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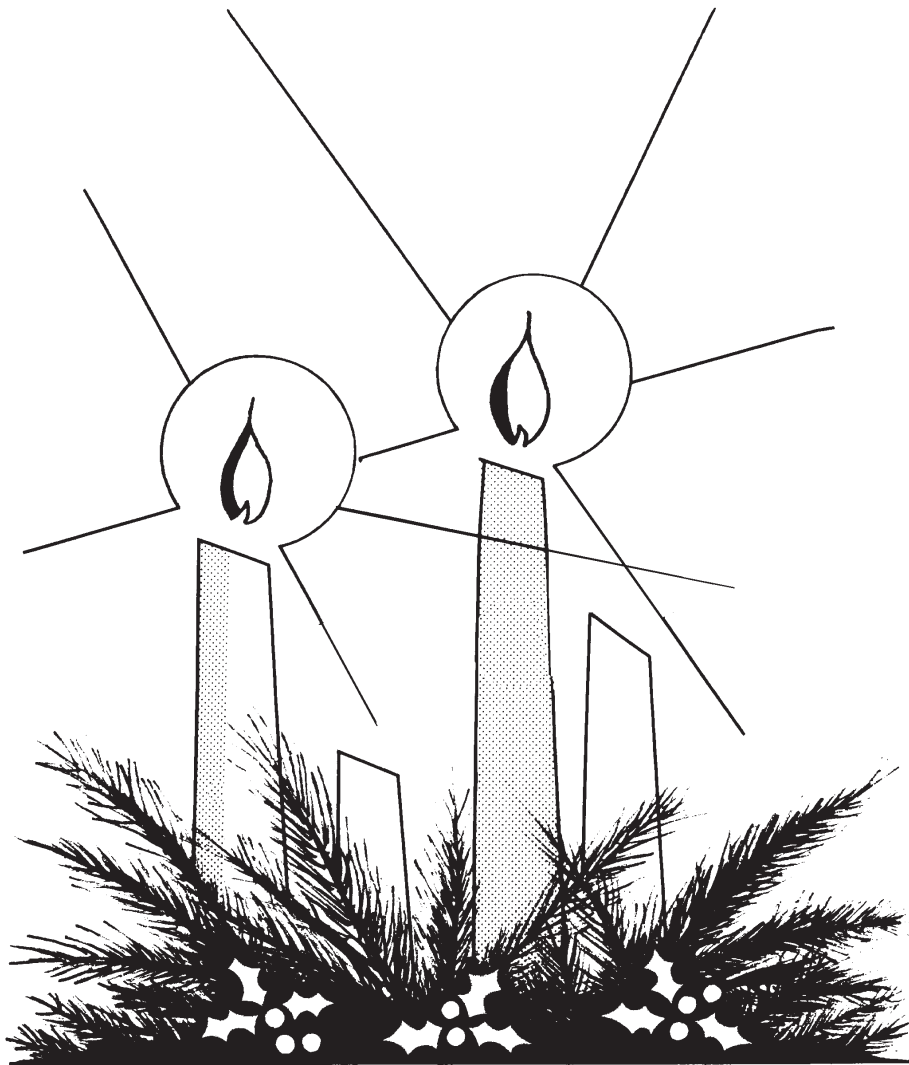
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Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 11 – No Mass
Tuesday, December 12 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
 9:00 am † Shirley Hinsperger– Rob Hinsperger
Wednesday, December 13 – *St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr*
 9:00 am † Fran Morrison – GERALYN Yolkowskie
Thursday, December 14 – *St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church*
 9:00 am † Fran Morrison – Sandra & Eldon Prince
Friday, December 15
 9:00 am † Edward Broda – Rosemary Danayka
Saturday, December 16
Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent
 5:00 pm † Edna Ertel – Phyllis & Larry Ertel
 † Audrey Moser – Moser Family
 † Bill Wharnsby – Suzanne Perry
 † Fran Morrison – Joan Sichewski
Sunday, December 17 – *Third Sunday in Advent*
 9:30 am People of St. Louis Parish
 11:30 am † Fran Morrison – Marnie Wharnsby
 † Connie Strickler – Strickler/Dale Family
 † Mary Elizabeth Muccini– Conor & Maxine Walsh
 † Patrick, David & Max Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel & Family

