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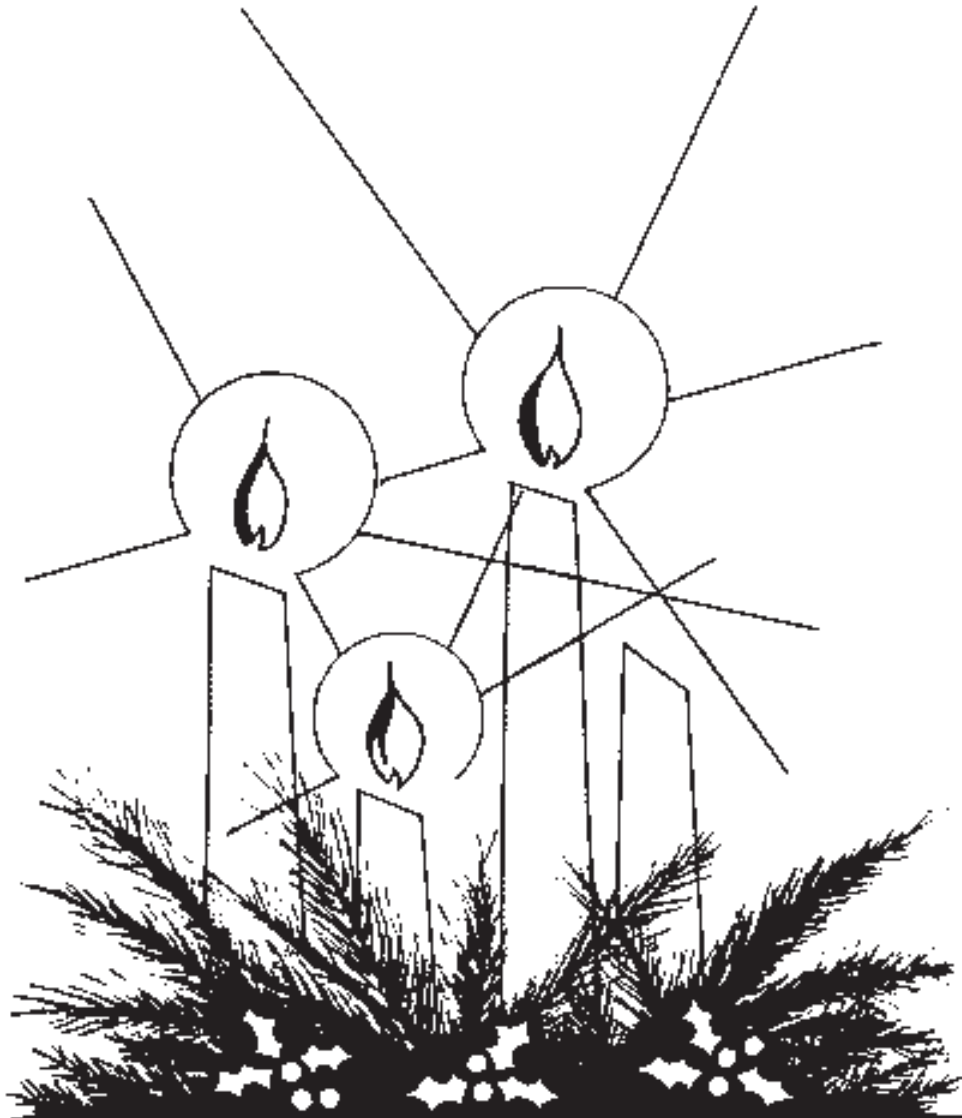
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Advent

Third Sunday of Advent – Year B

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 16

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Wednesday, December 17

9:00 am † Claire Lamont – Malton Family

Thursday, December 18

9:00 am † Mario Castro – Family Blanco Garcia

Friday, December 19

9:00 am † John Krauss – Eileen Fischer

Saturday, December 20 –

Sunday liturgy – Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm † Claude Freiburger– Laureen Freiburger
 † Patrick, Max & David – Audrey & Family
 † Albert Ruetz – Catherine Ruetz & Family
 † Bob Ruetz – Frances Ruetz

Sunday, December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 am People of St. Louis

11:30 am † Edward Hrycyk – Stella Hrycyk & Family
 † David Coombes – Joyce Coombes
 † Kathleen Pendergast – St. Louis Ushers
 For blessings and intentions of brothers Andrew and Jonathan – Malton Family

For Third Sunday of Advent:

The opening words of the first reading from Isaiah (“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed”) are familiar to us from an episode in the Luke’s gospel account (Luke 4:16-30). At the start of his public ministry, Jesus quoted this passage from Isaiah in His synagogue in Nazareth as a means of announcing that His ministry was the fulfillment of Israel’s prophetic tradition. Isaiah’s prophecy, spoken nearly five hundred years earlier, foreshadowed God’s salvation to “all the nations” in the person of Jesus Christ.

Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians is considered to be the earliest written piece of New Testament, written around 50 AD. This community was eagerly awaiting Jesus’ return. Paul gives them eight directives. Six are in the positive form: “rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, hold fast to what is good, abstain from every form of evil, test everything.” And two are in the negative form: “do not quench the Spirit” and “do not despise the words of the Prophets.” Paul’s call to high ethical standards and conduct among believers in Christ helped define the early Pauline Christian communities.

In the Gospel reading we meet John the Baptist. People around him question him, whether he is the promised Messiah or a prophet. John made it clear that he was none of these; rather, he was “the voice of one crying out in the wilderness.” The ministry of John the Baptist was to “baptize” the people in preparation for the coming of the Messiah. He laid a framework for the celebration of Advent to this very day.

