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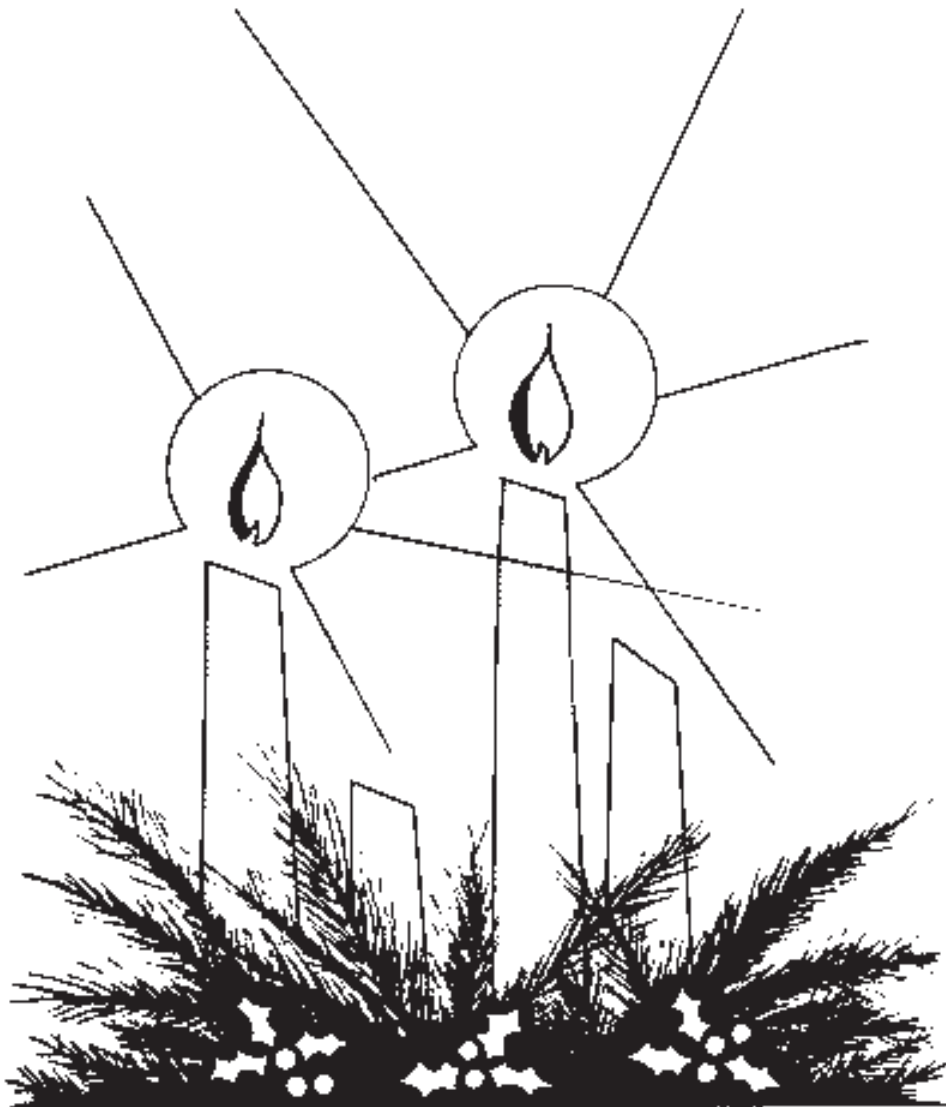
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# Advent

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 9 – Immaculate Conception of BVM**

**Tuesday, December 10 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

9:00 am † Deceased Benefactors and Parents of the  
Congregation of the Resurrection

