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# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## December 20, 2020



almost over, but there are still a few days left. Unlike Lent which lasts 7 weeks, I find the 4 weeks of Advent tend to go by very quickly, and before we know it Christmas is here. There is much to do before Christmas, especially if family and friends are coming to visit. I know that this year will be different with less people traveling. Perhaps our households will not be as numerous as per normal, perhaps not as many gifts will be exchanged. Regardless of the limitations placed upon us, I still believe that it is essential that we celebrate Christmas with all our might, even if there are less people at home. Perhaps during these difficulties we can look at the reasons why Christmas should not and cannot be cancelled. The Christian focus of Christmas is on God and not on all the other traditions that have developed over the centuries. During Christmas celebrations we are to give thanks to God for His love for us, His humility in wanting to be one of us, and His generosity in wanting us to be one with Him. During this time of uncertainty and danger we must be reminded of the essence of our faith, the primary place of God in our lives, and the unchanging truth of our Catholic Church. One of the best ways to enter into the celebrations of Christmas is to unite ourselves with God and His Church in a renewed way. Here is how the Catholic Church recommends we do that. First, celebrate the sacrament of Confession. It has been part of our tradition that we prepare our souls for the celebrations of these major feasts by going to Confession. We do this at least during Advent and Lent. It is still not too late. Priests will be at the Office from 9am-5pm on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week ready to hear Confessions. Come by any time and ask to see a priest. Second, spend time in prayer every day, in the morning and in the evening, quietly sitting with the Lord and seeking greater closeness with Him. You can join us for the Live Streamed rosary at 9pm, or you can come to our weekday Masses and pray with us. The key is to intensify your prayer life during these days of preparation. And third, surround yourself with Christmas music, books, and movies, especially those that have a religious theme. Art has a way of inspiring us and helps us to experience life by engaging our souls. I pray that these final days of Advent will be spent in preparing our souls for the coming of Jesus into our homes and our souls. *Fr. Wojtek Kuzma*

### Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

December 21 - 27

**Mon 9:00 am** – Stella & Andrew Morawa +  
Private Masses: Private Intention; Anne Elliott +

**Tue 9:00 am** – Brende & Bonnie Kissoon (Int)  
Private Mass – Private Intention

**7:00 pm** – Fr. Emmanuel Ogboli (Int)

**Wed 9:00 am** – Michael George Arndt (Int)  
Private Mass: Pat McMillan (Int)

**11:15 am –SB** – Vern Finlayson +

#### Christmas Eve – December 24<sup>th</sup>

3:00 pm Lion's Head – Larry Beauchamp +

3:00 pm Tobermory – Anne Elliott +

5:00 pm Wiarton – Mass

5:00 pm Meaford – Isabelle Cook +

5:00 pm Owen Sound – Rose Tipold (Int)

7:00 pm Owen Sound - Mass

9:00 pm Owen Sound – Mass

#### Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Chatsworth – Steven Deneau +

9:00 am Sauble Beach – Vern Finlayson +

9:00 am Owen Sound – Frank Szakall +

11:00 am Owen Sound - Mass

11:00 am Cape Croker - Mass

#### Saturday – December 26

**9:30 am** – Lion's Head – Pro Populo

**11:30 am** – Tobermory – In Thanksgiving

**5:00 pm**–Owen Sound – Joanne Solomon +  
& Cimirska Ula +

#### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – Dec. 27

**9:00 am Owen Sound** – Mark Strong +  
& Anne Campbell +

**Chatsworth** – Frank Beinres +

**Sauble Beach**–Our Parish Priests (Int)

**11:00 am Owen Sound** – Marnie Bunt +  
**Meaford** –

**Warton** – Earl & Marian Hoffman +

**1:00 pm Cape Croker** – Mass

#### From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

This week we pray for:

Mon Fr. Janusz Roginski

Tue Fr. Robert Sims

Wed Voluntas Dei Institute

Thu Fr. Michael Downey

Fri **The Nativity of the Lord**

Sat Fr. Martin Vallely

\* **Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:**  
Available upon request

*From the Pastor's Desk:* Christmas is almost here! Are you ready? The time of preparation is

#### Christmas Schedule

*Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

Tobermory \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm

Lion's Head \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm

Warton \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm

Meaford \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm

Owen Sound \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 pm

**Christmas Day, Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Owen Sound \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00, 11:00 am  
 Sauble Beach \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am  
 Chatsworth \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am  
 Cape Croker \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 am

**Tickets must be obtained for Christmas Masses from the Parish office (for Owen Sound Masses) and from the ushers at the mission churches, to ensure social distancing and contact tracing.**

**New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Tobermory \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm  
 Lion's Head \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm  
 Wiarton \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm  
 Meaford \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm  
 Owen Sound \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm

**New Year's Day – Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Owen Sound \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00, 11:00 am  
 Sauble Beach \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am  
 Chatsworth \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am  
 Cape Croker \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 pm

**\*In the Parish \***

2021 Offering Envelopes - Boxed offering envelopes for the New Year are available at the back of the church for pick up. Box numbers are not assigned; pick up whichever number you like best! (Please only touch the box you plan to take.) When you start using the envelopes in January, print your name and address on the first 3 or 4 envelopes you use so that we can match our records with your new envelope number.

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Granottier Council 2092 & Assembly would like to reach out to all parishioners of St Marys and the Missions who may be suffering through these challenging times. We are ready to assist however we can. Call 519 270 9535 anytime.



**\* In the Diocese \***

Fourth Sunday of Advent - From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, call 905-528-7988 ext. 2246, or email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

Marriage Tip of the Month: At the heart of every person is a desire to be known and loved for who we are. We fall in love with someone and then spend extraordinary energy and time on learning about the person. Once we

marry, we can forget to keep on discovering who the person we love is becoming – because each of us is always becoming. Time and circumstance constantly change and as a result, the person changes. When the one we love stays interested in who we are, we feel secure, cared-for and loved. So spend some time asking about likes and dislikes, what bothers your spouse and what brings them joy, what is the one thing they would like to do if there were no limitations, what their favourite food is – the possibilities are endless and so is the benefit to your relationship! Make your Christmas gifts this year time and attention!

Anniversary Mass 2021 - As the restrictions from COVID-19 continue and for the safety of all concerned, a decision has been made to cancel the annual Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021. Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021, so you will be able to register your anniversary on line and we will send you the certificate. More information will be sent in January about how to register.

A Walk Through Fratelli Tutti – 'Fratelli Tutti': With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives. These are the opening words from Pope Francis in his latest encyclical, On Fraternity and Social Friendship. Join us on **Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** for a 90 minute Zoom webinar to walk through this beautiful document. Written by Pope Francis to "all people of good will." Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry Office - register online at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members



who are in need of our prayers: for – Kay Keffer, Pat McIntyre, Lynn Gilmour, Rosaleen Engel, Brenda Richter, Maynard Dietrich and Bradley

Bishop, **We pray to the Lord.** *We are rebuilding our prayer list. If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please call the office. Each September, we will begin our list anew.*

**Donations received from December 12 / 13, 2020**

Owen Sound	\$ 9,717
Sauble Beach	549
Meaford	570
Warton	662
Chatsworth	515
Hepworth	263
Tobermory	Mass cancelled ----
Lion's Head	Mass cancelled ----
	<b>\$12,276</b>

**Weekly cost to run the parish \$11,734**

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