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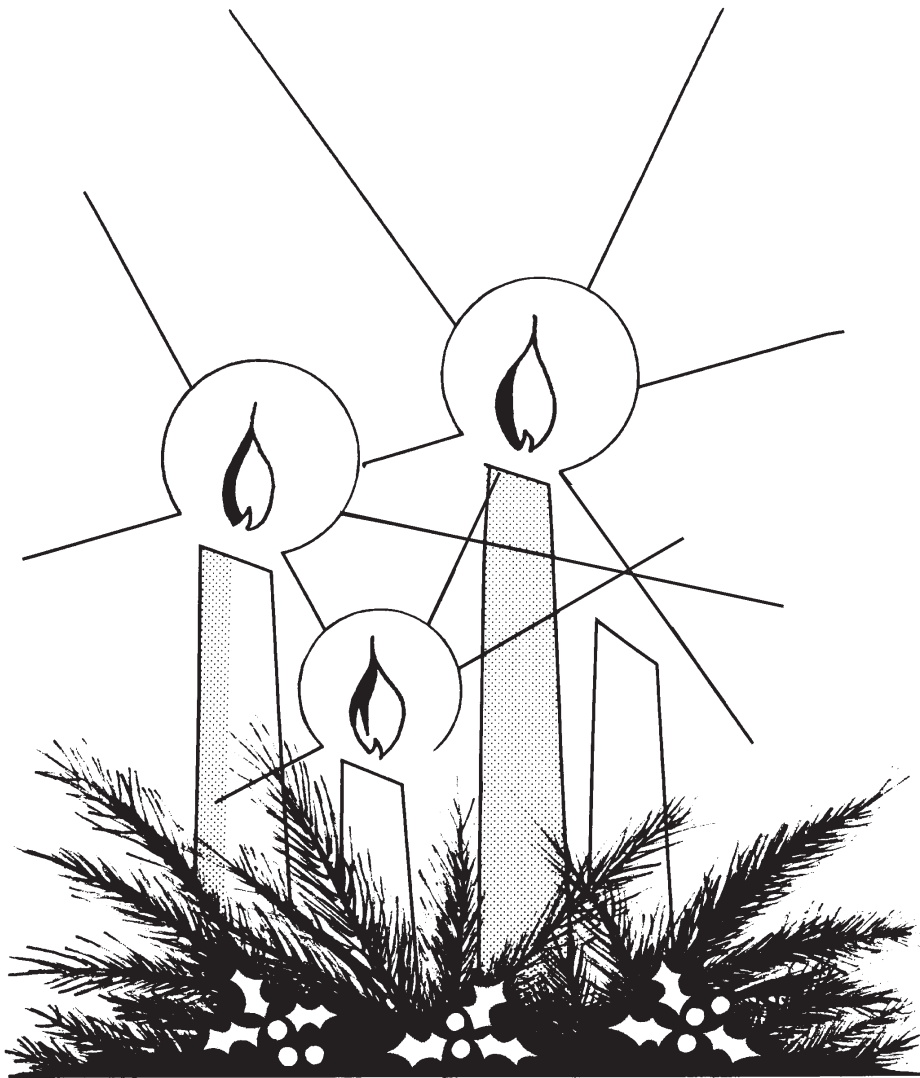
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Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 18 – No Mass
Tuesday, December 19
 9:00 am † Bill Marley– Mary Ellen Marley
Wednesday, December 20
 9:00 am Beatification of Bogdan Janski, founder of the
 Congregation of the Resurrection
Thursday, December 21
 9:00 am † Gary Sothern – Deb & Michael Schmitt
Friday, December 22
 9:00 am † Marie Englert – Mary & Gerry MacDougall
Saturday, December 23
Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent
 5:00 pm † Claude Freiburger – Loreen Freiburger & Family
 † Bob Ruetz – Fran Ruetz & Family
 † Al Enns – Giselle Enns
 † Bill Wharnsby – Marnie Wharnsby
Sunday, December 24
Fourth Sunday in Advent
 9:30 am † Ruth Mary Gladstone – Mary Smith
 11:30 am † James Donker – Donna Donkers & Family
 † Joseph Vassallo – Hulme Family
 † Javier Garcia Limares– Blanco Garcia Family
 11:30 am For People of St. Louis Parish
Vigil of Christmas
 5:00 pm For Children of St. Louis Parish
 9:00 pm For People of St. Louis Parish
Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day
 9:30 am For Past & Present Pastors of St. Louis Parish
 11:30 am For Benefactors of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Today’s portrait of John the Baptist comes from the first chapter of the Fourth Gospel, where major themes and images are introduced. John the Baptist himself is the means for introducing Jesus. His role is to testify to the light, to give witness stating unambiguously who he is and is not, always pointing away from himself toward the light. An image closely associated with life and God’s presence, light radiates to bring knowledge and belief. Its opposite, darkness, can neither understand nor overcome light. The priests and Levites give John the opening to clarify his own identity and to turn their attention toward Jesus, the light of the world.

