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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2021

Mass Intentions

MONDAY

9:00am Deceased members of the Rebello Family – Family

TUESDAY

7:00pm Intentions of the Unborn – Culture of Life
Frank Costello – O'Hanlon & Flynn Families
Siluvai & Sandra George – Prakash Family
Intentions of Aarthi Francisca – Prakash Family

WEDNESDAY

9:00am Egidio Mannarino - Gina
Dee-Dee Quiming - Family
Teresita Lopena – Juan Quiming
Intentions of Alexander Ngo & Michael Pantaleon
& Family – Ngo Family

THURSDAY

9:00am Michael Plaskon - Family

FRIDAY

5:00pm The Nativity of The Lord
Mass (*Livestream*)
7:00pm Mass
9:00pm Mass

SATURDAY

12:00am The Nativity of The Lord
Midnight Mass
9:00am Mass (*Livestream*)
11:00am Mass (*No Evening Mass*)

Sunday, December 26th 9:00am (*Livestream*), 11:00am,
(*Feast of Holy Family*) 8:00pm



OFFERING

Week of December 12, 2021

Regular Offerings	\$10,401.50
Building Maintenance	90.00
Loose	195.40
Flower Donation	715.00
E-Transfers	2,675.00
TOTAL	\$13,076.90

Holiday Office Hours

December 24th – 8:30am – 12 Noon
December 25th – 28th Closed
December 29th – 1:00pm – 4:00pm
December 30th – 8:30am – 4:00pm
December 31st – 8:30am – 12 Noon

Scripture Readings of the Week

Mon. Dec. 20 Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d, Luke 1.26-38
Tues. Dec. 21 Zephaniah 3.14-18a, Luke 1.39-45
Wed. Dec. 22 1 Samuel 1.24-28, Luke 1.46-56
Thurs. Dec. 23 Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6, Luke 1.57-66
Fri. Dec. 24 Isaiah 62.1-5, Acts 13.16-17, 22-25, Matthew 1.18-25
Sat. Dec. 25 Isaiah 52.7-10, Hebrews 1.1-6, John 1.1-18
Sun. Dec. 26 **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**
Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14,
Colossians 3.12-21,
Luke 2.41-52

HAMILTON DIOCESE WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for the following people or groups this week:

Monday: Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
Tuesday: Rev. Ronald Voisin
Wednesday: Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
Thursday: Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu, O.F.M.
Friday: Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
Saturday: Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)

Pray for Vocations!!

Christmas Mass Schedule

A reminder there is no morning Mass or Adoration this Friday (Christmas Eve). The church will be open for private prayer from 8:30am to 12:00 noon. The Christmas Eve Masses are at 5:00pm (doors open at 4:15), 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30), and 9:00pm (doors open at 8:30).

For the 12:00 Midnight Mass, the doors will open at 11:15, with carols beginning at 11:30pm. Christmas Day Masses are at 9:00 and 11:00am. Doors open 30 minutes prior to Mass. Please note that there is no afternoon or evening Mass on December 25th.

We are not taking registration for any Masses. We will seat the Church first, and then the overflow will be seated in the parish hall. We ask that you plan to arrive with your entire family so that our ushers can seat you together. Thanks to all for your cooperation with the pandemic protocols that are still in place.

New Year's Mass Schedule

January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

Friday, December 31st 5:00pm
Saturday, January 1st 9:00am (*Livestream*), 11:00am
No Evening Mass
No afternoon confessions

Sunday, January 2nd (Epiphany)

9:00am (*Livestream*), 11:00am,
8:00pm

Hours and Dates for Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 21st 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Wednesday, December 22nd 9:30am – 10:00am, 7:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday, December 23rd 9:30am – 10:00am

Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony

Fourth Week: "Blest is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled." (Luke 1:45) In the Fourth Week of Advent, we consider Mary's trust in God's promise, her joy in His goodness to her. We ask, "Am I ready to receive and celebrate the coming of the Son of God." We have considered our relationships, our love for God and God's love for us, and we have responded with an awakened concern for the needs of others. Now we may echo Mary's words, "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord. My spirit finds joy in God my Saviour." (Light the fourth candle)

Prayer: *Almighty and loving God, soon the whole world will celebrate the birth of Your Son Jesus. Even as we rejoice in our remembrance of His birth at Bethlehem, we find greater comfort in His promise to come again. May our preparations for this wondrous season remain with us, increase in us, and become as much a part of us as our breathing and our heartbeat. Then may we say, "Come Lord Jesus, we are ready." Amen.*

Youtube Christmas Message

Check out our parish Youtube page, and see the Christmas message from Fr. John, Fr. Gregory, and Elisabeth! Search for "St. Paul the Apostle Burlington ON" or scan this QR code on your mobile device!



Retirement of Linda Herlihey

Linda Herlihey, our parish Music director, will be retiring effective January 1, 2022. Linda has been a wonderful leader for the music ministry in our parish for the last 6 years, and we wish her and Gerard a very happy retirement. Linda will still be playing at the occasional Mass, wedding, and funeral at St. Paul's, and she will take on the scheduling and coordinating of the musicians until we hire a replacement in the future. We are grateful for the many years that Linda led our parish choirs, and may God bless Linda and Gerard abundantly for their service to our parish

Christmas Midnight Mass

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on December 25, 2021. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30pm on December 24th. The Carols and the Mass will be shown live on Salt+Light Television and CHCH-TV. Admittance to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by **ticket only** – a limited number of tickets are still available by contacting the Cathedral at 905-522-5744.

"Only if people change will the world change; and in order to change, people need the light that comes from God, the light which so unexpectedly [on the night of Christmas] entered into our night." Pope Benedict XVI

University Chaplaincy in the Diocese of Hamilton

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has produced a video showcasing the wonderful ministry of our Diocesan University Chaplaincy Centres. Do share this video with a young person in your life who may be preparing for post-secondary education, or someone who is looking for a faith community on campus within the Diocese. Special thanks to the Priests Chaplains, campus ministers and students who helped make this project possible. To view the video, visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/young-adult-ministry>.

2022 Offering Envelopes

2022 Offering Envelopes are now available in the foyer. If You have used envelopes this past year, there will be a box for You in 2022. **Please do not use envelopes from previous years or envelopes from other Parishes.** This will result in posting errors to your account. For parishioners who do not have envelopes and would like to begin using them, you will be issued a new box

Parenting Tip of the Month

The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children's minds and understanding Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and it's meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or getting excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable.

Marriage Tip of the Month

Intentional divorce and conscience uncoupling are two terms becoming popular in North American vernacular, but what we should be promoting is intentional marriage and conscience coupling. The research is clear that couples can take steps to remain and even deepen their love. Consciously making the decision to spend time together, to share our deepest feelings (good and bad) to use touch throughout the day, to make date-night (however that looks) a priority will build your couple relationship. Looking for moments of gratitude and thanking your spouse will increase the loving bond between you. This Christmas make conscience coupling your gift to each other; it may be the best gift you will ever receive!

K of C Big Band Concert

On **Sunday, January 30th** from 2:00 to 4:30pm at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre, the Knights of Columbus of Burlington are hosting an afternoon of "Big Band Music" featuring the Toronto All-Star Big Band. If you missed the concert last year, now is the time for you to reserve your seats. This is an ideal Christmas gift for that person who has everything. The price per ticket is only \$48.00. You can reserve your seat by calling the box office at 905-681-6000 or by going to their website at www.burlingtonpac.ca.

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