

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

Hail, full of grace!

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00am

Jennifer Moraes – The Family

### TUESDAY

**PLEASE NOTE MASS AT 9AM TODAY**

9:00am

Debbie Lecavalier – Linda & Paul O'Connor  
Zackael Flintoff – Family Friends  
Ron Langen – McMahon Family  
Neville Milliken – McMahon Family

7:00pm

**Parish Penance Celebration**

### WEDNESDAY

9:00am

Int. of Dorothy Pereira – The Family  
Stan Hamelin – Anne & Hayes Nicholson  
Int. of June Vaz – Jenny & Arthur  
Edward Venne – Mainville Family

### THURSDAY

9:00am

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Molly Pinto – Stephan Cheesman & Susan Janssens

### FRIDAY

9:00am

**St. Lucy**

Florentina Quiming

### SATURDAY

9:00am

**St. John of the Cross**

Stan Hamelin – Annette Cowan

5:00pm

Kelly McBane-Bertin – Notre Dame School  
Community  
Mary MacKinnon – Jim & Connie Rowles  
Deceased Members of the Robert Nicholson  
Family – The Family  
Molly Pinto – Ian & Claudine Macedo

***My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.***

**-Luke 1:46-49**

### Scripture Readings of the Week

Mon, Dec 9	Gen 3.9-15, 20, Eph 1.3-6, 11-12, Lk 1.26-38
Tues, Dec 10	Isaiah 40.1-11, Matthew 18.12-14
Wed, Dec 11	Isaiah 40.25-31, Matthew 11.28-30
Thurs, Dec 12	Zechariah 2.10-13, Luke 1.39-47
Fri, Dec 13	Isaiah 48.17-19, Matthew 11.16-19
Sat, Dec 14	Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11, Matthew 17.10-13
Sun, Dec 15	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 35.1-6, 10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11

### HAMILTON DIOCESE WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for the following people or groups this week:

Monday:	Very Rev. Con O'Mahony
Tuesday:	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wednesday:	Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B)
Thursday:	Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa, S.A.C.
Friday:	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Saturday:	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

## Pray for Vocations!!

### Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	5pm – Church – <b>with Pageant</b> 5pm – Hall 7pm – Church 9pm – Church 12 Midnight - <b>Incense will be used</b> <b>Carols at 11:30pm</b>
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<b>Christmas Day</b>	9am & 11am
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**January 1<sup>st</sup>, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	5pm
Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	9am and 11am

### Hours and Dates for Reconciliation

December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Penance Celebration - 7:00pm
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm – 8:30pm
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am – 10:30 am
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30-10:30, 3:30pm-4:30pm
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am – 10:30am

### Christmas Angel Tree Program

If you took an Angel Card from the tree and haven't been able to return the gift card yet, it's not too late. They can be used for calls for help that come to us after the tree is put away. Please return them to the office. Thank you.

### Christmas Pageant 2019

The annual Christmas Nativity Pageant will be presented during the **5pm** Christmas Eve Mass. There are roles for children in JK – Grade 4 for this dramatization of the Nativity Story. Costumes are provided. Participants must be available for both mandatory practices, **December 22<sup>nd</sup> 12-1:30pm** and **December 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30-8:00pm**. There are a limited number of roles and registration must be submitted to the parish office by **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** for consideration of a role. Registration forms are in the narthex and on the website.

### Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony



**Week Two:** "Make ready the way of the Lord. Clear Him a straight path." (Luke 3-4) In the second week of Advent, we consider our relationship with ourselves and with God. We ask, "Do I always appreciate the union of the divine and human that makes me who I am?" Are we aware of the wonder of "self", the gift bestowed upon us by our Creator? Do we appreciate and use our talents, energies, charms, and abilities for God's glory? In prayer and worship, are we in touch with the divine presence around us?

