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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 9 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - No Mass**

**Tuesday, December 10**

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church

**Wednesday, December 11**

9:00 AM † Daniel Caron – Claire Armitage

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

9:00 AM † Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger

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

9:00 AM Intentions of Loretta Lavigne on her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday –  
Sophie & Bill Lavigne

**Sat., Dec. 14 – St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor  
Vigil of Third Sunday In Advent**

5:00 PM † Richard Mulhall – Joan & Pat Forde

† Edna Ertel – Larry & Phyllis Ertel

† Audrey & Gerald Moser – The Family

† Maria Silveira – Delattre Family

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

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 AM † Colonel & Jean Moser – Moser Family

† Edward & Stella Hrycyk – Their Children

† David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Patrick, David & Max Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel

### **Reflection on the First Reading from Isaiah 11:1-10**

Isaiah's vision of a world transformed "on that day" was written when the kingly descendants of David were weak, unjust, and ignorant. The eight-century BC Davidic kings were a mere "stump" of the tree that grew from the root of Jesse, the father of King David. Today's reading opens and closes with a promise that new life will arise from that stump, blossoming anew from the roots, and will be a signal for the nations.

Isaiah begins his description of the future Davidic descendant by announcing that the spirit of the Lord will rest upon him; he emphasizes the spirit-bestowed gifts by repeating the word *spirit* three more times. The spirit is God's own life-giving breath that will be the source of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are essential for the king to rule wisely, as did his ancestor David.

Filled with the spirit at the core of his being, the king will not only imitate David, but he will also act as the Lord does in governing the earth. Unlike earthly kings, who are concerned with appearances this king will rule like the Lord God of Israel, who showed justice particularly to the poor and afflicted. Justice will be so important that the king will be clothed in it, with a band of justice around his waist. The effects of such spirit-endowed governance will extend beyond the people of his kingdom. Nature itself will be transformed. Animals that ordinarily relate as predator and prey will live in harmony. Their new relationship will be more than avoiding conflict, but will involve intimacy. Being a guest, lying down together, and being neighbours create a hopeful scenario for the future. The peace of the animal kingdom reaches also to humanity, for the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. Like the new harmony in the animal kingdom, there will be harmony between the house of David and the Gentiles in the glorious dwelling "on that day." (Excerpt from *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word*)

### THIS WEEK EVENTS

**Monday, December 9**

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

NOON – 1 PM Lunch & Learn – Book study: *Walking* Nursery

*with God* by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins

7:30 PM Advent Reconciliation Service Church

**Wednesday, December 11**

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

6:30 PM *Lectio Divina* (preceded by dinner) Large Hall

7:30 PM 11:30 am Choir Practice Church

**Thursday, December 12**

9:30 AM *Celebrating the Word* – Reflections Large Hall  
on upcoming Sunday Readings

1:00 PM Bible Study Large Hall

7:00 PM 9:30 am Choir Practice Church

**Friday, December 13**

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

7:00 PM Youth Music Church

**Sunday, December 15**

10:30 AM Sunday Social Large Hall

5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec. 14 5:00 PM	1 Jennifer McDonald 2 Joan Sichewski C Debbie Delattre	1 Daniel Delattre 2 Sharon Carey 3 Christiane Martin
Sun. Dec. 15 9:30 AM	1 Annette Hulme 2 Mary Smith C Cecilia Beechey	1 Frank Hulme 2 Betty Gross 3 Joanne Bond
Sun. Dec. 15 11:30 AM	1 Paul Butler 2 Darlene Wilson C Donna Herbstreit	1 Albert MacMillan 2 Lois Peterson 3 Donna MacKay

*A Little Child Shall Lead Them*, by William Strutt, 1900



"The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like an ox....They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain."

Isaiah 11:6

**ST. LOUIS OOTC COMMUNITY SUPPER:** Four more volunteers are needed in the following areas due to increased guest numbers: Kitchen clean-up every Sunday of the month. The program started the first Sunday in November and runs each Sunday till the last Sunday in April. Please contact Keith Schnarr at 519-656-9005 (home), 519-801-8687 (cell), or email keith.schnarr@gmail.com to volunteer. Thank you!

