

MASS INTENTIONS

November 27 – December 2, 2018

Tuesday, 27th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+John Furtado & Sr. Agnetta Furtado – Gene Furtado
Wednesday, 28th	- Weekday
9:00 pm	+Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
7:00 pm	Intentions of Grace Gajkowski – Louis, Mary & Loretta Fulep
	+Reita Hicks – the Family
	+Fr. Bernie Black – Anne Darby-Watchorn
	+Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margaret & Dana Marsh
	+Jennie Rodzen – Louise & Edward Rodzen
Thursday, 29th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Christopher Shelton – Marilyn Alston
Friday, 30th	- St. Andrew, Apostle School Mass
9:30 am	+Debbie Alamenciak – Joan Ferraccioli
Saturday, 1st	- 1st Sunday of Advent
11:00 am	Mass with Diaconate Ordination of Raphael Ma, C.R.
5:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family
	Intentions of Mary Bergamin – Eileen & Mary Longo
	Intentions of the Walsh Family – Gerry & Mary Mulhern
	+Ann Hutter – Cathy Vanzieleghem
	+Henry Van Henkel – Andrew Van Loon
	+Don Rueffer – Stan Prudnikowicz
Sunday, 2nd	- 1st Sunday of Advent
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+Maria Voll – the Voll / Westman Family

November 25, 2018

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Collection November 17/18	\$4,250.75
2018 Collection to Date	\$260,413.73
2018 Total Budgeted Collection	\$366,600.00

Looking Ahead to Dec. 1, 2018

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

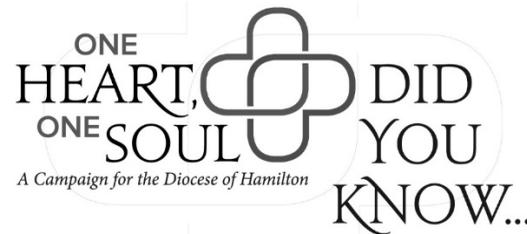
Jeremiah 33: 14-16
1 Thessalonians 3: 12 – 4: 2
Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 26: Rev. Meskel Abib, OFM
Tues. Nov. 27: Rev. Shane Degblor, MCCJ
Wed Nov. 28: Lay Parish Ministers
Thu. Nov. 29: Rev. Brian Quigley, MCCJ
Fri. Nov. 30: Rev. Thomas Flynn, LC
Sat. Dec. 1: Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday	
Celebrating the Word (RR)	7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (AR)	7:30 pm
Tuesday	
Celebrating the Word (RR)	1:30 pm
Levels Potluck (H)	7:00 pm
Wednesday	
Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed)	10am-noon
Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER)	1:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (ER)	7:30 pm
Thursday	
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	9:00 am
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	4:30 pm
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in Parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at www.oneheartonesoul.ca.

How will the Parishes benefit from the campaign?

This campaign is first and foremost about the renewal and transformation of Parishes. That's why 75 percent of the funds raised will go toward Parish projects (of the Parishes' choosing). In addition, a matching pool of campaign funds (10 percent of all funds raised) will be used to benefit the Parishes most in need of additional support. In many cases, a Parish in need will end up receiving more money than it raised, once the "pool" fund matches a portion of what the Parish raises.

What types of projects could the Parishes choose for the use of campaign funds?

Overall, the Parish projects should aim to bring vitality to the Parish, promote participation in Parish life, and evangelize and serve the faithful and the surrounding community. Some obvious options include building projects, renovations of existing buildings, overdue maintenance needs, debt reduction or the building up of a contingency fund. Other options might take more of a direct ministry approach, such as adding an employee to

develop a new ministry or providing materials for an existing ministry.

What if we don't need a campaign at our Parish?

The success of the overall Diocesan campaign relies on the participation of every Parish community. Although some Parishes may not have a glaring "need" to be dealt with, they're encouraged to dream and plan for how they could assist more people on their faith journey. Parishes that may not have needs now will almost certainly face needs in the future – which is why some Parishes are considering using their campaign funds to create an endowment. Also, a Parish with fewer needs would be welcome to direct some of its funds to other Diocesan Parishes in greater need.

What if we're in the middle of a fundraising effort already?

