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ADVENT

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 2 – No Mass

Tuesday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church

Wednesday, December 4

9:00 AM † Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family

7:00 PM † Marnie Wharnsby - CWL

Thursday, December 5

9:00 AM Beatification of Bogdan Janski, Founder of
Congregation of the Resurrection

Friday, December 6 – St. Nicholas, Bishop

9:00 AM † André Déchene – Claire & Richard Armitage

**Saturday, Dec. 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor
Vigil of Second Sunday in Advent**

5:00 PM † John Kenny & Terence Bayley – Joan & Pat Forde

† Marnie & Bill Wharnsby – Peter & Wendy Brill

† Rosemary Woelfle – 5 PM Ushers

† Donna Ford – Karen & Bob U'Ren

Sunday, December 8 – Second Sunday in Advent

9:30 AM † Dave Murtha – Murtha Family

† Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger

† Janet Dietrich & Family – Helen Hamblin

† Samren, Khampheng, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy –
Xaysy Family

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the Second Reading from Romans 13:11-14

In the reading from Romans, Paul uses familiar human experiences and images to delve into the unseen mysteries of faith. Everyone knows the moments of awaking from sleep and of the darkness of night giving way to the brightness of day. Writing to a community in Rome, Paul urges them to wake from slumber and to live in the light of the day, casting off the deeds of darkness.

The imagery has a certain paradox about it, because the death and Resurrection of Jesus has already inaugurated the new age, the dawning of the day of salvation. Believers are therefore already living in the light of day. However, like the early believers in Rome, we are still awaiting Christ's coming again in glory, his *parousia*. A common way of referring to this paradoxical tension is the *already-and-not-yet of salvation*.

In much of this letter, Paul develops significant theological insights, the core of Christian faith much discussed and debated throughout history. In this part of the letter Paul urges the Christians in Rome to live in light of what they believe. Continuing the image of darkness and light, he says believers should take off the clothing of darkness and put on the armour of light. Then, properly clothed for the daylight, they are to conduct themselves properly, with dignity and decorum.

The deeds of darkness that Paul lists are similar to others in Paul's letters. Broadly, the vices can be grouped into acts of drunkenness, sexual impropriety, and community discord. All of these are works of the flesh, whereas Christians are to live according to the spirit. Paul returns to the image of clothing, with the most important and encompassing garment being the Lord Jesus Christ himself.

(Excerpt from *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word*)

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, December 2

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

NOON – 1 PM Lunch & Learn – Book study: *Walking* Nursery

with God by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins

4 – 5:30 PM Good Shepherd Catechesis I, II, III Nursery

7:30 – 9 PM Faith Enrichment – *Gospel of Luke* Large

DVD study by Frances Hogan – *last session for 2019 – will resume Jan 6/20* Hall

Tuesday, December 3

6:00 PM Karate Club Large Hall

6:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Nursery

Wednesday, December 4

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

7:30 PM CWL Meeting

7:30 PM 11:30 am Choir Practice Church

Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM *Celebrating the Word* – Reflections Large Hall

on upcoming Sunday Readings

1:00 PM Bible Study: *The Family Hearth* - Large Hall

Br. Bob Fishman (4/8)

7:00 PM Kitchen planning meeting Large Hall

7:00 PM 9:30 am Choir Practice Church

Friday, December 6

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

7:00 PM Quilt-a-thon & Any-handiwork-a-thon Nursery

7:00 PM Youth Group Meeting Large H.

Saturday, December 7

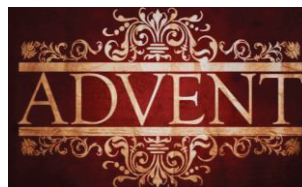
9:00 AM Quilt-a-thon & Any-handiwork-a-thon Nursery

Sunday, December 8

10:30 AM Sunday Social Large Hall

5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec. 7 5:00 PM	1 Jim Walsh 2 Maureen O'Grady C Sharon Carey	1 Trudy Allensen 2 Grant Ertel 3 Guy Tremblay
Sun. Dec. 8 9:30 AM	1 Terry Collins 2 Paul Beingessner C Rose Mastnak	1 Cecilia Beechey 2 Mary Smith 3 Rob Hinsperger
Sun. Dec. 8 11:30 AM	1 Kelly Krause 2 Mike Anderson C Paul Butler	1 Donna Herbstreit 2 Al Kehn 3 Patti Walsh



Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope: waiting-memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; waiting-supplication for his final, glorious coming as Lord of history and universal judge;

conversion, to which the liturgy at this time often refers, quoting the prophets . . . joyful hope that the salvation already accomplished by Christ . . . and the reality of grace in the world, will mature and reach their fullness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith.

To begin to appreciate the “true meaning of Advent,” we can look to a few of the saints of Advent: the models of Christian perfection to whom the Church points for our edification during these three to four weeks.

St. Francis Xavier, (Dec. 3), was one of the original members of the Society of Jesus. He is best known for his mission trips to the Far East, opening India and Japan to the spread of the gospel.