#### **(Light the first candle)**

**Prayer:** *Almighty and loving God, You who dwell within our hearts at every waking moment, keep us always close to You. Help us to recognize and appreciate the gifts and talents You have given us. Teach us to use our energies for the good of others and glory of Your Son Jesus, whose promise is too precious to ignore. Keep our hearts and minds ever alert to Your personal and loving touch in every prayer, in every act of worship. Amen.*

### Parish Penance Celebration

Prepare well for Christmas by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our parish penance celebration will take place **Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. There will be several priests here to celebrate the Sacrament individually following the liturgy. Priests will be available to hear confessions in Spanish. **Please note that Mass will be at 9am on December 10<sup>th</sup>. There is no Mass at 7pm that day.**

### CWL December News

Our December meeting will be held **Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, in the Hall following the 7pm Mass**. This is our Christmas Social, feel free to bring an appetizer or sweet to share. Donations to the Good Shepherd Centre always needed and welcomed. Wishing all of you a Blessed Advent Season.

### Prayer Circle for Prisoners

The members of the Prayer Circle for Prisoners invite you to join them for this month's discussion. The meeting will be on **Monday, December 16 at 7pm** in the Hearth Room, everyone is welcome.

### Band of Christian Brothers

The Band of Christian Brothers men's group will be meeting at **7am on Saturday December 21** in the Parish Hall. All men of the Parish are welcome.

### Advent Food Drive

We at St. Paul's have a continuous food drive on behalf of the Brothers of the Good Shepherd. The needs of the Food Bank are always increasing. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and drop them off in the cloak room at the entrance of the church.

### Saint Vincent de Paul

**THANK YOU** for your generous support. **\$5,688.90** was raised for the needy of our community.

### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will take a break over the Christmas holidays. Our final weekend this month will be **December 21/22** and we will start up again **January 11/12**. A reminder that this liturgy is offered for children in JK to Grade 2.

### Mass at Heritage Place

Please join the residents of the community of Heritage Place (4151 Kilmer Dr., Burlington) for Mass on **Thursday, December 12 at 2pm**. Mass is celebrated in the chapel in the basement of the building. All are welcome.

### 2019 White Mass – December 9<sup>th</sup>

Consistent with the white coats and uniforms formerly worn by physicians and nurses, the **White Mass** is celebrated annually for the spiritual support of healthcare professionals, clergy, chaplains and all caregivers. Join us as we welcome Fr. Terrance McKenna who will celebrate this year's White Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and St. Juan Diego, **Monday December 9 at 7pm** at St. Gabriel Church in Burlington (2261 Parkway Dr.) Refreshments and video of Our Lady of Guadalupe to follow. A good will offering would be appreciated to help cover expenses. For more information please call 905-335-6902.

### Advent Day of Prayer

Please join us on **Friday December 13 from 9am – 3pm** at St. Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site) Hamilton. The day will begin with Mass at **9am**. There will be tea, coffee and muffins on arrival. Please bring a bag lunch & coffee mug. To register please call or email: 905-388-3966 [sssperthshire@sympatico.ca](mailto:sssperthshire@sympatico.ca).

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage May 2-7, 2020

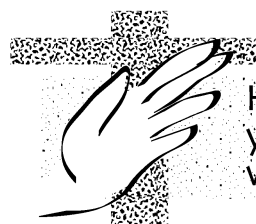
Join us on the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage from **May 2-7** with Msgr. Ted Slaman and Deacon Randy Matters. With visits to the Shrine and other holy places in the Mexico City area. We will also take in the birthday celebrations of San Juan Diego. For more information please visit [www.pilgrimdeaconrandy.com](http://www.pilgrimdeaconrandy.com) or email [matters@talkofthetowntravel.com](mailto:matters@talkofthetowntravel.com)

### Healing After an Abortion: It is Possible

Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

### Parenting Tip of the Month

For Catholics, Christmas is about so much more than gifts: it is the promise, through the birth of Jesus, of goodness and light coming into our lives. Do your children know this is the focus of Christmas? Advent and Christmas are perfect times to highlight the "reason for the season". Read stories about the Advent wreath so they understand what each candle symbolizes; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!); be sure the tree is adorned with symbols of the faith; read family Advent reflections daily during Advent; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, including Christmas Day. Faith sets a foundation on which to stand and Christmas is a perfect time to bring Christ into your family activities!



He shall govern  
your people  
with justice

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