The Diocesan campaign will happen in "waves" of Parishes, so a Parish finishing up a project now could be placed in the final wave of the Diocesan campaign, which will take place in late 2020 and early 2021. The campaign's clergy committee also could take that into account when fundraising goals are set for Parishes.

SONGS OF ADVENT & THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Join us for an evening of traditional and contemporary seasonal music on Fri. Dec. 14 at 7pm in the church. Led by John B. Miller and Friends, a group of professional musicians featuring Andrea Weber Steckly, Steve Martin, Donna McLellan and Joe Orlando. This will be a fun and prayerful event, a great break from the bustle of Christmas preparations. A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses.

From the Pastor's Desk:

The liturgical season of Christmas will soon be here. As the Vatican document *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* states: **"The Christmas season runs from evening prayer 1 of Christmas until the Sunday after Epiphany or after January 6 inclusive ... The Sunday falling after 6 January is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord."** (#33 & 38). In other words the Christmas season goes from Christmas Eve until the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13th this year.

When did this change occur? Many of you will remember the Christmas season ending with the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. It was in 1969 when the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord was moved to its current date in the liturgical calendar, and the season of Christmas extended to include this feast. Next year, 2019, will mark the 50th year since this change was introduced in the church.

Why was the Christmas season changed to include the Baptism of the Lord? Well first of all there was an overall shifting of a number of feasts in the liturgical calendar following Vatican II, and the Baptism of the Lord was one such feast effected. Why specifically was the Baptism of the Lord changed? The answer to this is found in our understanding of Christmas itself.

At Christmas we celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, a feast that is sometimes called the Nativity of the Lord. On Christmas we celebrate that Christ **IS** born, not that Christ **WAS** born. And so each Christmas we celebrate that Christ is born anew in our midst. Even though we celebrate the birth of Christ as Christmas – and it truly is an important celebration in our life of faith – we only pause

briefly before the Nativity scene. Why? Because we do not follow an infant Jesus, we are called to follow the adult Jesus. The liturgical movement of the Christmas season makes this clear. First, we celebrate within the Christmas season the Feast of the Holy Family, a feast that reminds us that Jesus is born into the human condition. Second, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, a feast that reminds us that Jesus came into our midst for the salvation of all people. And third, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, to remind us very quickly after the celebration of his actual birth, that this is why Jesus came – to begin his ministry, as an adult, which is rooted in his baptism. The close proximity of the Baptism of the Lord to Christmas day is intended to clearly remind us we cannot stand before the Nativity of the Lord for long, no matter how moving it might be to us spiritually, we are called to follow the adult Jesus who began his ministry following his baptism.

~ Father Tim, CR



COOKIES FOR HOMEBOUND

*It's the most wonderful time of the year!
With cookies to bake,
for Fr. Tim to take,
to seniors who can't come here,
it's the heart-warming-est time of the year!*

If you are making Christmas cookies and are able to make an extra dozen to share with our parishioners who are homebound, please drop them off at the parish **between Nov. 24 and Dec. 2**. Fr. Tim and Raphael will visit our homebound during Advent and share the Christmas spirit. Thank you for keeping our parish family connected at Christmas!



SENIORS' CHRISTMAS DINNER

Join us for our annual Christmas Dinner on Wed. Dec. 5 following the 6pm Parish Mass. Full turkey dinner, catered by Kennedy's! Cost is \$18 for adults, children 12 and under \$9. Tickets can be purchased in the parish office or after Masses on Nov. 24/25 and Dec. 1/2. All CWL members, their families and all seniors of the parish are invited to attend.



ADVENT EMAILS FOR CHILDREN IN JUNIOR GRADES

Children in grades 4-6 are invited to join an Advent "Name-a-day" email group. Each day of Advent you will receive an email with a picture that represents a name for Jesus found in scripture. These many names of Jesus help us understand who he is and why God became human like us. You can spend the day trying to figure out what name the picture represents. The answer, with a scripture reference telling you where to find that name in the Bible, will be sent the following morning, along with a new picture to puzzle out. If you would like to receive these emails throughout Advent, please have a parent or guardian send Paula Rush an email at paulacatechist@gmail.com before Sunday, December 2, the first Sunday of Advent!