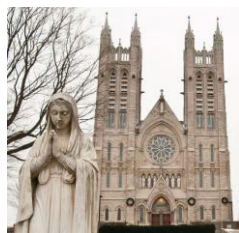


Francis hoped to do the same in China but died on the journey. He was named a patron saint of the missions because of his success at evangelism.

Not as well-known was Francis's reputation as a wonder-worker. He cured the sick, restored hearing and speech to the deaf and mute, multiplied coins that he gave to the poor, and raised the dead. In other words, he performed the same kind of deeds that heralded the coming of the Messiah into the world (Matt. 11:4-5). Christ promised that his followers would perform mighty deeds in his name as signs that they were sent by him (Mark 16:15-18).



Not much is known for certain about St. Nicholas of Myra, the bishop whose feast is on Dec. 6th, but the legends surrounding him are rich and varied. He was also believed to be a wonder-worker, but he is better known for his love for children and generosity to the poor. Although historians doubt he was present at the Council of Nicaea, he's lauded as a fierce defender of orthodoxy. (From Catholic Answers website)



The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate has been declared a designated Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary, effective December 8, 2019. The Decree will be read at a Mass celebrated on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is celebrated this year on December 9, 2019. As a

Diocesan Shrine, the Basilica will promote, among other Marian devotions, annual celebrations of Marian Days and processions, an annual Novena, and welcome pilgrimages from various parts of the Diocese. Thank you to Father Ian Duffy, Rector of the Basilica, for promoting this initiative and for overseeing the program of the Shrine!

The 41st Annual Advent Novena Preparation For Christmas - Strengthen Your Hearts For The Coming Of The Lord Is Near! Nine Daily Masses @ 6:30 am at St. Agnes Church in Waterloo from Friday, Dec. 6th to Saturday, Dec. 14th. Enjoy coffee and fellowship after Mass. (On Sunday, Dec. 8th you may attend Mass at your own parish, or St. Agnes at 9 am, or 11 am.) For more information call Marg Weber @ 519-747-5937 or marg.weber@sympatico.ca Musicians & Volunteers most welcome

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, December 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., 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

Waterloo Catholic District School Board is currently accepting applications for Occasional Teachers. Please visit their website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca



Our next CWL General Meeting will take place Wednesday, December 4th beginning with Mass at 7pm and the installation of the 2020 and 2021 Executive to follow. In addition to our Meeting, refreshments and time for fellowship, we will be holding our popular annual auction. Non-members are always welcome! Please be sure to wear your Christmas sweaters and hats!

Christmas Dramatization of the Gospel

will take place on Christmas Eve at the 5 pm Mass. Practices will be on Dec. 15th & 22nd after the 11:30 am Mass in the Church. All children are welcome, anyone under 5 years old must be accompanied by an adult. The sign up sheet is available in the Nursery, or contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.



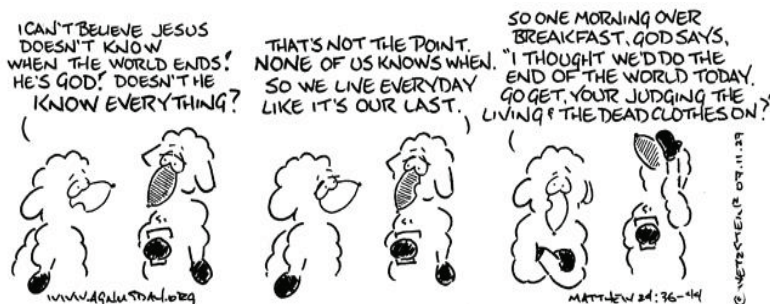
Canadian Food for Children in Toronto has received sufficient support (financial and prayers, we are sure!) that normal operations are able

to begin again. This is wonderful news! This means that the Herb Wittich Depot at 843 Guelph St., Kitchener will re-open on Wed., Nov. 27 at 12:30 and will resume the regular Wednesday and Thursday openings from 12:30 to 3 pm. Thank you for all your past support.

IMCC Concert with the Wellington Winds Symphony – Sun., Dec.8 at 7:30 pm at Knox Presbyterian Church. Tickets: Adult \$20, Senior (60+) \$15. Students are admitted free to Wellington Wind Symphony concerts. Tickets available at the door, or at wellingtonwindsymphony.ca/tickets.

The St. Teresa of Avila Christmas Dinner – Fri., Dec. 6th at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira. The meal will begin at 6 PM. Cash Bar. For tickets call St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office in the mornings at 519-669-3387 by Dec. 2nd. (Adults \$21; Children 6-12 years \$10 and Children 5 & under are free).

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Kitchener (and St. Brigid Mission in Ayr) is looking for a full-time Youth Minister/ Pastoral Associate! The job description is at the Diocese of Hamilton Website. If you are interested please go to <http://www.hamiltondiocese.com>



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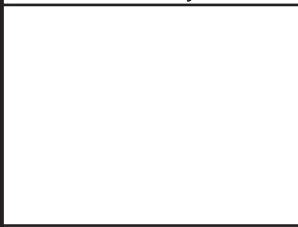
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