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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, December 19**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, December 20**

9:00 am † Rev. Terry McGuire, C.R.

### **Wednesday, December 21**

9:00 am Beatification of Bogdan Janski, founder of the Congregation of the Resurrection

### **Thursday, December 22**

9:00 am Intentions of Monica Wheeler – Teresa Matan

### **Friday, December 23**

9:00 am † Bob Ruetz – Fran Ruetz

### **Saturday, December 24 – Eve of the Nativity of the Lord**

5:00 pm For Children of St. Louis Parish

10:00 pm For People of St. Louis Parish

### **Sunday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord**

9:30 am For Past and Present Pastors of St. Louis Parish

11:30 am For Benefactors of St. Louis Parish

### **Reflection on the Second Reading from James 5: 7-10**

As the Church nears the celebration of Jesus' birth the readings increasingly claim that the event "fulfills" Israel's Scriptures. This view flows from the earliest Christians, immersed in the Jewish perspective that God's plan of salvation unfolded in their communal life of relationship with God. As time passed, new events revealed deeper meanings of God's Word, often meanings undreamed in centuries past. The thoroughly Jewish Apostle to the Gentiles speaks from this perspective at the beginning of the Letter to the Romans.

What Paul proclaims to the Church at Rome is the "gospel of God", the good news of salvation of Christ. By proclaiming that his message fulfills the promise of the Scriptures, the Apostle underscores its authenticity. Jesus is revealed as the long-awaited "Son of David," the ideal ruler who inaugurates God's final reign over all things. In raising Jesus from death, God further reveals Christ as "Son of God" in a new sense; he is not only an earthly king adopted by God (Psalm 2:6-7), but shares the fullness of divine Spirit. Paul announces that this Christ who Fulfills Israel's Scriptures called him to proclaim that astonishing message: Jesus, Son of David and Son of God, realizes the hopes of Gentiles as well. All are called to be holy in Christ Jesus, for all are called to belong to him.

*"Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."*

Isaiah 7:14



## Upcoming Events

### **Tuesday, December 20**

noon Lunch & Learn: *Does the Bible Really Say That?* (Chapter 22 & 23) by Patrick Madrid Nursery

6:30 pm CWL Executive Meeting L. Hall

### **Wednesday, December 21**

6:00 pm (11:30) Choir Rehearsal Church

### **Thursday, December 22**

9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall

7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal Church

### **Friday, December 23**

9:30 am Church decorating for Christmas Church

6:00 pm Youth Music Church

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec 24 5:00 pm	1 Jennifer McDonald 2 Ben Beaton C Betty Gross	1 Donna Herbstreit 2 Anne Marie Webster 3 Justine Krause 4 Marianne Butler 5 Christiane Martin
Sat. Dec 24 10:00 pm	1 Ioanna Malton 2 Annette Hulme 3 Debbie Delattre	1 Daniel Delattre 2 Patti Walsh 3 Frank Hulme
Sun. Dec 25 9:30 am	1 Christopher Bishop 2 Barry Hinschberger C Tom Bishop	1 Rob Hinsperger 2 Joanne Bond 3 Justine Krause
11:30 am	1 Donna Herbstreit 2 Mary Smith C Louis Peterson	1 Natalie Ferrier 2 Rorry Ferrier

### Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule:



*Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) – Christmas Eve:*

5 pm (Family), 10 pm

*Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> (Sun.) – Christmas Day:*

9:30 am, 11:30 am

*Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> (Sat.) – Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve):*

5 pm

*Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> (Sun) – Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day):*

9:30 am, 11:30 am



### Did you know that?

*"Emmanuel" (in Hebrew) means "God is with us"  
"Jesus" (from Greek "Iesous" and Hebrew "Joshua")  
means "God saves"*

*"Messiah" comes from the Hebrew word mashiach and means "anointed one" or "chosen one." The Greek equivalent is the word Christos or, in English, Christ.*



St. Louis Catholic Women's League Mission Bake/Craft Sale final results: Because of the great participation of League members and many other parishioners \$4,932 was raised. Therefore, each of the 3 missions will receive \$1,644. Thank you!

**Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide – Did You Know?** The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament.



**Christmas Concert – Dreaming of Christmas** – by Mags, a three time Canadian Gospel Music Association nominee. The concert is on Tuesday, December 20th at 7 p.m. at Hope Fellowship, 25 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo (2nd floor of the outlet mall). Admission is \$10. For more info check [www.magsthesinger.com](http://www.magsthesinger.com).

**Embracing the Wisdom of Monks & Mystics: A Senior Adult Workshop Series - 6 Wednesday afternoons, starting Jan. 11, 2017 1:30- 3:30pm at Chancery Office - Hamilton**

This 6 part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new & creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost (\$35) includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine Valters Paintner. Register by Dec. 22. For further information please contact Monica at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-52807988 X 2238 or check the website, [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for more information.



**Carmelite Monastery's Christmas Sale** continues until Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. The Sale will include homemade jams, jellies, our own honey, and home-baked loaves.



**Longest Night Prayer Service** - If Christmas is a sad time for you because you of the loss of a loved one, please consider attending this ecumenical service. Wed., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, (49 Blueridge Ave. Kit.). This will be 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. If you have any questions please call 519-745-7301.

**Program Announcements**



**First Communion:** Anyone who has a child in Gr. 2 and would like them to receive the Sacrament of the First Eucharist here at St. Louis parish; classes will run Wednesday nights beginning Wed. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm - 7:30 pm in the Nursery. The celebration of this Sacrament will take place on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 am Mass. Anyone interested, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office to register.

**Children's Sunday Programs** at 9:30am Mass will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. This includes Babysitting, Sunday school and Liturgy of the word. All programs will resume January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Good Shepherd Catechesis** program is closed for the Christmas break and will resume again on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Group** does not meet over Christmas break. Next meeting for everyone is January 13th. It is a fun night so bring a friend!! Next High School meeting will be January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Bible Study on Thursdays** (afternoon) will resume on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm with a new program by Bishop Barron "Priest, Prophet and King". All are welcome.

**Monday Night Pivotal Players** by Bishop Barron will resume on Monday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. In January we will look at lives and work of G.K. Chesterton and Michelangelo. All are welcome.

**Beloved – Marriage Enrichment Program** – next session on Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>. Lunch and babysitting provided. All are welcome.

**Lunch and Learn** – continues weekly on Tuesdays at noon. No meeting on Dec 27<sup>th</sup>. (We read and discuss short chapters in the book by Patrick Madrid *Does the Bible Really Say That?* All are welcome. Come as you can.

**Advent Penitential Services  
this coming week:**

**Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm St. Mark's Church, Kitchener  
7:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira  
7:30 pm St. Ambrose Church, Cambridge

**Extra Confession Times:**

St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener  
Tuesday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 6:45 pm

St. John's Church, Kitchener  
Friday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 – 6:30 pm

St. Anne's Church, Kitchener  
Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Small Christian Community** – continues to meet on Thursdays at 9:30 am. No meeting on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Next CWL meeting** - January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Next St. Vincent de Paul meeting** – January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Last Sunday Collection:**

Sunday Envelopes : \$5814.00  
Loose Donations : \$492.40

*Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!*

**Pre-Authorized Giving available at St. Louis Church.**

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Funds are transferred monthly on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. (This covers **only** the regular Sunday envelope donations). If interested, pick up a registration form.





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