**Wednesday, December 11**

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

**Thursday, December 12 – Our Lady Of Guadalupe**

9:00 am † Daniel Caron – Claire Armitage

**Friday, December 13 – St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**

9:00 am † Alex McCauley C.R. – Pearl Woito

6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

**Saturday, December 14 – St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor**

**Sunday liturgy – Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm † Audrey Moser – Moser Family

† Edna Ertel – Larry & Phillis Ertel

† Connie Strickler – Strickler & Dale Families

**Sunday, December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am † Margaret Vogt – Art Vogt

† John Lavigne – Loretta & Family

† Bill Cassel – Mary Cybulske

11:30 am People of St. Louis

3:00 pm Vietnamese Mass



### *For the Second Sunday in Advent*

As we move closer to the incarnation we encounter the stark, stern, and riveting figure of John the Baptist. This week and next John holds the stage. He reminds us bluntly that this season is not our preparing for the babe in the manger but for the Christ who was born amid livestock, who lived among tax collectors and prostitutes, and who died shamefully on a cross before he rose and ascended to the Father. John's presence reminds us that we are preparing for the coming of Jesus's whole life and ministry, not just the incarnational moment in the humble stall.

John's entrance is sudden, his voice shooting forth in the darkness before our eyes can perceive him. The words are bold and uncompromising: "Repent ... the kingdom of heaven has come near." Immediately his ministry is identified with the prophecy of Isaiah, a daring assertion especially for one so unconventional. But in asserting John's continuity with the old Law, Matthew establishes the legitimacy of Jesus. Finally we "see" this desert dweller who is clothed in animal skins and consumes an austere desert diet.

John's call for repentance has garnered a large response. But John does not let his celebrity interfere with his mission. He does not compromise when speaking with hypocrites, whose actions belie their sincerity. In strong language he challenges them to produce "fruit worthy of repentance" and to abandon any claim to righteousness because of their descent from Abraham. It's what's in their hearts not their bloodline that will save them from being felled like a rotten tree.

### Upcoming Events

**Monday, December 9**

**Tuesday, December 10**

1:00 pm Bible Study Large Hall

**Wednesday, December 11**

7:30 pm (11:30) Choir rehearsal Church

**Thursday, December 12**

9:30 am Small Christian Community Notre Dame Hall

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

**Friday, December 13**

5:30 pm Youth Group Christmas Party Large Hall

**Saturday, December 14**

**Sunday, December 15**  
12:30 pm Practice for Children's Christmas Event Nursery

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
Sat. Dec 14	1 Stephen Mulhall	1 Trudy Allensen
5:00 pm	2 Kathie Mulhall	2 Sr. A. McCarviller
	<u>C Bea Lajeunesse</u>	<u>3 Grant Ertel</u>
Sunday Dec 15	1 Ed Ruppe	1 Cecilia Beechy
9:30 am	2 Mary Smith	2 Joanne Bond
	<u>C Annette Hulme</u>	<u>3 John Armatruda</u>
11:30 am	1 Darlene Wilson	1 Marianne Butler
	2 Ronald Whent	2 Pegg LeRoux
	C Lois Peterson	3 Terry Sullivan

John speaks of the one who will come after him not only as "more powerful" but as better able to separate true wheat from chaff. He will cleanse with the fire of the Spirit and with his "winnowing fork" he will separate the good and the useless and cast the latter into "unquenchable fire." Embedded in John's words is a call to conversion and to embrace the Lord whose ministry John's merely anticipates. Without genuine repentance we will lack the gravitas of wheat and be blown away with the chaff.

# REPENT!

### **Reconciliation Services this week in the area**

#### **Wednesday, December 11th**

7:00 pm St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm St. Mary's Church, Linwood

#### **Thursday, December 12th**

11:00 am St. Anne's Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha

#### **Friday, December 13th**

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

#### **Sunday, December 15th**

3:00 pm Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener

**THANK YOU** to those who donated baking, crafts, prizes and items for our “treasures” and nearly new tables, Kelly Krause and helpers for Children’s Corner and especially to you, our parishioners who generously supported our Mission Sale. The proceeds of approx. \$4,100 will be divided between Development & Peace (Philippine Relief), Catholic Missions in Canada and daycare for special needs children in La Paz, Bolivia, Your grateful St. Louis Catholic Women’s League.

