

Liturgies

Saturday, December 1,

"Be alert, that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place."

♦ Rosary 4:00 p.m. ♦ Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Nicolina, Nicola & Umberto Ligori

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino

Sunday, December 2, ADVENT 1st SUNDAY

"Your redemption is drawing near."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Vincenzo Martino, † Renencio Raquipo † Robert Gardiner & Barbara Dahm, † Madeline Epps, † Daryl Joe & Renaldo Andrada, Int. of Andre & Nera Sinnaeve, Int. of Catherine Gilbert

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Octavio Cidadao

Tuesday, December 4,

"Jesus exults in the Holy Spirit"

♦ Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

♦ Devotions 6:30 p.m. Rosary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayers

Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Joe DaPonte, † Souls in Purgatory, Int. of Maria DaPonte, For the Petitions in the Book of Intentions

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Jose Edson Moreira

Wednesday, December 5, (School Holy Mass - Jean Vanier)

"Jesus healed many people and multiplied the loaves of bread."

9:30 a.m. – † Antonietta Martino

SJLC 1:30 p.m. - † Mr. & Mrs. Perrault

Vocation Prayer - Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)

Thursday, December 6, (School Mass - St. Peter & Holy Cross)

"Everyone who fulfills the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Santina Facchini

Mass 10:20 a.m. – † Souls in Purgatory

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Peter Raymond

Friday, December 7, ST. AMBROSE (M)

"The faith in Jesus of the two men who were blind brought about their healing."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Aleksandra Charlam

♦ Eucharistic Adoration following Mass, concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m., confession available only when time permits

Vocation Prayer - Rev. George Nowak, C.R.

Saturday, December 8, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you."

♦ Rosary 4:00 p.m. ♦ Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Concetta Melfi

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.

Sunday, December 9, ADVENT 2nd SUNDAY

"All flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Giuseppina Imola, † Mario & Margherita Petrella, † Salvatore & Vincenza Nardone, † Antonia & Angelo DiFelice, † Alex Zahrybelny Sr., † Francisco M. Vieira

Mass 11:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Lech Wycichowski, C.R.



Beginning of the new Liturgical Year

Weekday Cycle: 1, Sunday Cycle: C

ADVENT WREATH HOME PRAYERS

For the blessing of the wreath, the following prayer is suggested:

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Then follows the prayer which is said in the evening each night of the first week in Advent.

■ The First Week

O, Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each night the first purple candle is lit.

■ The Second Week

O, Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Then the second purple candle is lit. Both candles burn.

■ The Third Week

The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as Gaudete) is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the purple colour. The third pink candle is lit as well as the two previously burned purple candles.

O, Lord, we beg Thee incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

■ The Fourth Week

O, Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each night of this week, remaining days, all four candles burn.

Advent Reflection, First Sunday

Our two readings today stand in contrast to each other, as do our lives at times. Our first reading speaks to the glory of the reign of God, and the Gospel speaks of turmoil. Glory and turmoil co-exist more than we sometimes realize, but they are at the heart of our faith: in a God who died and then rose; in a kingdom present and not yet fully realized; in practical daily moments where we welcome the birth of a new child, with joy, and yet may be mourning the death of older loved ones in our lives.

Our whole life is a series of beginnings and endings – some filled with joy, others with turmoil. All these things prepare us for the ultimate end and the grand new beginning we will each face some day. Let us not stress over this reality, rather, let us embrace it. May we choose to live our lives focused on what is in store for us in the kingdom of God. (Source: FaithCatholic)

Sunday Collection for November 24/25, 2018

Env. \$2481.30 + Loose \$449.80 = \$2931.10

SSVP \$1186.00 + Loose \$157.40 = \$1343.40



THANK YOU,
for your generosity!
Your **gift** and **attendance** truly matters.

It is the **life** and **future** for our parish!

ADVENT for CHILDREN and all ...

The Advent season is filled with preparation and expectation. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, let us strive to keep Advent a season of waiting and longing, keeping vigil with Virgin Mary, preparing a place for Jesus in our hearts, at homes ... we invite children to **11:00 am Mass** with:

2. Second Sunday of Advent. We are planning Christmas and want to make it the best ever. As you plan your Christmas decorations please bring one Christmas tree DECORATION to church to be blessed, take home after Mass and hang it on your tree.

3. Third Sunday of Advent is a joyful Sunday, we are almost there. Children please dress as a favourite character of the Christmas story, be it Mary, Joseph, a shepherd, one of the kings, or a manger animal ... The best COSTUMES will be rewarded.

