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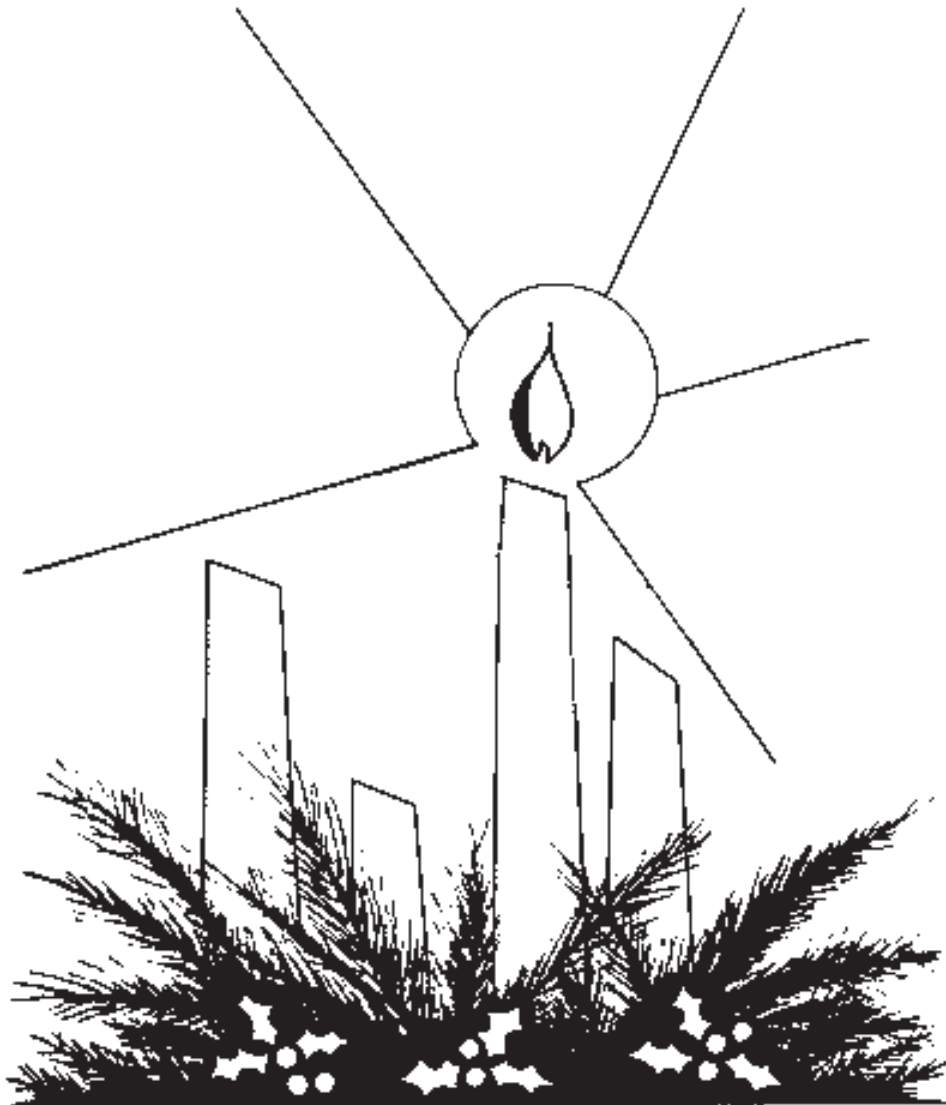
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# Advent

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 2

7:30 pm Reconciliation Service

### Tuesday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00 am Beatification of Bohdan Janski, founder of the Congregation of the Resurrection

### Wednesday, December 4

9:00 am † John Manol – Patricia McMann

7:00 pm † Loretta Israel – CWL Mass

### Thursday, December 5

9:00 am † Elizabeth & Laird McDonald – McDonald Family

### Friday, December 6

9:00 am For intentions of the Moser family – Jim Moser

### Saturday, December 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

### Sunday liturgy – Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm People of St. Louis Parish

### Sunday, December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 am † Andre Toussaint – Richard & Claire Armitage  
 † Alex MacKinnon – Esther & Samantha & Family

11:30 am For the Confirmation Candidates

3:00 pm Vietnamese Mass



### *For the First Sunday in Advent*

No wonder the culture ignores Advent—it doesn't speak in the soft and gentle tones we would like. Instead, Advent speaks boldly and, one might say, with a forked tongue, for it proclaims prophecies of salvation and peace while simultaneously

reminding us of the lateness of the hour and the requirement to remain ever vigilant. The more attractive message of a Baby in a manger is the one that gets attention and inspires greeting cards.

