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Oh Come  
Let us Adore Him

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

<b>Sunday, December 24,</b> <b>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</b> <b>4:00 pm Maryhill</b> <b>6:00 pm Our Parish Community</b> <b>9:00 pm Our Parish Community</b>
<b>Monday, December 25, 10:00 am</b> <b>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</b> <b>10:00 am Our Parish Community</b> <b>10:00 am Maryhill</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 26, No Mass</b> <i>Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. He assumed the worse that he might give us the better; he became poor that we through his poverty might be rich. – St. Gregory Nazianzen</i>
<b>Wednesday, December 27, No Mass - Maryhill</b> <i>We find rest in those we love, and we provide a resting place in ourselves for those who love us. – St. Bernard</i>
<b>Thursday, December 28, No Mass</b> <i>Do not have Jesus Christ on your lips, and the world in your heart. – St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>
<b>Friday, December 29, No Mass</b> <i>Nothing so humbles the proud sinner as the humility of Jesus Christ's humanity. – St. Anthony of Padua</i>
<b>Saturday, December 30, 5:00 pm</b> <b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> <b>+Kyle Kelly; The Family</b> <b>+Greg &amp; Mary Kelly; The Family</b>
<b>Sunday, December 31, 9:00 pm</b> <b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> <b>9:00 am Our Parish Community</b> <b>11:00 am Maryhill</b> <b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> <b>4:00 pm +Elaine Forler; Marg Walter</b> <b>+Jack LeBlanc; Judy &amp; Marcella Furlong</b>
<b>Monday, January 1,</b> <b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> <b>11:00 am Our Parish Community</b> <b>11:00 am Maryhill</b>

### READINGS FOR December 30/31

First Reading: Gn 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

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 25	Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)
Tues., December 26	Chancery Staff
Wed., December 27	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)
Thurs., December 28	The Holy Innocents
Fri., December 29	Rev. Edward Hinsperger
Sat., December 30	Rev. Philip Cook

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**MON-FRI Office Closed**

### FOODBANK NEEDS

Baked Beans, Canned Pasta and Hamburger Helper

### MINISTRIES for December 30/31

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond  
 9am Pat Ditner, Cheryl Dunn, Ron Stemmler

#### Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Marilyn Hurlburt  
 9am Anne Hanley, Paul Shutts & Diane Smith

#### Lector

5pm Connie Kaster  
 9am Joan Coutu

#### Commentator

Judy Furlong  
 Linda Bruder

#### Children's Liturgy

Dec 31 No Children's Liturgy

#### Sign Ministry

Dec 27 Linda Bruder

### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

**For persons with disabilities** – We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Thank you to all those who came to the John B. Miller and Friends Advent/Christmas Concert. It was well attended. Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus for hosting this event.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas Season. From my staff and I we hope this season will bring all of us light where there is darkness. May the Lord Jesus who we celebrate as a baby at the Christmas Season and who came to us as a vulnerable child continue to watch over us. I ask Our Lord to continue to hold and guide both you and your families.

Fr. Peter

"Vivat Jesus! Jesus Lives. The Knights of Columbus would like to **THANK THE PARISHIONERS** for their generous support of the St. Teresa of Avila "Angel Tree" program. Merry Christmas and let us keep "Christ" in Christmas.

We ask that those who are sick or have a cough either stay at home or else please wear a mask at Mass so that we do not infect others. **Thank you** for your concern for your fellow parishioners.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2024, which are available in the hallway. For those who are donating electronically please also pick up your set of envelopes as they have only the envelopes for special collections. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

**THE CHOSEN HOLY NIGHT** will be in theatres. Below is the link where you can obtain tickets. It shows dates, times and in which theatre you can see it. You can then purchase your tickets.

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Join us for a **RORY NEW YEAR YOUTH CELEBRATION** on **Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Woolwich Memorial Centre in the Hub. There will be crafts, snacks and games. Register at [wcsyouthhub@gmail.com](mailto:wcsyouthhub@gmail.com).

**VOCATIONS MASS AND YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – JANUARY 5TH – HAMILTON** – The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a Mass for vocations at 6:00 p.m. Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.), social with food (7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.), praise night and vocations talk (8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.), and Compline (9:00 p.m.) on Friday, January 5th at Annunciation of Our Lord, 280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton. Co-sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

Woolwich Community Services presents **LUNCH YOUTH DROP IN**, for youth in grades 9 – 12, at The Hub, 24 Synder Avenue South, Elmira on **Mondays and Wednesdays** from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. No registration is required. However, a sign in sheet will need to be completed when you arrive. The cost is free. For more information email [wcsyouthhub@gmail.com](mailto:wcsyouthhub@gmail.com).

**GRIEF RELIEF** – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will offer a six-week grief program **starting January 17, 2024**. The sessions are held from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look for the start date under upcoming events.

**ALPHA 2024:** Join us Thursday evenings, **February 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at St. Mark's Parish Hall, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener. Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults

together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Plan to join us – all are welcome! To learn more, contact Denise Case at [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com).

**COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR KICK-OFF!** CNOY 2024 is February 24, 2024! Gather your team and register at <https://cnoy.org/location/elmira>. This is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for Woolwich Community Services! WALK with us and join our community dinner following the event, sponsored by local businesses!

**SAVE THE DATE: THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS!** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in December at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE** – Join us for learning, support and fun on a Friday evening, held on the 2nd and 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online. We look forward to seeing you!

**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, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).



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