "divided" between the intentions, but each intention receives the full benefit of the Mass. When there are multiple intentions, they will all be read aloud at the Mass.

Also, at this time the scheduling and publication of private Masses will be discontinued. These changes will provide more flexibility in the scheduling of Mass intentions and gives us the ability to accept more Mass intentions on short notice. If you have any questions, please see Fr. John.

Update on Weekday Morning Masses – Just a reminder that we no longer have Monday or Tuesday morning Masses. The remaining weekday schedule will remain unchanged.

Sunday Missals 2025 - 2026 are now available in the parish office during regular office hours. The price is still \$5 each.

2026 Offering Envelopes - Boxed sets of envelopes for 2026 are available now. Please note that we are putting out fewer boxes than previous years; your favourite number might not be available. Please choose any envelope number but be sure to print your name and address on the first two or three envelopes you use.

The snowy weather has arrived again – Please be kind to those who clean the floors of our churches. It would be very helpful if you would stamp the snow and salt off your boots before entering the church. Thank you very much for your help.



Catholic Women's League – Just a reminder that St. Mary of the Assumption CWL memberships are due by January 2026. The membership fee is \$40. Please put your envelope in the collection



basket or in the mailbox in front of the parish office. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and email address on the envelope.

Meetings are in the Parish Centre the first Wednesday of every month, beginning with the Rosary at 6:15 pm. The first meeting for the new year will be Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Come out and see what we do.

## *\* In the Diocese \**

Close of the Jubilee of Hope - All are welcome to join Bishop Crosby and Bishop Lobsinger for the close of the Jubilee Year at a Eucharistic Celebration on **Sunday, December 28, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. We will have an opportunity during this Mass to offer thanks for Bishop Crosby's ministry as Bishop of Hamilton at this celebration.



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, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) or visit the website: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**For the Sick**, our fellow parishioners, family members and friends who need our prayers: Kennedy Curtis, Sue Paquette, Allan Graff, Les Highfield, Frances, Sarah, Regina Makuch, Lincoln Hogan, Anne Marie Fairley, Larry, Marianne Raymann Oklad, Matthew Thomas, Rebecca Gregory, Stephen LaCroix, Omar, Durelle, Doug Okrafka, Ida Foch, James Hachey, Jamie Hill, Pat McMillan, Becki Knisley, Anne Cahoon, Julie Hunter, Helen Hunter, Mike Ruth, Gabriela Berger, Edith Fries, Anne MacDonald, James Gamble, Joann & Noel Price, Valma & Francis Wright, Doug Shular, Matt Bell, Marek Powichrowski, Bernadette Lewis, Marlene Burnett, Jerry Couture, Marcia Couture, Paul Burt, Rosanne Lipskie, Cecile Renaud, Robert Pointon, Rob Hillyer, Sharon Richard, Fr. Bill Scanlon, Bill Schinbein, Felix Poole, and Arnold Hodgkinson. **We pray to the Lord.**



**In January, we will begin to rebuild our prayer list. If you or a loved one need prayer, please call or email the office. Each year at this time, we will begin our new list.**

**Donations received the week of Dec 13/14, 2025, were not available at the time of printing.**

*May God bless you for your generosity.*

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” **Matthew 1:23**





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