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# CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 26 – St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 27 – St. John, Apostle, Evangelist**

9:00 am † John Foster – Marilyn & Family

**Wednesday, December 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

9:00 am † Daphne & Norbert Coelho – Noronha Family

**Thursday, December 29 – Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity**

9:00 am

**Friday, December 30 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

9:00 am † Aileen Jefferson – Patricia McMann

**Saturday, December 31 – Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity**

**Sunday Liturgy – Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

5:00 pm † Audrey Moser – The Moser Family

† Irene Hausch – Phyllis & Larry Ertel

† Walter Hartman – Kay Hartman

† Isobel Yolkowskie – Jack & Marilyn Yolkowskie

**Sunday, January 1 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

9:30 am For God's Blessing on Canada in 2017

11:30 am For People of St. Louis Parish

### Reflection on the readings:

Judaism believed that God had implanted the complete divine plan in their sacred texts; the faith community could discover its unfolding meaning by continual reflection. Since the earliest Christians were Jewish, they naturally used familiar methods to illuminate the religious meaning of Jesus. New Testament authors wanted to demonstrate His significance for their own particular life circumstances, and so often referred to the Old Testament Scriptures to clarify how Jesus fully reveals their significance. While the Old Testament text bears rich meaning in its own context, in light of Jesus, new meanings emerge.

The Gospel text is very familiar to us. Luke includes several details that underscore Jesus' outreach to the poor, as well as his true identity as Saviour, Lord and bringer of peace. The infant who comes to serve the poor and outcast is laid in a feeding trough for animals. Luke mentions the manger repeatedly, foreshadowing Jesus' ministry that often took place at a meal, but ultimately the fact that Jesus gave His own life to as nourishment for the new life for all people.

The first to receive the Good News of dawning salvation are shepherds who are usually despised and avoided by other Jews as unclean sinners. Angelic proclamation also contradicts the imperial cult. In the empire, Caesar Augustus was proclaimed as divine Lord, saviour of the people, and bringer of peaceful order. But angels proclaim the infant lying in a feeding trough to be the true Saviour and royal Son of God who establishes peace on earth.

Office Closed on December 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Office Open on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> during regular hours.

Last day for donations to be included in 2016 Income tax receipt is Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup>.



LET US GO NOW  
TO BETHLEHEM...  
TO SEE THE CHILD...

MAY THE WONDERS  
OF HIS BIRTH FILL YOU WITH

JOY...

THANKFULNESS...

PRAISE!

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS  
NOW AND IN THE NEW YEAR!

FROM FR. PHIL,  
KELLY, ANNA,

MICHAEL AND JOHN

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec 31 5:00 pm	1 James Skidmore 2 Fran Ruetz C Annette Hulme	1 Frank Hulme 2 Joan Sichewski 3 Betty Gross
Sun. Jan 1 9:30 am	1 Cecilia Beechey 2 Ioanna Malton C Mary Smith	1 Rob Hinsperger 2 Sharon Carey 3 John Carey
11:30 am	1 Jennifer McDonald 2 Deb Zettel-Schmitt C Donna Herbstreit	1 Natalie Ferrier 2 Rory Ferrier

### New Year Mass Schedule:

*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





**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.



**Laudato Si is a Call to Conversion** - Come and spend an evening exploring Pope Francis' encyclical on The Environment and Human Ecology with Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, CEO of Salt and Light Television.

"Past popes have written on the importance of protecting the environment, but [Laudato Si] is a major piece of work, and an ardent call from one of our world's major leaders for us to work together to address this existential problem. ... To use religious language, what the Pope is calling for is conversion." (Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB) Join us Wed. Jan. 11, 2017 at 7pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener. Sponsored by St. Francis Parish Catholic Women's League.



KW Right to Life sponsors the **Stop Censorship Tour** - Saturday January 14, 2017 - *Why Abortion Statistics Matter* featuring Mike Schouten from WeNeedaLaw.ca and John Sikkema Lawyer at ARPA Canada - at the Knights of Columbus Centre 145 Dearborn Place Waterloo - Fish and Chip Dinner at 5:00pm (\$10) Social at 4:30pm - Speakers at 6:00pm with Silent Auction - All proceeds go the STOP CENSORSHIP Initiative. Call 519-746-5433 or email [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca) to reserve your place or table.

**Vocation Seeds:** Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email at [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com) or check [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

**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.

**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>.

**Updated! Good Shepherd Catechesis** program is closed for the Christmas break and will resume again on **January 16<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.

**Updated! Lunch and Learn** – continues weekly on Tuesdays at noon. No meetings on Dec 27<sup>th</sup> and Jan 3<sup>rd</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.

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

**Updated! Next CWL meeting** - February 1<sup>st</sup>.

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



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**Pre-Authorized Giving available at St. Louis Church. You can sign up at any time.**

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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