Reflection on the Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Three biblical figures express in different ways the spirit of the season of Advent: the Prophet Isaiah, whose words create hope and expectations; Mary, the mother of Jesus, whose obedience opened the door to the incarnation; and John the Baptist, whose ministry was to prepare the way of the Lord. Each of them points to Jesus, as does Mark in the opening verse of his Gospel. His account is the beginning of the Good News of Jesus, who is the Christ and Son of God. In introducing both John and Jesus, today’s reading serves as a prologue to Mark’s whole Gospel.

A verse from the Advent Prophet, Isaiah, introduces us to the mission of John – a portion of the prophecy we heard in the First Reading. Sent by God as a messenger, John is the voice crying out in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord.” The way of the Lord was Israel’s path to freedom from slavery in Egypt and from exile in Babylon. Now John is preparing people for a new path to freedom that will begin with baptism of repentance and forgiveness of sin.

John’s strange attire is reminiscent of that of the Prophet Elijah, thereby portraying John as another wilderness Prophet. John’s promise of forgiveness of sins drew large crowds of people waiting for a new manifestation of God’s power. The origin of John’s baptism is uncertain, perhaps related to the ritual cleansings of Judaism or the ceremonial washing of initiation, symbolizing conversion. Whatever its origin, John’s baptism calls those who are immersed in the water to repentance (metanoia), to change of mind, heart, and behaviour.

While ancestors followed the way of the Lord through the wilderness to return to the Promised Land, those baptized by John follow the way of the Lord to return to right relationship with God. Even though John attracted a large following, he was only a messenger, a herald for the one mightier than himself. The way of the Lord proclaimed by John is a journey of discipleship to Jesus Christ, Son of God.

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, December 11
 noon Lunch and Learn Nursery
 4:00 pm Good Shepherd’s Catechesis I, II, III Nursery
 7:30 pm *Mystery of God* – Bishop Barron p.5 Large Hall
Tuesday, December 12
 5:30 pm CWL executive meeting Large Hall
Wednesday, December 13
 6:00 pm 11:30 Choir Rehearsal Church
Thursday, December 14
 9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall
 7:30 pm 9:30 Choir Rehearsal Church
Friday, December 15
 6:00 pm Youth Music rehearsal Church
 6:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party Large Hall

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec. 16 5 pm	1. Jim Walsh 2. Fran Ruetz C. Joan Sichewski	1. Debbie Delattre 2. Christine Martin 3. Guy Tremblay
Sun. Dec. 17 9:30 am	1. Christopher Bishop 2. Jack Bishop C. Tom Bishop	1. Ed Ruppe 2. Annette Hulme 3. Frank Hulme
Sun. Dec. 17 11:30 am	1. Gord Beaton 2. Ben Beaton C. Carolyn Beaton	1. Donna Herbstreit 2. Darlene Wilson 3. Charlie Wilson



Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org (Based on 2nd Reading from the Second letter of Peter: 3:8-14)



Advent Activity: “Sacrifice Manger” - Place a little wooden manger out during the Advent season. Have your children build a nice soft place for Jesus to lay in on Christmas day by doing good things throughout the season for others. These good deeds could be for siblings, parents, friends, etc. Every time they do something nice, they get a small piece of yarn to put into the manger. The empty manger is a constant reminder that they must make a nice place for Jesus, in His manger and in their hearts.
Children attending 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass are asked to bring their yarn pieces on Christmas Eve as we will gather them together to place in our church manger for baby Jesus. If you need more yarn, Kelly can provide.