4. Fourth Sunday of Advent. It is only a few days before Christmas. Do you have a BABY JESUS for your home? Make your Baby Jesus, cut it out, model it, paint it or if you bought one bring it to Church for a blessing.

OUR BEREAVEMENT MASS

Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00pm

The Holy Mass for those who fell asleep with the Lord this year and for all our departed loved ones. Refreshments afterwards.

ADVENT CALENDAR, JOIN US!

Holy Rosary prayer and other devotions:

- **Saturday 4:00 pm** (with Divine Mercy Chaplet 3rd Sat.)

- **Tuesday 6:30 pm** (2nd Tues. in Italian with Padre Pio Devotions, 4th Tues. with devotions to Madonna Della Libera)

- **ADVENT CONFESSIONS** –

1. ST. MARY'S – **Tues. Dec 11th, Tue Dec. 18th**, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Confessions without Penitential Service, one visiting priest.

2. ST. BASIL – **Wed. Dec. 12th**, starts at 7:00 pm with Penitential Service, visiting priests as usual.

3. ST. PIUS X – **Wed. Dec. 19th**, starts at 7:00 pm with Penitential Service, visiting priests as usual.

- **ADVENT RETREAT SUNDAY** – **Dec. 15th & Dec. 16th**, **Deacon Randy Matters** will preach homilies. There will be time to ask Deacon Randy about his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT: Blessed Sacrament Parish in Burford will be offering an evening of prayer, reflection and song with a meal on December 13 beginning at 5:30 pm. Please call 519-449-5143 to RSVP by December 6. Cost \$15 for the meal (to be paid at the door). *See our notice board for details!*

PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE

'OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: A Lenten Pilgrimage, March 26th - April 2nd, 2019. Please consider joining Father Luke Kopaniak SAC, Pastor of St Mary's, Brantford and Deacon Randy Matters on this pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe the Patroness of the Americas, the Unborn and the New Evangelization. For more information regarding itinerary, etc. please visit www.pilgrimdeaconrandy.com or: randalmatters@gmail.com



DAILY MASS IN WINTER SEASON

Our weekday Holy Masses may be moved to Msgr. Maloney Room when it is really cold. The room can serve as a temporary chapel up to 20 seats. *The Tuesday evening Mass will still be in church. Friday Holy Hour will be cancelled when in the room.* There will be a sign on the doors. The entry door to the room is off of Colborne Street, by the school.

CHRISTMAS CAKE CAMPAIGN

Traditional gourmet Christmas cakes made by the monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey will go on sale the weekend of Dec 15th/16th after each mass. They are rich, moist, and superb in taste. They make great gifts for family, friends, or employees. It's \$20 for a small cake, \$25 for a sweet gift basket, and \$30 for the savoury gift basket. The proceeds go to support the pro-life movement and its campaign to win respect and protection for all human life – at all stages of its development. This is a low-key way to help a good cause and also enjoy a delightful Christmas treat.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST, CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SALT + LIGHT IS PRESENTING a choral concert by Andrew T. Miller, on Friday, **December 7th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King.** This unique work will be performed by Masterworks of Oakville. The choral concert celebrates the 15th Anniversary of Salt + Light TV. Please call 1-888-302-7181 to register. Free will offering.

On '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 are the parishes' responsibilities in the campaign?

Every Parish will first assess its needs and determine the projects to which the funds raised for the Parish will be directed. Each pastor will appoint key volunteers who will work with the Diocese and the Steier Group to form a campaign team. That Parish team will help with campaign events and make personal visits to other parishioners to solicit gifts. Priests also will be asked to help with solicitations of some prospective donors.

How will the funds that are raised be split up?

This is a Parish-focused campaign, and 75 percent of the funds raised by each Parish will stay with that Parish for the goals and projects of its choosing. An additional 10 percent will be directed toward assisting parishes most in need of support. The remaining 15 percent will be dedicated to shared Diocesan ministries.

Where will donors send their gifts, and where will the money be kept?

Donors' gifts and pledges will be held in trust for the Parish and initially kept in a dedicated Diocesan account. The Diocese will disburse the Parishes' funds to them after the payments have been received and the Parish is ready to undertake their projects. The campaign's Clergy Committee has worked with the Diocese to outline when the funds will be distributed to the Parishes.

Why can't I just support my parish directly?

Frankly, we hope you continue to support your Parish directly through your regular Sunday giving. This campaign is not intended to divert funds that go toward normal operating needs. The campaign is a special effort to meet needs that go beyond the routine and that can help to set up Parishes (and the Diocese) to thrive for years to come. In short, supporting this campaign is supporting your Parish directly – as well as other Parishes in need and various Diocesan ministries.