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ADVENT

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

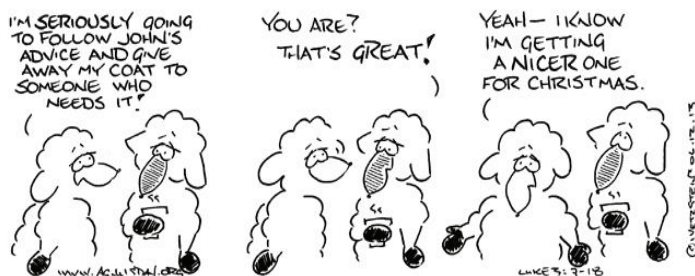
Monday, December 17 - No Mass
Tuesday, December 18
 9:00 am Deceased Members of the Congregation of the Resurrection
Wednesday, December 19
 9:00 am † Wayne Hall – Claire & Richard Armitage
Thursday, December 20
 9:00 am † Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger
Friday, December 21
 9:00 am † Bob Ruetz – Fran Ruetz & Family
Saturday, December 22
Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent
 5:00 pm † Claude Freiburger – Freiburger Family
 † Albert Ruetz – Catherine Ruetz & Family
 † Colonel & Jean Moser – Moser Family
 † Paul Weinstein – Weinstein Family
Sunday, December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
 9:30 am † Joe Vassallo – Hulme Family
 † James Kenneth Hood – Bruce & Cathy, Allison & Emily Brown
 † John Lansky – Anna Lansky & Family
 † Khampheng, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy – Xaysy Family
 11:30 am People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the First Reading (Zephaniah 3:14 – 18a)

The Prophet addresses the people affectionately with the term “daughter Zion” and, in spite of her infidelities, announces salvation: “The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will renew you in His love.” At a time when Israel felt the threat of formidable enemies and did not expect the solution to their difficulties, God promises salvation that will gladden the people. What wonderful news! God’s judgement brings with it the promise of salvation in the face of danger and struggles, God is on our side, ever ready to save us because he loves us, Zephaniah announces the end of the exile and the return from Babylon with a vibrant oracle, a joyful hymn to Jerusalem. The reasons for joy are twofold. First, God revoked the sentence of condemnation and has dispersed the enemies; second, the Lord promises never to abandon his people; he guarantees salvation.

“REJOICE AND EXULT WITH ALL YOUR HEART, O DAUGHTER OF JERUSALEM! THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY THE JUDGEMENT AGAINST YOU, HE HAS TURNED AWAY YOUR ENEMIES.” Zeph 3:14b-15a

Excerpt: 2019 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers & Proclaimers of the Word.



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THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, December 17
 9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym
 noon – 1 pm Lunch & Learn book club Nursery
Wednesday, December 19
 9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym
 6:00 pm 11:30 Choir rehearsal Church
Thursday, December 20
 9:30am Small Christian Community Large Hall
 1:00 pm Bible Study: Luke – Infancy Narratives Large Hall
 7:00 pm 9:30 Choir rehearsal Church
Friday, December 21
 9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym
 6:00 pm Youth Music Rehearsal Church
Saturday, December 22
 9:00 am Decorating for Christmas Church
Sunday, December 23
 10:30 am Sunday Social Large Hall
 5:00 pm OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec. 22 5:00 pm	1 Andy Zajchowski 2 Bea Lajeunesse C Jim Walsh	1 Trudy Allensen 2 Sharon Carey 3 Guy Tremblay
Sun. Dec. 23 9:30 am	1 John Klein 2 Terry Collins C Rose Mastnak	1 Ed Ruppe 2 Annette Hulme 3 Frank Hulme
Sun. Dec. 23 11:30 am	1 Liz Gaiger 2 Simon Blanchard C Carol Sullivan	1 Cathy Brown 2 Darlene Wilson 3 Charlie Wilson