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec 20 5:00 pm	1 Stephen Filipowicz 2 Marnie Wharnsby C Jim Walsh	1 Betty Gross 2 Joan Sichewski 3 Grant Ertel
Sun. Dec 21 9:30 am	1 Frank Mensink 2 Caroline Noel C Mike Haley	1 Ed Ruppe 2 Mary Sehl 3 Jack Sehl
11:30 am	1 Elizabeth Gaiger 2 Connie August C Donna Herbstreit	1 Aurora DiPasquale 2 Terry Sullivan 3 Marianne Butler

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 15

1:00 pm K of C Concert: “Noteworthy Singers” Gym
 7:30 pm Reconciliation service Church

Wednesday, December 17

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

Thursday, December 18

6:30 pm Baptismal Preparation Notre Dame Hall
 9:30 am Small Christian Community Notre Dame Hall
 7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal Church

Friday, December 19

6:30 pm Youth Music Rehearsal Church

Advent Sale at the Carmelite Monastery begins First Sunday of Advent until December 23rd. Every day from 8:00 am till 8:00 pm. Homemade Jams, Jellies, Honey, Cards, Knitwear.

Longest Night Prayer Service - Join us Monday December 22 at 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kit. for an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary’s unique role in God’s Kingdom and in our lives. 8 week series by Edward Sri, filmed on location in the Holy Land. Saturdays at 10 am in the Lower Hall at St. Mary’s, Kitchener, starting Jan. 17th. To order study materials call 519-576-3860 by Dec. 18th.

PRAY WITHOUT
 CEASING,
 BE SOUND AND
 BLAMELESS
 AT THE COMING OF
 OUR LORD
 JESUS CHRIST!

Reconciliation Services this week in the area

Sunday, December 14th

3:00 pm Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener

Monday, December 15th

7:30 pm St Louis Church, Waterloo

7:00 pm St Mary's Church, Kitchener

Tuesday, December 16th

7:30 pm St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira

Wednesday, December 17th

8:30 am St. Anne's Church, Kitchener

7:30 pm St. Michael's Church, Waterloo

Thursday, December 18th

7:30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo

7:30 pm St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener

Monday, December 22nd

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

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (December 24th) –

5:00 pm (Family), 10:00 pm and Midnight

Christmas Day (December 25th) – 10:00 am

New Year's Eve (December 31st) – 5:00 pm

New Year's Day (January 1st) – 10:00 am

Christmas and Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Jan 1st) are days of obligation.

Mass schedule for Sundays remains unchanged.

The 5 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass: There will not be a children re-enactment of the Gospel readings as in the past. Fr. Michal is preparing something special for the children. It's a secret!

Father Phil and the St. Louis Out Of The Cold advisory team have made a decision to **close down St. Louis OOTC** effective Jan. 31, 2015, after 16 years of service. The Region's emergency shelters, specifically House of Friendship and the YWCA shelter, are enabling the homeless to find permanent housing. St. Louis OOTC is confident the Region's efforts to end homelessness are working. We feel duplicating the services the Region is now supplying would not be in the best interest of the homeless. Our goal is to support the Region with their mandate of aggressively addressing homelessness in the region.

In this "Season of Giving" please remember the local charities, such as St. Vincent de Paul at St. Louis and Working Centre in Kitchener, or Resurrectionist Missions (265 Westmount Road North, Waterloo ON N2L 3G7). In addition, check out "Save a Family Plan" run by seminarians in London Diocese, where 100% of donations reach the people in need. (See flyers in the church, or check www.safp.org)



Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events sponsored by your St. Louis Catholic Women's League:

Wed. Jan. 7th – Fr. Phil gives us a "Tour" of St. Louis Church

Wed. Jan. 28th – Annual St. Louis Dessert Card Party

Sat. Feb. 21st – Ladies Mini Lenten Retreat at St. Louis

"Having an Attitude of Gratitude" (sponsored by the 4 Waterloo CWL Councils).

First Communion Classes: For all families wishing to have their child receive the Sacraments of First Communion and First Reconciliation here at St. Louis parish, we will begin classes Wednesday, January 28th from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. To register, or for more information please call the office and speak with Kelly Krause.

Operation Underground Railroad (OUR) is a non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing children from human trafficking and sex slavery. The team at Magnet Forensics wants to help OUR continue to fight the battle against child sex slavery, and so we are organizing this fundraiser to raise money and awareness for this incredible organization. Please join us for the **First Annual Magnet Forensic & OUR Bowling Fundraiser on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7-10 pm, at Bingeman's King Pin.** The event will be filled with bowling, networking, dancing, 50/50 tickets and prizes. To register your team of 4 to participate in the tournament and/or to donate please contact us at donate@magnetforensics or call 519-342-0195. Donating online: <https://yourrescue.org/projects/magnet-forensics-o-u-r-bowling-fundraiser/> (here you can also see your donations in action). Thank you for your support!

Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia – The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families, departing Sept. 22, 2015 and returning September 28, 2015 – both Bishop Crosby and Bishop Miehm will be attending. The World Meeting is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on the concepts of marriage, family and relationship. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 12 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The first 100 people to register for the Hamilton Diocesan trip will have both their registration and transportation (by bus) paid by the Diocese, leaving only the cost of hotel and food. For more information and to register, please go to www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartnett). "I believe that this event has the power to transform, in deeply positive ways, not just the Catholic Church, but our entire community," stated Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia.

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