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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 23

9:00 am For blessings on Alan, Christiane & Family

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 pm For Children of St. Louis Church

10:00 pm For People of St. Louis Church

12:00 am For past and present Pastors of St. Louis Church

Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day – Nativity of the

Lord

10:00 am For Benefactors of St. Louis Church

Friday, December 26 – St. Stephen, The First Martyr

No Mass

Saturday, December 27 – St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

Sunday liturgy – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00 pm † Edna Ertel – Larry & Phyllis Ertel

† Peter Shaughnessy – The Family

† John Foster – Joan Foster and Family

Sunday, December 28 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:30 am † Don McCallum – Joyce McCallum

† Marie & Ken Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger

† James Donkers – Mary & Jack Sehl

Intentions of Loretta Lavigne - Friends

11:30 am People of St. Louis

For Fourth Sunday of Advent:

The Ark of the Covenant (or the Ark of God) dating back to 1200 BC contained Aaron's rod, a jar of manna and the stone tablets upon which the Ten Commandments were inscribed. Most importantly, the Ark represented God's presence with the people of Israel. David's concern for proper placement and housing of the ark is understandable. God reveals through prophet Nathan a new covenant that God will establish with Israel and Israel's king, David. Prior covenants were between God and an individual, or God and a family, or God and a nation. God's covenantal promise to Israel is to "appoint a place" (that is, give Israel land upon which to settle and call their own), where they will "be disturbed no more" by "enemies." To David, God's covenantal promise was two fold. "Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me" and "your throne, David, shall be established forever." God promises descendants in David's own family line, but also promises to continue a close father-son relationship with them. Christians throughout the ages believe that the birth of Jesus fulfilled the "Davidic covenant", the promise God made to King David.

In the Gospel, Luke tells us that Joseph is "of the house of David". We also hear from Gabriel's words to Mary that through the conception and birth of Jesus, God will fulfill his covenantal promise to David. Jesus will be "called the Son of the Most High."

As the season of Advent draws to a close, we wait in eager expectation for the celebration of the birth of Christ and remain ever-vigilant for His return.

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec 27 5:00 pm	1 Sr. A. McCarville	1 volunteer needed
	2 Fran Ruetz	2 Marilyn Foster
	C Sharon Carey	3 Guy Tremblay
Sun. Dec 28 9:30 am	1 Benita-Ann Galina	1 John Armatruda
	2 Floyd Ertel	2 Rob Hinsperger
	C John Klein	3 Jeff Dinner
11:30 am	1 Jody Rice	1 Anna Malton
	2 Simon Blanchard	2 Pegg Leroux
	C Lois Peterson	3 Rory Ferrier

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 22

10:00 am Church decorating for Christmas Church

7:30 pm Bible Study: Bible Time line Large Hall

Holiday Office Hours

Monday	December 22	9 am–noon and 1 pm–4 pm
Tuesday	December 23	9 am–noon and 1 pm–4 pm
Wednesday	December 24	Closed
Thursday	December 25	Closed
Friday	December 26	Closed
Monday	December 29	9 am–noon and 1 pm–4 pm
Tuesday	December 30	9 am–noon and 1 pm–4 pm
Wednesday	December 31	Closed
Thursday	January 1	Closed
Friday	January 2	9 am–noon

Reconciliation Service this week in the area

Monday, December 22nd

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

PLEASE NOTE: Last day to make a donation to be included in the 2014 tax year is Monday December 29th.

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.

HE WILL BE GREAT,
HE WILL BE CALLED
THE SON OF THE
MOST HIGH,
OF HIS KINGDOM
THERE WILL BE NO
END!

December 21st and 25th , 2014



HE COMES!

MAY THE WONDERS
OF HIS BIRTH FILL
YOU WITH
JOY...
THANKFULNESS...
PRAISE!

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS
NOW AND IN THE NEW YEAR!

FROM FR. PHIL, FR. MICHAL,
KELLY, ANNA, MICHAEL AND JOHN

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.

Longest Night Prayer Service - Join us Monday December 22 at 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener, 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.

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, and returning Sept. 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.

Please note: This bulletin was submitted to be printed on Dec. 15th – as per Liturgical Publications requirements.

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 pm. To register, or for more information please call the office and speak with Kelly Krause.

The **RCIA** study group meets on Wednesday nights. The group consists of people wanting to become Catholics who will be received into the Church at Easter Vigil, as well as Catholics who want to deepen their understanding of our faith. Our group is now about 12 people. We follow the study sessions on various topics regarding the creed, the sacraments, morals and prayer for "Evangelium", as well as other resources and videos. This year's RCIA program will conclude at Easter with the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion, Confirmation). May God continue to bless and guide all the participants and welcome them fully into His Church. *Fr. Michal*

The Bible Study sessions resume in 2015: Bible Timeline on Mondays at 7:30 pm will start again on Jan. 5th. The Gospel of Luke on Fridays at 9:30 am will resume on Jan. 9th. Thursday afternoon Bible Study – "The Prophets" – will start in March.

Fr. Robert Barron on Advent preparation:

"One of the best ways to enter into Advent is to get reacquainted with the Bible. Many Catholics don't know the Bible very well. Vatican II called for a revival in biblical studies, but I don't think that's happened yet, at least among average Catholics.

We need to understand the great biblical story, beginning with Creation and the Fall, the formation of Israel, the coming of the prophets and patriarchs, and finally the formation of a people that leads to the coming of a savior. It's only when we get the sweep of that whole story that we understand why the coming of the savior matters, and what the coming of the savior even means.

When you extract Jesus from the biblical narrative, he becomes a mere guru, teacher, or philosopher. That's all our culture gives us: Jesus as another mystic, seer, or sage. But when you see Jesus against the backdrop of the great story of Israel, now you see that he's the savior.

So this Advent, I would recommend to all Catholics, open up your Bible and get deeply immersed in the great biblical story".

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