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

DEC 22	VIGIL OF 4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	5 PM
DEC 23	4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9:30 & 11:30 AM
DEC 24	CHRISTMAS EVE	5 PM & 9 PM
DEC 25	CHRISTMAS DAY	9:30 & 11:30 AM
DEC 26	ST. STEPHEN'S DAY	NO MASS
DEC 27	ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE	9 AM
DEC 28	HOLY INNOCENTS	9 AM
DEC 29	VIGIL OF HOLY FAMILY	5PM
DEC 30	HOLY FAMILY	9:30 & 11:30 AM
DEC 31	VIGIL OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	5 PM
JAN 1	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	9:30 AM (ONLY)
JAN 2	ST. BASIL & ST. GREGORY	9 AM
JAN 3	FERIAL	9 AM
JAN 4-16	NO DAILY MASSES. SATURDAY & SUNDAY SCHEDULE AS USUAL	



Confirmation for Adults – Any adult who wishes to be Confirmed on Feb 3, 2019 please contact the office promptly. There will be a couple of preparation sessions scheduled at a mutually convenient time.

Your CWL also invites all parishioners to take part in our "Warmth and Comfort" initiative. Until Dec. 31st, we will be collecting socks for men, women and children as well as peanut butter and crackers to donate to our local homeless shelters. Please place your items in the donation box at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.





Decorating our church for Christmas will take place on Saturday, December 22 starting at 9 am. Come and lend a hand.



Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

The Herb Wittich Depot of Canadian Food for Children urgently needs help! Needed: A volunteer with a pickup truck with hardtop or tarp, cargo van or trailer who would be able to pick up 75-100 green bags of used clothing at the Saint Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Thrift Shop in Cambridge and bring it to the Depot on Guelph St. in Kitchener to arrive around 1 pm. This would be required every other Wednesday.

Why: The SVDP Thrift Shop gives us a weekly donation of “slightly” used clothing. This regular supply from them is what allows us to continue our mission to help the poor. Very generously, SVDP has been delivering this donation to us on a weekly basis but can no longer provide their truck every week. The loss of this regular weekly source of good used clothing would have a major impact on our work. If you or someone you know might be able to help, please contact John Pinnington at 519-894-5046 or pinn@golden.net. (If we got more than one volunteer that would lighten the load for everyone.)

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES & TIMES OF CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, December 18th

6:00 – 6:45 pm St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener

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

Wednesday, December 19th

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

7:00 pm St. Clement’s Church, Cambridge

Thursday, December 20th

7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener

Friday, December 21st

5:00 – 6:30 pm St. John’s Church, Kitchener

9:00am – 9:00 pm (all day) St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener

Saturday, December 22nd

3:00 – 4:30pm St. John’s, Kitchener

9:00 – 10:00 am St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener

2:30 – 4:30 am St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener



‘One Heart, One Soul’ Campaign 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 oneheartonesoul.ca.

What is the state of diocesan finances? Is this a desperate situation that requires a campaign? *The diocesan financial picture is strong – the amount of assets has grown in recent years and investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in diocesan operating costs. Property sales have been used more frequently to keep the Diocese’s operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese’s disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.*

I’ve heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can’t those be used? *At the end of 2017, the Diocese reported assets of \$322 million. However, the majority of the assets are restricted assets, such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries, money legally reserved for the maintenance of cemetery operations and funds held for pre-arranged funeral services and burials. Unrestricted assets are less than a third of the total capital. Of these unrestricted assets, more than 90 percent is used to generate investment income that – when combined with parish assessments – pays for annual diocesan operations (68 percent) and make funds available for grants and loans to help parishes and organizations within and outside the Diocese (32 percent).*

Is there any chance that funds would be used to settle potential claims of abuse of children by clergy? *The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account, in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given – an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese: “All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy.” For a link to the full letter, see our diocesan website, hamiltondiocese.com.*

What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond? *Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese’s financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – the website, emails, social media, to name a few.*

Past Collections – December 9, 2018:

Sunday Envelopes	Initial	Loose	Maintenance	Pre-authorized per week
\$3625.50	\$20.00	\$344.55	\$0.00	\$2366.00

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!

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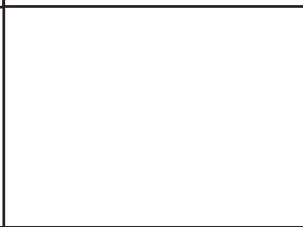
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