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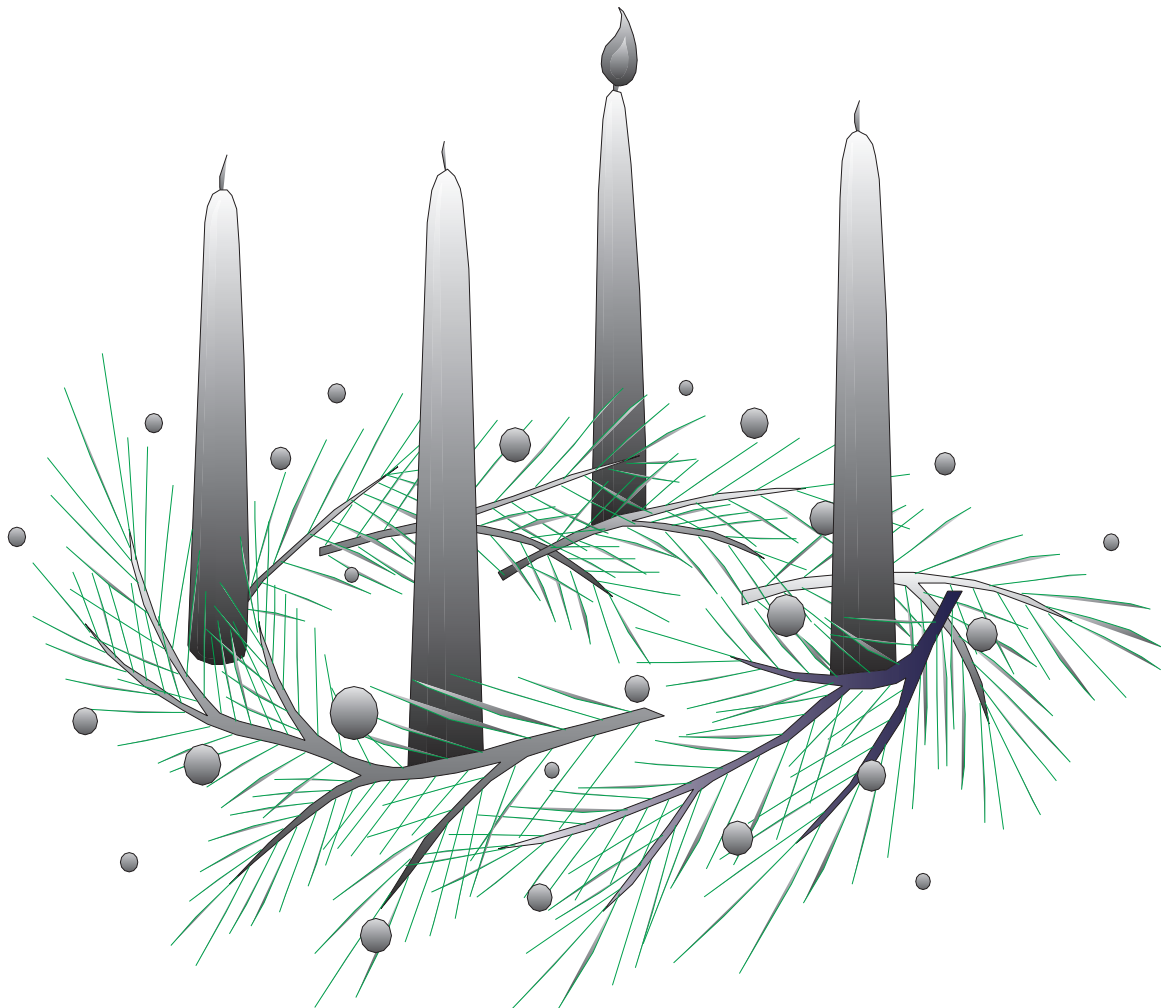
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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest** -  
No Mass