**Christmas Dramatization of the Gospel** will take place on Christmas Eve at the 5 pm Mass. Practices will be on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 11:30 am Mass in the Church. All children are welcome, anyone under 5 years old must be accompanied by an adult. The sign up sheet is in the Nursery, or contact Kelly Krause at the parish office



**The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Advent Novena Preparation For Christmas - Strengthen Your Hearts For The Coming Of The Lord Is Near!** Nine Daily Masses @ 6:30 am at St. Agnes Church in Waterloo from Fri., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> to Sat., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> attend Mass at your own parish. For info. call Marg @ 519-747-5937.



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**THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE TWO MAJOR MARIAN FEASTS:**

**Immaculate Conception:** To cause Mary to be born without original sin and its stain (i.e., immaculate), God infused sanctifying grace into her soul at the moment of her conception. Mary was given the special privilege of being conceived without original sin (with sanctifying grace) and without the damage or stain such a conception causes. This was done to equip her with the graces needed to make her a fit Mother for the Redeemer and for the Church. Mary's preservation from original sin was accomplished in anticipation of her Son's redemptive work. Therefore, Jesus is also Mary's Saviour. It was a grace God could give to anyone at any time. He chose to give it to Mary to make her a fitting mother for His Son. (*CatholicAnswers.com*)

**Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Mary appeared to Juan Diego in 1531 from Dec. 9 to 12 at a place called the Hill of Tepeyac, later a village of Guadalupe (suburb of Mexico City). She identified herself as the Virgin Mary, "mother of the very true deity". She asked for a church to be built at that site in her honour. She told Juan Diego to gather flowers from the top of Tepeyac Hill, normally barren, especially in the cold of December. Juan found Castilian roses, not native to Mexico, blooming there. The Virgin arranged the flowers in Juan's tilma (cloak), and when Juan Diego opened his cloak before archbishop Zumárraga the flowers fell to the floor, and on the cloak was the image of the Virgin. Since 1945 Our Lady of Guadalupe is "Patroness of all the Americas." (*Catholic Online*)

**Day of Mercy – Wed., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - 8 am-8pm** at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo: 12 Hours - 12 Confessors. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the most powerful encounter with Divine Mercy. Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration.

**Last week's donations:**

Thank you for your generosity

Date	Sunday	Maintenance	Loose	Pre-Authorized
Dec 1	\$ 2250.50	\$110.00	\$1011.75	2393.00

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm St Louis Church, Waterloo

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

7:30 pm St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm St. Mary Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm St. Joseph Church, Kitchener

8 am - 8 pm St. Michael Church, Waterloo

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira

7:00 pm St. Anne Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church, Kit.

**CONFESSION TIMES**

**St. Mark Church, Kitchener**

Wed., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 12:30 - 1:30 pm, 6 - 7 pm

Thur., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**St. John's & Our Lady of Guadalupe,**  
Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> 3 - 4:30 pm

**Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener**  
Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 3 - 5 pm

**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

- Do I place God as top priority?
- Do I set time aside to be conscious of the presence of God in my life?
- Do I actively seek spiritual growth by prayer and good works?
- Have I allowed the Gospel to influence my life?
- Do I show respect for God's name?
- Do I use language appropriately?
- Do I worship God? By going to Mass, praying, spiritual reading?
- Do I respect those in authority over me? Parents, teachers, bosses
- Have I been violent in word or deed? Bullied, shouted, pushed.
- Have I held grudges, or been resentful?
- Do I take care of my health? Eat, drink and sleep appropriately
- Have I been respectful of God's gift of sexuality to me?

- Do I read, or watch, or think about inappropriate things?
- Do I respect others' property? Have I stolen? Vandalized.
- Have I been generous, or selfish?
- Do I contribute according to my gifts and talents?
- Am I a good steward of God's gifts to me?
- Do I tell the truth? Am I honest with God and with myself?
- Do I pass on rumours, spread gossip?
- Am I satisfied and thankful for God's gifts to me?
- Am I envious or jealous of others?
- Do I pray for my enemies?
- Have I taken any action to redress a wrong or an injustice?
- Have I been thankful to God? For strengths and weaknesses?

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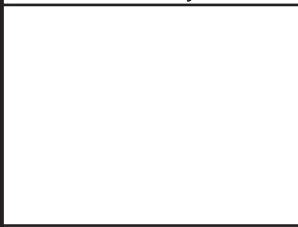
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