Isaiah begins with a rousing message meant to encourage a people facing possible military destruction. But he also speaks to individual hearts that have lost hope and are limp with failing energy. He paints a picture of the future that requires a present response: God's word will surge forth from Jerusalem and transform all it touches, but it will also call each heart to respond by yielding to the call to "walk in the light of the Lord!"

Why do we still heed Paul's warning that we "know what time it is" when Jesus insisted that such knowledge was reserved to the Father? Indeed, without predicting a particular day, Paul did, like his Christian contemporaries, anticipate Christ's return within his own lifetime. That these words remained an important part of early Christian teaching even after it became apparent Christ's return would be delayed indicates the community found meaning beyond the literal in Paul's admonition. For every generation, Paul describes time not found on a clock or calendar but inscribed on the heart of sensible believers who understand that morning follows night, and then night comes again. The words don't speak of one particular moment but of every day, for each day draws us closer to

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, December 2

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting Notre Dame Hall  
 7:30 pm Reconciliation Service Church

### Tuesday, December 3

1:00 pm Bible Study Large Hall

### Wednesday, December 4

7:30 pm (11:30) Choir rehearsal Church

### Thursday, December 5

9:30 am Small Christian Community Notre Dame Hall  
 7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal Church

### Friday, December 6

7:30 pm Youth Band Large Hall

### Saturday, December 7

### Sunday, December 8

12:30 pm Good Shepherd's Program Level 1 & 2 Convent  
 12:30 pm Practice for Children's Christmas Event Nursery

	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
Saturday Dec 7	1 Stephen Filipowicz	1 Marilyn Foster	
5:00 pm	2 Marnie Wharnsby	2 Guy Tremblay	
	C Sharon Varey	3	
Sunday Dec 8	1 Tom Bishop	1 Mary Sehl	
9:30 am	2 Jessica Hill	2 Jack Sehl	
	C Mike Haley	3 Keith Schnarr	
11:30 am	1 Ioanna Malton	1 Charles Wilson	
	2 Jody Rice	2 Aurora DiPasquale	
	C Paul Butler	3 Theresa Hause	

the end—whether that be the day of Christ's return, or the day of our individual entry into eternity.

Like a mother rousing a drowsy teenager, Paul urges us to wake up and to remain awake while daylight lingers. Living a wakeful life is no easy task, for many objects, good and bad, compete for our attention. But time moves inexorably and that awareness, once grasped, should stir us to action. "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ," says Paul, like a warm garment that shields us from the dangers of the flesh.

Jesus's words, spoken near the end of his ministry, and taken from the great apocalyptic discourse are meant to stir and unsettle. Gospel paints a vivid picture of the end times and call for constant watchfulness, for the Son of Man will return at a time we least expect. As in the days of Noah, most will go about their business as usual, the danger and destruction coming suddenly and unexpectedly upon them. While Jesus claims no knowledge of when the end will come, His urgency is clear. Whether it is close, or far off, the day of judgment will rush upon us like the flood that swept away Noah's generation. Jesus wants us better prepared than Noah's neighbours who "knew nothing" until it was too late. "Therefore you MUST be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

# AWAKE!

**Children's Christmas Eve Presentation:** We will be doing something a little different and new this year. If your child is 5yrs of age or older and would like to help us sing and tell the Christmas story at our Christmas Eve Mass sign up with Kelly Krause down in the nursery. Please be prepared to come to the following practices: Dec. 8 & 15, all to be held in the nursery after the 11:30 Mass. Lunch will be provided.