Sign up for Christmas Dramatization of the Gospel: All children ages 5 and up are invited to participate in our dramatization of the Gospel that will take place on Christmas Eve at the 5pm Mass. There will be two practices, Dec. 10th and 17th right after the 11:30 am Mass. Anyone wanting a specific role must be at both practices! Sign-up sheets will be in the Nursery, or contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

Holiday Mass Times

Sat.	Dec 23	5:00 pm	Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent
Sun.	Dec 24	9:30 am	4th Sunday of Advent
Sun.	Dec 24	11:30 am	4th Sunday of Advent
Sun.	Dec 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve (Family Mass)
Sun.	Dec 24	9:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Mon.	Dec 25	9:30 am	Christmas Day
Mon.	Dec 25	11:30 am	Christmas Day
Sat.	Dec 30	5:00 pm	Vigil of Feast of the Holy Family
Sun.	Dec 31	9:30 am	Feast of the Holy Family
Sun.	Dec 31	11:30 am	Feast of the Holy Family
Sun.	Dec 31	5:00 pm	Vigil of Feast Mary, Mother of God and New Year's Eve
Mon.	Jan 1	9:30 am	Feast Mary, Mother of God and New Year's Day

Days of Obligation:

Sundays, Christmas & Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Mission Sale Results: A HUGE THANK YOU to our CWL Mission Sale organizers, volunteers, those who donated baking, crafts, plants, gifts for the Draw Tables, Estate Treasures, and Nearly New, those who set up and took down the tables and TO YOU OUR WONDERFUL PARISHIONERS. Because of your support: The Cree Mission in Attawapiskat, Ontario, Resurrectionist Missions in Brazil & Tanzania, and Development and Peace will EACH receive appr. \$1,620.

MANY THANKS to Vince Dietrich for the donation of the small pew in the Narthex in memory of Jerry Dietrich.



39th Annual Advent Novena - 9 daily Masses at 6:30 am at St. Agnes Church, (75 Bluevale St. N. Wat.), **Fri., Dec. 8th - Sat., Dec. 16th**. Breakfast in the Parish Centre following Mass on Sat., Dec. 16th. A free will offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY!! -After the amazing success of last year Catholic Young Adults groups across the Diocese of Hamilton (& Beyond!) are coming together for **ONE, BIG, THRILLING CHRISTMAS PARTY!** We want to invite all Young Adults

near and far to come out! If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19 - 39, this will be the place to BE to meet other Young Adult Catholics. An awesome pre-Christmas social, dinner, live entertainment, door prizes and a DJ and dance. **Saturday, December 16th** – 5 pm – Mass, 6 pm - Cocktail Social, 6:45 pm-Catered Dinner with Wine. Live Entertainment, Music, Photobooth, Doorprizes, Cash Bar, & more! \$20 donation (\$45 value) at the door. Location: **St. Thomas the Apostle Church (715 Centre Rd., Waterdown, ON).** **Please RSVP before Dec. 14** (we need numbers for food). Contact: Justin Peter at jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com 905-689-4857X8. Search "The Biggest Catholic Young Adults Christmas Party Ever 2!" on Facebook.



Reconciliation Services

Advent 2017

Sunday, December 10th

1:00 pm St. Jerome's University, Notre Dame Chapel, Waterloo

Monday, December 11th

7:00 pm St. Mary's Church, Kitchener

Tuesday, December 12th

1:00 pm St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kit.

Wednesday, December 13th

7:00 pm St. Joseph Church, Kitchener
7:00 pm St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener

Thursday, December 14th

8 am – 8 pm St. Mary of the Visitation, Cambridge
7:00 pm St. Mark's Church, Kitchener

Friday, December 15th

5 – 6:30 pm St. John, Kitchener



A HUGE THANK YOU TO SANDRA

REID for financially sponsoring the production costs of the music CD recorded by John Miller and 11:30 Choir. The CDs are available for \$20 at the church exits. The funds collected go to the parish and will be used for purchase of a new soundboard and cordless mikes.

Coping with the Holidays...when you have lost a loved one. Evening of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, 16 Cooper St., Cambridge on Monday, Dec. 11th 7:00 – 8:30 pm. FREE of charge. Please call to reserve a seat: 519-658-4443. (If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.)

Longest Night Prayer Service - If you are grieving, lonely or sad for any reason as the Christmas Season approaches, please consider attending this ecumenical service. Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener. This will be an evening of scripture, reflective music and prayer. A time of fellowship will follow.

PAST DONATIONS

Date	Sunday Env.	Easter	Loose
Dec 3, 2017	4462.00	20.00	376.20

Preauthorized donations for Dec. prorated per week: \$ 1755.77
Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!



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