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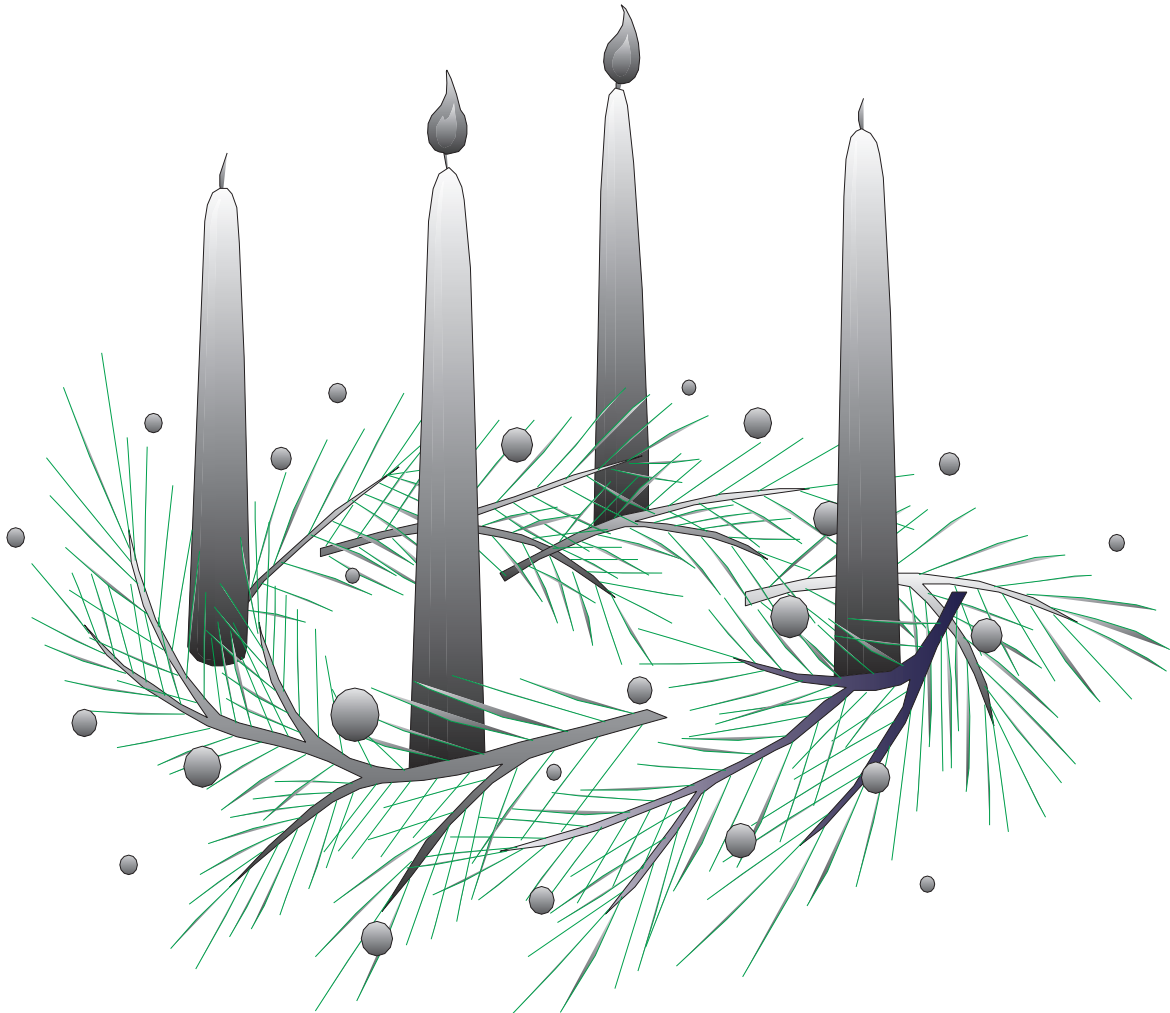
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ADVENT

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 10 - No Mass

Tuesday, December 11

9:00 am † Dianne Detzler – Loreen Freiburger

Wednesday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 am † Lee Parent – Janice Richardson

Thursday, December 13 – St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

9:00 am Beatification of Bogdan Janski, Founder of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Friday, December 14 – St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

9:00 am † Elizabeth Krug – Waterloo K of C Retired Members Club

Saturday, December 15

Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm People of St. Louis Parish

Sunday, December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am † Shirley Hinsperger – Hinsperger Family
 † Janet Dietrich & Family – Helen Hamblin
 † Elisabeth & Andreas Schwarz – Elizabeth Schwarz
 For deceased members of Gies Family – Hinsperger Family

11:30 am † Patrick, David & Max Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel & Family

† David Kirby – Kirby Family
 † Edward & Stella Hrycyk – Their Children
 † Connie Strickler – Dale & Strickler Families

Reflection on the First Reading (Baruch 5:1-9)

Baruch consoles Jerusalem with the news that her children will return, that the dream of restoration is coming true. Jerusalem, emblem of God's people, is invited to take off her "garments of sorrow and affliction" and adorn herself with "the beauty of the glory from God." Jerusalem acquires a new identity, endorsed by a new name that sums up the values she represents: "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Her inhabitants will construct "peace," that is, living according to God's design; she will radiate "glory", the imprint of the divine mercy and justice. In language reminiscent of Isaiah, God commands "that every high mountain and everlasting hills be made low" – a reference to the excesses of pride, arrogance, and materialism – while he commands "the valleys filled up, to make level ground" – referring to the shortage of justice and obedience to God. Baruch's oracle projects how the wasteland of human heart comes to life.

Excerpt: 2019 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers & Proclaimers of the Word.