**Tuesday, December 4**

9:00 am † Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family

**Wednesday, December 5**

9:00 am † Doris Toussaint – Claire & Richard Armitage

7:00 pm † Marie Stefanuk – CWL

**Thursday, December 6 – St. Nicholas, Bishop**

9:00 am † Daniel Caron – Claire & Richard Armitage

**Friday, December 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church**

9:00 am † Ed Adlys – Phyllis & Larry Ertel

**Saturday, December 8 – The Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm † John Kenny – Patrick & Joan Forde

† Terence Bayley – Patrick & Joan Forde

† Robert Donncut – Giselle Enns

† Anna Jakielaszek – Peter & Wendy Brill

**Sunday, December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 am † Bill Wharnsby – Wharnsby Family

† Sylvia & Ed Borderman – Wharnsby Family

† Deceased Members of the Prior Family – Don &  
Lorraine Prior & Donna Donkers

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### Reflection on the Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2)

The second reading begins with a prayer, "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all." Paul desires a mature, fraternal love, open to everyone in the community; that would be the finest preparation and guarantee to meet the Lord when he comes. To live in expectation of his coming does not imply a flight from everyday reality. Paul invites us to conduct ourselves in a way pleasing to God. If the full stature of the believer is Christ, the basic attitude of each one is practising what we have attained by our Baptism in Christ. These words are directed to people prepared by the promise God made to his people, the promise Jeremiah recalls in the first reading: "I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David."

Excerpt: 2018 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers & Proclaimers of the Word.



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## THIS WEEK EVENTS

**Monday, December 3**

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym

noon – 1 pm Lunch & Learn book club Nursery

**7:30 pm Reconciliation Service Church**

**Tuesday, December 4**

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting Large Hall

**Wednesday, December 5**

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym

6:00 pm 11:30 Choir rehearsal Church

7:30 pm CWL meeting Large Hall

**Thursday, December 6**

9:30am Small Christian Community Large Hall

1:00 pm Bible Study: Luke – Infancy Large Hall

7:00 pm 9:30 Choir rehearsal Church

**Friday, December 7**

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym

6:00 pm Youth Music Rehearsal Church

7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting (Highschool) Large Hall

**Sunday, December 9**

10:30 am Sunday Social Large Hall

5:00 pm OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec. 8 5:00 pm	1 Jim Walsh 2 Marnie Wharnsby C Sharon Carey	1 Trudy Allensen 2 Christiane Martin 3 Guy Tremblay
Sun. Dec. 9 9:30 am	1 Tom Bishop 2 Cecilia Beechey C Betty Gross	1 Frank Mensink 2 Mary Smith 3 Rob Hinsperger
Sun. Dec. 9 11:30 am	1 Rachael Ward 2 Mike Anderson C Shaun MacNeil	1 Albert McMillan 2 Natalie Ferrier 3 Rory Ferrier



**Saint Nicholas of Myra** (traditionally 15 March 270 AD – 6 Dec. 343 AD) also known as Nicholas of Bari, was an early Christian bishop of the ancient Greek city of Myra in Asia Minor (modern-day Demre, Turkey) during the time of the Roman Empire. Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, brewers, pawnbrokers, and students in various cities and countries around Europe. His reputation evolved among the faithful, and his legendary habit of secret gift-giving gave rise to the traditional model of Santa Claus ("Saint Nick") through Sinterklaas. (Wikipedia)



### Advent Activity: Make a 'Sacrifice Manger'

- We are doing this activity again this year, fun for young and old. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, pick up your package of yarn pieces at the back of the church. During the Advent season, every time a good deed is done, place one of the yarn

pieces in a special place. At the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass, we will have a basket at the altar. When you come to Mass, place your yarn pieces in the basket. At the appropriate time during the Mass, Fr. Phil will then place all the yarn pieces at the manger to give baby Jesus a soft place to sleep. If you cannot attend that particular Mass, don't let that discourage you. Bring your yarn pieces to any of the Christmas Masses and Fr. Phil will accept your yarn pieces and place them at the manger. Adults are welcome to participate in this activity if they would like.

# DECEMBER 2, 2018



**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.



Our Christmas CWL General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, starting with Mass at 7 pm. Please join us for a festive evening of singing Christmas carols and our yearly auction in addition to our regular meeting. As always, we welcome all members and non-members!

Your CWL also invites all parishioners to take part in our "Warmth and Comfort" initiative. Until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 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. Please remember to submit your annual CWL fees! Cost is \$25. Please make any cheques out to: St. Louis CWL. Any questions please contact Donna Donkers (519)742-2276.