Waterloo K of C wonderful **Fish Fry dinner and an evening of traditional Advent music and Christmas Carols** featuring St. Agnes Parish Choir on Fri. Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Dinner, which includes a plated dessert is \$7.50 for a 1 pc Fish n' chip and \$10 for a 2 pc Fish n' chip. Doors open at 5 pm. Dinner and show - 6 pm. Free will offering will be taken up for St. Agnes Parish. For info call 519-884-2060.

**Pope Francis has called a Synod of Marriage and Family** to be held in October of 2014 which is to include Bishops from around the world. - this is your invitation to participate in the gathering of information from the Hamilton Diocese. There are two ways that you may submit your responses:

1) Fill in the questionnaire which can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan website [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). The questionnaire seeks information on the faithful's understanding of various Church teachings on marriage and family. It can be completed on line, or printed and faxed or mailed to the Family Ministry Office. The deadline for submission is December 16, 2013.

2) Attend one of two focus group gatherings where the questionnaire will be discussed and responses collected to include in the final report to be submitted by the end of December. Both gatherings will occur from 10:00 am 12:00 noon and you are asked to RRSP by phone 905-528-7988 X 2249 or

familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, if you plan to attend. You may join in a focus group at the Chancery Office (700 King Street West, Hamilton) on Sat., Dec 7, or at St. Anthony Daniel Parish (29 Midland Drive, Kitchener) on Sat., Dec 14. The preparatory information being gathered will provide essential input to the Bishops as they prepare for this Extraordinary Synod. Please consider engaging in this process in one or both of the ways provided. For further information contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com).

**George Baird, Emeritus Prof. of Architecture** "Thoughts on Agency, Utopia and Property in Contemporary Architectural and Urban Theory". The 2013-2014 Laurence A. Cummings Lecture in Cultural History. Dec 6, 2013, 7:30 pm, St. Jerome's University, Siegfried Hall. Free.

**First Communion Preparation Classes** will start on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. (The celebration will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>.) Please contact Kelly Krause at 519-743-4101 for more information.

**St. Louis Parish is gratefully acknowledging receipt of \$10,000.00 bequest towards our Church Maintenance Fund – steeple project, from Herbert Guenther estate.**

**35th Annual Advent Novena - An Invitation To Prepare Well For Christmas:** 9 daily Masses at 6:30am at St. Michael's Church, Waterloo, Fri., Dec 6<sup>th</sup> to Sat., Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast in the Parish Centre following Mass on Sat., Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. A free will offering for St. Vincent de Paul. Note exception: Sunday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Mass is at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome! Plenty of time to get to work afterwards!

**The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph** will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, Dec 16 - 25, 2013. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. # 1, St. Agatha, NOB 2L0.

**Waterloo Knights Of Columbus Annual Toy Drive** - Help us to bring Christmas to every needy child. The Waterloo KofC, together with the K/W Firefighters and Police are holding its 17<sup>th</sup> annual 2013 "Toy Drive". Drop off **new** toys at your local fire station, police detachment, or 145 Dearborn Pl. Waterloo. Call 519-884-2060 for more info.

**EXCITING PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR:** Fr. Michal will be leading a two week pilgrimage to Poland in the second half of June 2014. Book time off and save for this trip to many of the holy places in Poland.

**An Easter like no other!** Celebrate Holy Week walking to Santiago de Compostela in Spain? The dates:

April 12 – 23, 2014. Information meeting on Thr, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – call ahead so we have enough refreshments for all - 519-745-3233 (St. Francis of Assisi Parish).

**St. Louis Parish Offertory Envelopes** – Once again we will be reorganizing the donation envelope numbers. As parishioners leave, we end up with unassigned numbers causing us to order more envelope boxes than we really need. The reorganization of numbers means savings for the parish. We apologize for the inconvenience it may cause!

**Collection: November 23 and 24, 2013**

Sunday Envelope donation	\$ 5373.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 435.00
Loose	\$ 417.00
Philippine Relief	\$ 4885.00

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*

**Reconciliation Services**

**Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30 pm St Louis Church, Waterloo

**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

5:00 pm St. John/Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kitchener  
7:30 pm St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm St. John/Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kitchener  
7:30 pm St. Michael's Church, Waterloo

**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm St. John/Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kitchener  
7:30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm St. John/Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kitchener

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