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THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, December 10

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym
 noon – 1 pm Lunch & Learn book club Nursery
 4 – 5:30 pm Good Shepherd Catechesis 1, 2 & 3 Nursery

Wednesday, December 12

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym
 6:00 pm 11:30 Choir rehearsal Church

Thursday, December 13

9:30am Small Christian Community Large Hall
 1:00 pm Bible Study: Luke – Infancy Narratives Large Hall
 7:00 pm 9:30 Choir rehearsal Church

Friday, December 14

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym
 6:00 pm Youth Music Rehearsal Church
 6:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party Large Hall

Sunday, December 16

10:30 am Sunday Social Large Hall
 5:00 pm OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec. 15 5:00 pm	1 Jennifer McDonald 2 Christiane Martin C Debbie Delattre	1 Marilyn Foster 2 Grant Ertel 3 Joan Sichewski
Sun. Dec. 16 9:30 am	1 Annette Hulme 2 Mary Smith C Paul Beingessner	1 Frank Hulme 2 Joanne Bond 3 John Klein
Sun. Dec. 16 11:30 am	1 Deb Zettel Schmitt 2 Michael Schmitt C Donna Herbstreit	1 Al Kehn 2 Lois Peterson 3 Patti Walsh

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

DEC 22	VIGIL OF 4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	5 PM
DEC 23	4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9:30 & 11:30 AM
DEC 24	CHRISTMAS EVE	5 PM & 9 PM
DEC 25	CHRISTMAS DAY	9:30 & 11:30 AM
DEC 26	ST. STEPHEN'S DAY	NO MASS
DEC 27	ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE	9 AM
DEC 28	HOLY INNOCENTS	9 AM
DEC 29	VIGIL OF HOLY FAMILY	5PM
DEC 30	HOLY FAMILY	9:30 & 11:30 AM
DEC 31	VIGIL OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	5 PM
JAN 1	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	9:30 AM (ONLY)
JAN 2	ST. BASIL & ST. GREGORY	9 AM
JAN 3	FERIAL	9 AM
JAN 4-16	NO DAILY MASSES. SATURDAY & SUNDAY SCHEDULE AS USUAL	



Advent Activity: Make a 'Sacrifice Manger'

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 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 also welcome to participate in this activity.



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.



Next weekend after all Masses there will be a Sale of Olive Wood products from the Holy Land such as: nativity scenes, crosses, rosaries and much more. Visa, Master Card, Debit, Cash and Cheques are accepted.

Your CWL also invites all parishioners to take part in our "Warmth and Comfort" initiative. Until Dec. 31st, 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.



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 15th 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 or call 905-689-4857X8.



Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord?" If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES 2018

Tuesday, December 11th

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

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

Wednesday, December 12th

7:00 pm St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener

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

Thursday, December 13th

7:30 pm St. Clement's Church, St. Clements

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

Friday, December 14th

5:00 – 6:30 pm St. John's, Kitchener

Saturday, December 15th

3:00-4:30pm St. John's, Kitchener



'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.

What kinds of things does the Diocese do for Parishes and others already? The good work of the Diocese of Hamilton is widespread. Here are a few examples of the ways diocesan offices enhance the life of our Parishes and people:

- Advocating for the dignity of all life and supporting and promoting marriage and family life.
- Encouraging vocational discernment to priesthood and religious life.
- Programming and support for youth and young adult ministry.
- Adult faith formation, catechesis, religious education and sacramental preparation.
- Assistance in the relocation and resettlement of refugees.
- Advocacy on behalf of the poor and marginalized.
- Assistance for Parishes in all aspects of sacred worship, including formation for liturgical ministers.
- Support for Parishes in the areas of human resources, building maintenance, financial reporting, stewardship, charitable giving and Parish development.

Does the Diocese help organizations outside of it? Yes, the Diocese is generous to many in need. For example, the Diocese has an ongoing financial commitment to help the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which is still suffering from the effects of the devastating earthquake there in 2010, and the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay, which includes northern Manitoba and the territory of Nunavut. The Diocese also supports many worthy causes within and outside of the Diocese, such as: organizations who support the poor and marginalized, like St. Vincent de Paul, the Good Shepherd and several others; health care initiatives, including hospice care and conscience protection for those in the medical field; community organizations such as the Catholic Youth Organization, Catholic Family Services and Catholic Children's Aid; and several other organizations and causes in need who do the work of the gospel. Additionally, the Diocese is proud to have made a significant gift to St. Peter's Seminary in London, helping to ensure the seminary can continue its mission to form priests for our Diocese and the Church in Canada.

Why a significant gift to a seminary in another Diocese? There is a longstanding and fruitful connection between St. Peter's Seminary in London and the Diocese of Hamilton. For more than a hundred years, St. Peter's has trained a majority of our diocesan Priests – and those of so many Canadian dioceses. Of the current Hamilton seminarians, the majority are at St. Peter's, which is one of only three English-speaking seminaries in Canada. Hamilton Priests have also served on the seminary's staff. The seminary is in need – these funds were required for St. Peter's to continue its mission of forming Priests, deacons and lay ministers – and its vitality is important to the long-term outlook for vocations in Hamilton.

Past Collections – December 2, 2018:

Sunday Envelopes	Christmas	Loose	Maintenance	Pre-authorized per week
\$3821.20	\$50.00	\$ 406.25	\$75.00	\$2366.00

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!

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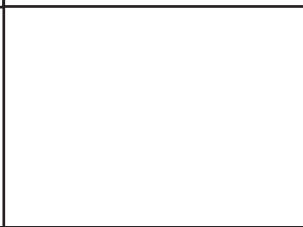
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