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2019

Church envelopes for 2019 will be available for pickup next weekend in the parish hall. If you use **Direct Deposit** please note you still have a small box of special envelopes to pick up. If you wish to sign up for Direct Deposit please call Alice in the parish office for details.

ADVENT CHARITIES COLLECTION

Every year we invite you to make a donation as part of your Advent preparation. This year all monies donated to our Advent Charities Collection will go the Hospice of Waterloo Region, who provide "Whole Person care focused on supporting and improving the quality of life for persons who are living with or dying from advanced illness and for those who are bereaved by the loss of a loved one." Hospice Waterloo Region is also building a new facility in North Waterloo to continue their mission, so the extra donation they will receive from our collection will be greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes in your boxes (or mark any envelope Advent Charities) and make cheques payable to St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Thank you!

RAPHAEL'S ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Raphael as he professed perpetual vows in the Congregation of the Resurrection this past Wednesday; it was a beautiful liturgy and evening. Now you are invited to witness the next step in Raphael's vocational journey: **on Saturday December 1 at 11am here at St. Francis, Raphael will be ordained a Deacon.** Please join us for Mass, celebrated by Bishop Kurtz, C.R. As a deacon Raphael will be able to preach at Mass, celebrate Baptisms, witness Marriages and preside at funerals outside of Mass. Raphael will continue to learn and minister here at St. Francis as a deacon.

*"Jesus is not pleased with a
"percentage of love": we cannot
love him at twenty, fifty or sixty
percent. It's all or nothing."*

~ @Pontifex, November 14, 2018



VOCATION CORNER

Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father. He who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dan Lobsinger CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations crvocations@gmail.com or Fr. Michael King, Diocesan Director of Vocations, mking@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 www.vocationculture.ca

BAD WEATHER AND MASS

A reminder that when bad weather strikes you should not come to Mass. During the week, if Kitchener **SCHOOL BUSES** are cancelled, then **WEEKDAY MASSES** are cancelled and the office is closed. On the weekend, if the roads are dangerous, and especially if **CITY BUSES** are not running, then you should not be risking your life or the lives of others by attempting to come to church. (You can find out if buses are cancelled by listening to AM 570 News or online at www.570news.com.) Thank you for being true Canadians and respecting the power of our extreme weather!



AROUND TOWN

Adoration for Life Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist at the following 4 Locations:
Tues. Nov. 27, (Spanish) 6:15pm St. John's, Kit.
Thurs. Dec. 6, 11am-noon St. Mary's, Kitchener
Thurs. Dec. 6, 6pm St. Agnes RC, Waterloo
Fri. Dec. 7, 6-7pm St. Teresa's, Kitchener

Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon Sat. Dec. 1, 9:30am – 1:00pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church. Come enjoy coffee and muffins or a soup/sandwich lunch, Christmas cookies, bake table, crafts, treasures and kid's corner. Wheelchair accessible, sponsored by Calvin Ladies Fellowship Group.

Healing Mass for those Mourning the Death of a Child Bishop Crosby will celebrate a healing Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on Sun. Dec. 2 at 4pm. All who are grieving this painful and life-altering experience, parents, grandparents, family members, are welcome. Registration is preferred but not required, call 905-528-7988 ext 2249 or www.hamiltondiocese.com

Coping with the Holidays Join the Family Ministry Office for an afternoon of reflection and for strategies for coping throughout Christmas. Facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman, Sun. Dec. 2, 1:30-3:00pm at the Chancery Office, Hamilton. Call to reserve a seat, 905-528-7988 ext 2249.

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, Dec. 16 – 25. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate by sending your prayer intention with your name and address to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd. R.R.#1 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0.

Prayer Vigil Thurs. Dec. 6 from 9:00 to 10:00 am in front of Freeport Hospital, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm
or by appointment

Sunday Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9:00 am Mass

Prayer Network

Call parish office to request prayers

Communal Baptism

Monthly, please call the parish office to register.

Marriages

Congratulations! Please contact the parish one year before wedding date.

Pastor:	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. (tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com)
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Ms. Alice Soeder
Building Manager:	Mr. Gary Howell
Seminarian:	Raphael Ma, C.R.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 12 noon
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Vocations Information: www.vocationinfo.ca
www.vocationculture.ca



"We are a Christ-centred faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David; blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Mark 11: 9-10



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