**The Biggest Catholic Young Adults Christmas Party Ever 3!!!** Catholic Young Adults from far and wide will be coming out to ONE, BIG, AWESOME CHRISTMAS PARTY! If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19-39, and single, couple or married, this will be the place to BE. 3-course dinner, live entertainment, and dancing. Consider yourself INVITED! **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 5 pm - Mass; 6 pm - Cocktail Social; 6:45 pm - Catered Dinner.** We've got a Photobooth, Doorprizes, Cash Bar, and oh, so much more! Asking a suggested \$25 per person. St. Thomas the Apostle Church (715 Centre Rd., Waterdown). Please RSVP before December 12 (we need to get numbers for food). Contact: Justin Peter at [jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com) or call 905-689-4857X8.

**Adoration for Life** is occurring at the following locations:  
Thu., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: 11am - noon (Mass at 12:10 pm) at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows RC Church 56 Duke St. W. Kit.  
Thu., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 7 pm (Mass at 7pm) at St. Agnes RC Church 75 Bluevale St. N Waterloo.  
Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 7pm (Mass at 7pm) St. Teresa RC Church Adoration Chapel 44 Leonard St. Kit.

**Prayer Vigil: Thu., Dec. 6, from 9 – 10 am** in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)

### Past Collections – Nov. 25, 2018:

Sunday Envelopes	Loose	Maintenance	Pre-authorized per week
\$ 3179.00	\$ 491.15	\$120.00	\$2366.00

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!

## ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES 2018

Monday, December 3rd  
7:30 pm St. Louis Church, Waterloo

Tuesday, December 4th  
7:30 pm St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

Wednesday, December 5th  
7:30 pm St. Michael's Church, Waterloo

Thursday, December 6th  
7:30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo

Sunday, December 9th  
1:00 pm St. Jerome's University Catholic Community, Waterloo



## '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](http://oneheartonesoul.ca).

**Who will actually conduct the campaign at each Parish?** The Diocese, with the help of the Steier Group, will manage the overall campaign effort, including the preparation of materials. At each Parish, the Pastor will identify campaign leaders who will work with the Steier Group. Those Parish leaders will help recruit other volunteers to form a campaign team that will conduct the

personal visits and other elements that are the key to the success of the campaign.

**How much help with the campaign can our Parish expect to get from the Diocese and the consulting firm?** The Diocese will pay the financial costs of the campaign. Parishes will not be responsible for any campaign expenses such as postage, printing or diocesan events held at the parish. If a Parish hosts an event to promote the campaign to its parishioners, the Parish will bear those costs. In addition, several Steier Group campaign managers will guide the Parishes through the campaign process. Each Parish will be assigned to one of four "waves." The Parish will be responsible for forming a team of volunteers that implements the necessary elements of the process.

**How long will this take?** On a diocesan level, the entire campaign will run through early 2021. On a Parish level, there will be four campaign "waves." A Parish's particular wave will run for six to seven months. That includes preparation, solicitation and follow-up phases. The active solicitation period will last three to four months.

**What happens if our Parish doesn't hit its financial goal?** A clergy committee will implement policies that all parishes will follow on such questions. There will be incentives for Parishes to reach their goals. Parishes not reaching their goals face the prospect of not being able to complete needed projects.



**In Talking with Your Children** have you neglected to raise the call to Church ministry? The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes picked up in childhood begin to influence how a child conducts himself/herself in life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent.

**Lecture in Catholic Experience at St. Jerome's University:** Friday, Dec. 7, 7:30 pm, "Beyond the Altar: Canadian Women Religious Confront Patriarchal Power in the Roman Catholic Church." Christine Gervais, associate professor of sociology at the University of Ottawa, will introduce us to resourceful, strategic, and resilient women religious who want to effect change both within and outside the Roman Catholic church. Location: Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, SJU. Time: 7:30pm. Doors open at 6:45pm. Register: This lecture is available on a complimentary basis. Please register at: [www.sju.ca/lce](http://www.sju.ca/lce). Tickets are not required at the door.

**Pre-Authorized Giving available at St. Louis Church.** Funds transferred monthly on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.



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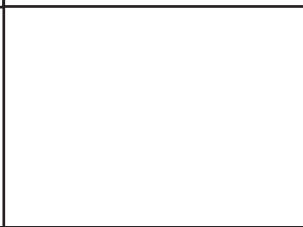
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