*Congratulations to the Confirmation candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday from the hands of Bishop Daniel Miehm.*

Ellen Klein  
Katelyn Jensen  
Owen Way  
Mary McDonald  
Jacklyne Pidgeon  
Will Boehmer  
Matthew Pink  
Katie Dinner  
Colin Frayne  
Caroline Noël  
Sarah Porter  
Tiffany Naciuk  
Kyle Othmer  
Amelia Howard

**Our annual CWL membership fees (\$20)** are now due. Please use the **blue Church envelope (Dec 7<sup>th</sup>)** or one of your own with your name, address and phone number. The benefits of our membership are many and varied – times of prayer, personal enrichment and fulfilment, good fun, the League magazine (3 a year) connecting us with the work of League members across Canada and a positive way to stay connected to our parish. **Please renew or join us for the first time!**

**Children's Christmas Eve Presentation:** If your child is 5yrs of age or older and would like to help us sing and tell the Christmas story at our Christmas Eve Mass sign up with Kelly Krause down in the nursery. Be prepared to come to the following practices: Dec. 8 & 15, all to be held in the nursery after the 11:30 Mass. Lunch will be provided.

**First Communion Preparation Classes** will start on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. (The celebration will be on May 25.) Please contact Kelly Krause at 519-743-4101 for more information.

**35th Annual Advent Novena - An Invitation To Prepare Well For Christmas:** 9 daily Masses at 6:30am at St. Michael’s Church, Waterloo, Fri., Dec 6<sup>th</sup> to Sat., Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast in the Parish Centre following Mass on Sat., Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. A free will offering for St. Vincent de Paul. Note on Sunday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Mass is at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome!

**The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph** will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, Dec 16 - 25, 2013. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. # 1, St. Agatha, N0B 2L0.

**Christmas and Holiday**

**Mass times**

**Dec 21, 22 – regular schedule**

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Mass

7:30 pm Vietnamese Christmas Eve Mass

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

12:00 pm Vietnamese Christmas Day Mass

**Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – no Mass on Boxing Day**

**Dec 27, 28, 29 – regular schedule**

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup> New Year’s Eve**

5:00 pm New Year’s Eve Mass

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup> New Year Day – Mary, the Mother of God**

10:00 am Mass

3:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

**Jan 2, 3, 4, 5 – regular schedule**

**Waterloo Knights Of Columbus Annual Toy Drive** - Help us to bring Christmas to every needy child. The Waterloo KofC, K/W Firefighters and Police are holding its 17<sup>th</sup> annual 2013 “Toy Drive”. Drop off **new** toys at your local fire station, police detachment, or 145 Dearborn Pl. Waterloo. Call 519-884-2060 for more info.

**EXCITING PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR:** Fr. Michal will be leading a two week pilgrimage to Poland in the second half of June 2014. Book time off and save for this trip to many of the holy places in Poland.

**Matthew Kelly – “Passion and Purpose Retreat”** – Are you thriving or surviving? Are you ready for a greater sense of purpose? More joy? A clearer understanding of God’s plan for your life? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions then plan to attend this retreat which many participants have described as life changing. Friday April 4/14 6:30 – 10:30 pm, Holy Trinity Parish, 1420 Devonshire Ave in Woodstock. Cost \$39 (includes all materials). For more info, or to buy tickets call: 519-748-5548.

**St. Louis Parish Offertory Envelopes** – Once again we will be reorganizing the donation envelope numbers. As parishioners leave, we end up with unassigned numbers causing us to order more envelope boxes than we really need. The reorganization of numbers means savings for the parish. We apologize for the inconvenience it may cause!

**Collection: Nov 30 and Dec 1, 2013**

Sunday Envelope donation	\$ 6224.00
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Philippine Relief	\$ 1380.00

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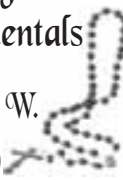
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