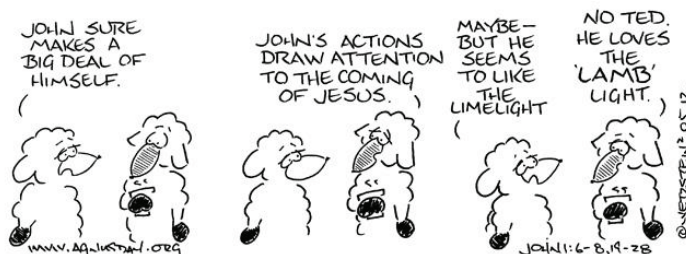
John is described as one “sent from God.” We hear his status, but John’s interrogators do not. John tells them immediately that he is not the Christ; they question him further. He is not Elijah, nor “the” Prophet, probably referring to the Prophet like Moses whom God promised to raise up. Each denial shows that John is not the one the Jews have been waiting for. With mounting impatience, the priest and Levites ask directly, “What do you say about yourself?” John’s answer is taken from the Prophet Isaiah. He is only the voice who cries out: “Make straight the way of the Lord.” John prepares this roadway not only for the people, but also so that the Lord may now come to them.

Widely known as “the Baptist,” in fact John’s primary role is not baptizing. All his words and his actions, including baptism, are to prepare the people for the one whose sandals he is unworthy to untie. They do not, however, recognize him; they are still lacking the light needed for understanding and faith.

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, December 18
 noon Lunch and Learn Nursery
 7:30 pm *Mystery of God* – Bishop Barron – 6/6 Large Hall
Wednesday, December 20
 6:00 pm 11:30 Choir Rehearsal Church
Thursday, December 21
 9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall
 7:30 pm 9:30 Choir Rehearsal Church
Friday, December 22
 6:00 pm Youth Music rehearsal Church

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec. 23 5 pm Advent 4 -Eve	1. Jennifer McDonald 2. Joan Sichewski C. Donna Herbstreit	1. Justine Krause 2. Marilyn Foster 3. John Carey
Sun. Dec. 24 9:30 am Advent 4	1. Terry Collins 2. Peter Erb C. Annette Hulme	1. Eric Davis 2. Frank Hulme 3. Mary Smith
Sun. Dec. 24 11:30 am Advent 4	1. Lois Peterson 2. Rosemary MacNeil C. Shaun MacNeil	1. Al Kehn 2. Patti Walsh 3. volunteer needed
Sun. Dec. 24 5:00 pm Christmas Eve	1. Jennifer McDonald 2. Ben Beaton C. Donna Herbstreit	1. Justine Krause 2. Anne M. Webster 3. Debbie Delattre 4. Daniel Delattre 5. Natalie Ferrier
Sun. Dec. 24 9:00 pm Christmas Eve	1. Michael Schmitt 2. Deb Zettel-Schmitt C. Terry Collins	1. Matthew Dopko 2. Christine Dopko 3. Anna Malton
Mon. Dec. 25 9:30 am Christmas	1. Mary Smith 2. Cecilia Beechey C. Sharon Carey	1. Betty Gross 2. Rob Hisperger 3. John Carey
Mon. Dec. 25 11:30 am Christmas	1. Donna Herbstrei 2. Andy Zajchowski C. Lois Peterson	1. Patti Walsh 2. volunteer needed 3. volunteer needed



