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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 25TH

Sunday, December 24, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 5:00 pm Our Parish Community 7:30 pm Our Parish Community
Monday, December 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 10:00 am Our Parish Community
Tuesday, December 26, No Mass <i>As soon as I believed there was a God, I understood I could do nothing else but live for him. My religious vocation dates from the same moment as my faith; God is so great. There is such a difference between God and everything that is not. – Bl. Charles de Foucauld</i>
Wednesday, December 27, No Mass <i>If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. – St. Charles Borromeo</i>
Thursday, December 28, No Mass <i>God is a spring of living water that flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray. – St. Louis Grignon de Monfort</i>
Friday, December 29, No Mass & No Adoration <i>Do you not know that the largest trees, which have required years to grow, are cut down in one hour? It is foolish to look for their fruits and yet to be unprepared for their fall. Let it be your consolation, then, that God's enemies, however honourable and exalted they may have been, shall nevertheless fade away like the smoke. – St. Thomas Becket</i>
Saturday, December 30, 5 p.m. Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph +Kyle Kelly; Kieran & Kathy Kelly & Family +Deceased Members of Kelly & Morris Family; The Family
Sunday, December 31, 9:30 a.m. Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Our Parish Community
Sunday, December 31, 5 p.m. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God +Beatrice Walter; Peggy Kelly
Monday, January 1, 10 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR December 30/31

First Reading: Gen 15:1-6; 17:3b-5, 15-16; 21:1-7
 Second Reading: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
 Gospel Reading: Lk 2:22-40

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON-FRI Office Closed

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 25	Christmas Day
Tues., December 26	Rev. Roshan D'Souza, O.C.D.
Wed., December 27	Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.
Thurs., December 28	Rev. Lawrence Parent, O.F.M.
Fri., December 29	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Sat., December 30	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.

MINISTRIES for December 30/31

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond, Phil Milan
 9:30am Peter & Laura Antonello, Sandi Hutchinson

Hospitality

5pm Mike & Doris Snelling, Debbie Yutzi, Bill Strauss
 9:30am Joyce & Ron Stemmler, Rick & Leona Weishar

Altar Servers

5pm Natalie Pfanner Groves
 9:30am Matthew Deyell, Reid Deyell, Heike Elliott, Amber Elliott

Lectors

5pm Armand Bertin
 9:30am Iris Miltenburg
 Maria Diemert

Commentator

Colleen Weber
 Larry Glofcheskie

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 31 Debbie Yutzi

Sign Ministry

Dec 27 Sandi Hutchinson

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Jan 3 Cheryl Dunn

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Family-Sized Juices and Crackers



CHRISTMAS is the celebration of the Incarnation, God coming into the world as one of us in the person of Jesus who is both divine and human. May we reflect on this sacred event with hope, gratitude and great joy. I wish all of you a very blessed Christmas and New Year filled with hope, gratitude and joy.

Fr. David

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2018, which are available in the hallway. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

The next **BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** is on **Friday, December 29th** at the Lions Hall, 40 South Street West, Elmira from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. To donate blood you must be 17+ years old, weigh at least 110 lbs., be at least 56 days since your last blood donation for males and 84 days for females and in good health and feeling well on the day of donation. Don't wait to Give Life.

FREE COMMUNITY FAMILY SKATE on **Thursday, January 4, 2018** from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Woolwich Memorial Centre, Elmira. Skate with players from the Elmira Sugar Kings and have a free hot chocolate. This event is sponsored by Lutherwood and the Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council. Building a connected, caring community.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, January 5, 2017** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

ADORATION FOR LIFE – Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist – Console His Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life. Come join us on **Friday, January 5th, 2018** from 8:45 to 10 a.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church, 44 Leonard Street, Kitchener and **Saturday, January 6th, 2018** from 11 a.m. – 12 noon at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, 56 Duke Street West, Kitchener (side entrance). Call KW Right to life for more information at 519-746-5433 or how you can start an Adoration for Life at your church. Prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil. Mt 4:1-11

DIOCESAN WIDE R.C.I.A. MEETING - The Liturgy Office will be hosting a Diocesan-wide R.C.I.A. Meeting on **Thursday, January 18, 2018** at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown. There will be two sessions available to choose from: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The theme of the meeting is *Working Towards the Church's Vision of Initiation: A Fresh Look at the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. Please see the [Liturgy Office](#) website for more details or contact the Liturgy Office to register at 905-528-7988 ext. 2336.

COME, RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE – Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See the website at loyolahouse.com for more information on these upcoming retreats and programs. **8-DAY DIRECTED RETREATS** are on **January 22nd to 30th** and on **February 7th to 15th** (1/2 price for new retreatants).

KW Right to Life **CHARITY DINNER GALA** - Culture vs. Christ: In Search of Authentic Love with Jonathon Van Maren on **February 8, 2018** at the Polish Legion Hall, 601 Wellington St. N., Kitchener. Dinner is at 6 p.m. The speakers begin at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar and silent auction. Tickets are \$40. You can obtain tickets at kwrtl.ticketleap.com/love or KW Right to Life Office at 519-746-5433.



This is a reminder that there is an **EYEGLASS COLLECTION BOX** in the cloakroom. Please donate any used eyeglasses you may have, as these will be forwarded to people locally and in third world nations unable to afford them. Please note: eyeglass cases cannot be accepted as they cannot be sanitized. This effort is a project of your local Lions clubs. Thank you.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Rita McNeil's Christmas song titled, *With My Family*, has the following line: "All I want under my tree is peace and love and harmony." It is what we all want in our relationships, but it is important to ask ourselves what we are willing to do to get it. Will we take a peaceful approach to conflict, will we love the good pieces and the struggling pieces of our spouses and will we act in ways that bring us together in our decisions. The line ends with, "Wrap it with a ribbon please, I'll share it with my family." What a great Christmas gift to your spouse – a promise to work on peace and love and harmony! From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

VOCATION SEEDS – From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!" ... and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext 2246 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com.



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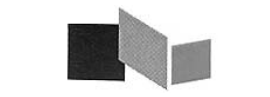
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