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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.





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Audrey and Gerald Moser Trust held at The Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation has generously granted \$4000 to St. Louis Parish.

We acknowledge it with thanks.



THIS JANUARY...

Mondays at 7:30 pm – David, the King by Bishop Barron

Our parish will soon experience how the whole Bible opens up once it's viewed through the person of King David in Bishop Robert Barron's newest Bible study.

David's kingship recalls the kingship of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and also foreshadows the kingship of Jesus Christ. Adam was the first king and steward of the rightly ordered Garden of Eden, but he failed. Later, David emerged as hope of Israel who sought to restore order in the Garden and bring the world under the lordship of God. But being imperfect, David did not fully accomplish this task. So God promised to send a *son of David* who would be the perfect and eternal king.

On Monday, **January 8th** (for 6 weeks until February 12th) our parish will begin Bishop Robert Barron's *David the King*, study. For more information, or to register, please contact the parish office.

Thursdays at 1 pm – True Reformers by Christopher Blum

Dr. Christopher Blum will lead us on a journey with the saints who led the Church's rebirth from the ashes of the confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. As you will get to know them, you will discover how powerful – and beautiful – is the human heart's free response to God's generous Grace.

On **Thursday, January 11th** at 1 pm (for 6 weeks) we will start this series which includes looking at lives of Saints: Thomas More, Ignatius of Loyola, Philip Neri, Charles Borromeo, Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales and how they spearheaded the Church's rebirth after the turbulence and confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. For more information, or to register, please contact the parish office.

The Franciscan Friars, in collaboration with a Muslim Production Company, have produced a film about St. Francis of Assisi's pilgrimage of peace to the Muslims in the midst of the Crusades. It is a strong statement for peace and understanding between Christians and Muslims. The Sultan and the Saint will be broadcast on **PBS, Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 8 pm**. The film tells the story of St. Francis and Sultan Al-Kamil of Egypt, using both Christian and Muslim sources.

KW Right To Life Charity Dinner Gala - Culture vs. Christ: In Search of Authentic Love with Jonathon Van Maren - February 8, 2018, Polish Legion Hall 601 Wellington St. N. Kit. Dinner at 6 pm. Speakers begin at 7 pm. Cash bar - Silent Auction - Tickets \$40 kwrtl.ticketleap.com/love or KW Right to Life Office 51-746-5433.

Please note: This bulletin had to be sent to the printers on Monday Jan 11, 2017.

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If you do not remember what this means – please look it up!

Reconciliation Services

Advent 2017

Monday, December 18th

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

Tuesday, December 19th

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

7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener

Friday, December 22nd

8:30 am – 9:00 pm St. Anthony Daniel,

Kitchener

5:00 – 6:30 pm St. John's Kitchener

6:00 – 8:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila,

Kitchener

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.	Christmas	Maintenance	Loose
Dec 10	4765.00	45.00	110.00	343.65

Preauthorized donations for Dec. prorated per week: \$ 1755.77

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!



Pre-Authorized Giving available at St. Louis Church.

Funds transferred monthly on the 20th of each month. (This covers only the regular Sunday envelope donations). If interested, ask an usher, or Fr. Phil for a registration form.

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

only 1 Mass

Days of Obligation:

Sundays, Christmas & Feast of Mary, Mother of God



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