



Monday, November 25 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Deceased Members of the Smlak Family, Mary Moher, Tim Drake

Tuesday, November 26 – Ferial: Weekday

6:30p.m. – Kurian George, Marcello Banni, Intentions of the Raftis Family

Wednesday, November 27 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Emma Lerit, Roy McGuire, Bob Drake

Thursday, November 28 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Jerry Bannon, Nat Pagnan, Intentions of Judy & Ron Howse

Friday, November 29 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Intentions of Thanksgiving for Andrea Corpuz, Intentions of Sister Christine Leysner, Intentions of Keela McCarthy

Saturday, November 30 – Feast: St. Andrew

9:00a.m. – Special Intentions

5:15p.m. – Deceased Members of the Weiler Family, Wilf Fitton, Mary Desmond, Don Davis, Living & Deceased Members of the Vasko Family

Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$9,184.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

PARISH NEWS

ONE BY ONE: THE LATIN AMERICA PROJECT

A heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate for their generous donations totalling \$3290.00 at the weekend Masses of October 19th-20th. All monies raised will be used to improve the quality of life for our Mayan communities in Guatemala. This will truly make a difference, one by one.

MEMORIAL BOOK

Our Memorial Book may be found in the Seasonal Shrine and you are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Life and they will be remembered at daily Mass.

2019-2020 SUNDAY MISSALS

The Missals for the coming liturgical year are now available on the Information Desk at a cost of \$4. An envelope may be found in the missals and can be placed in the offertory collection or dropped to the Parish Office.

ADVENT 2019

Mass on Saturday Morning

During the Season of Advent, and the Octave of Christmas, there will be Mass celebrated at 9:00a.m. on Saturday mornings. Mass will be preceded by a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:00a.m. and Morning Prayer at 8:40a.m.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9th at 7:00p.m.

7:30a.m. Low Mass for the Immaculate Conception
8:00a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon
12:00p.m. Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00p.m. Solemn Mass for the Immaculate Conception

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Solemn Mass at 7:00p.m. During this Mass the Bishop will declare the Basilica to be the official Shrine of Our Lady for the Hamilton Diocese. There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass.

In preparation for our Feast Day we will pray a Novena to the Immaculate Conception after all Masses on November 30th.

Bambinelli Sunday

Sunday, December 15th, 2019

On the Third Sunday of Advent you are invited to bring the Baby Jesus statues from your home nativity set(s). The images will be blessed at all of the Masses on "Bambinelli Sunday" before you place them in your Nativity.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation During Advent

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be celebrated:

Tuesday, December 3 rd	5:00p.m.- 6:00p.m.
Sunday, December 7 th	4:00p.m.- 5:00p.m.
Tuesday, December 10 th	5:00p.m.- 6:00p.m.
Saturday, December 14 th	4:00p.m.- 5:00p.m.
Tuesday, December 17 th	5:00p.m.- 6:00p.m.
Saturday, December 21 st	9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. 3:00p.m.- 5:00p.m.

Please note that there will be no confessions heard during the Octave of Christmas from December 24th to January 1st inclusive.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament During Advent

All Tuesdays of Advent 1:00p.m.- 6:00p.m.

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 9th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after Morning Mass until noon, with Rosary and Benediction at 12:00noon.

On Saturdays of Advent there will be a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:00a.m., ending with Mass at 9:00a.m. Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8:40a.m.

HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

This weekend, November 23rd & 24th we will have with us a special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians," who after the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in The Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscious prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit and credit cards will be accepted. May God bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers (www.HolylandChristians.ca).

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

If you have a child in JK to Grade 4 who would like to play a role in our Christmas Eve Pageant, please contact Laura Del Rosario at coolpageant@gmail.com or sign up at <http://bit.ly/coolpageant>. If you have a child in Grade 5-8 who would be interested in narrating or reading scriptures, please email Laura at coolpageant@gmail.com. Rehearsals following the 11a.m. Mass will be held on Sunday, December 8th, Sunday, December 15th and Sunday, December 22nd.

AN EVENING WITH TWO CARDINALS

On **Sunday, November 24th at 7:00p.m.**, His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins will visit the Basilica to give an inspiring talk on the eminent Victorian convert, author, poet, theologian and now saint, John Henry Cardinal Newman. Cardinal Collins has long been a passionate devotee of Newman, who was canonized by Pope Francis on October 12th and will share his wealth of information on the person, the spirituality and the thought of one of our newest saints. The evening will begin with Evening Prayer at 7:00p.m., followed by Cardinal Collins' presentation and then a time of fellowship. All are welcome and please bring a friend. This evening is being hosted by the Basilica of Our Lady and the Newman Centre of the University of Guelph.

ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The weeks before Christmas are usually a hurried time of shopping, preparations and card writing. For Christians, however, these weeks should be marked by prayerful preparation for the Feast of Christmas. Please plan to attend our first **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols**, as a way to begin this season in prayer and recollection. This service, to be held on the First Sunday of Advent **Sunday, December 1st at 7:00p.m.**, will be a reflection on the Season of Advent through Scripture, song and Christian fellowship. We are extending an invitation to the clergy and faithful of the other churches in Guelph. Seasonal refreshments will be served after the service. Please come and bring a friend!

JULIEN PROJECT FUNDRAISER

The Julien Project, through the Ignatius Jesuit Centre, will host their annual Fundraising Sale, "The Beauty and the Beets Sale" during our Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday, December 8th in our Parish Hall following both Masses. This year they will be selling: Christmas blooming paper white bulb planters; preserved organic beets; preserved caramelized leek, onion chutney; lip balms & bath salts; hand-made seasonal wreaths. All of the items are made by the participants of their programs, including St. John Bosco students. Sales go to support their ongoing Horticultural Therapy programs.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

MEET, CRAFT, PRAY: Please join us for the next session of Meet, Craft, Pray on November 26th in the Basilica Church Hall Basement from 9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. We will be making cookies and this will be our last gathering for 2019. For more details, contact Agnese at [519-836-9804](tel:519-836-9804)/agnesenagy56@gmail.com or Janette at [519-821-6190](tel:519-821-6190)/castellanja@gmail.com.

DONATIONS: During November, December and January, we are collecting toques, gloves, scarves and underwear in all sizes for the homeless men and women in our community. Please put your donations into the bins provided.

DECEMBER MEETING: On Tuesday, December 10th at our General Meeting & Potluck Matthew Simone, from Canadian Food for Children, will be our guest speaker. We welcome donations of packages of rice, beans and jars of peanut butter for Canadian Food for Children.

MEMBERSHIP: We are now collecting our annual membership dues for 2020. Membership to the League is \$25 and is for every woman over the age of 16. Dues can be placed in the pink offertory envelope or your own envelope addressed to the Catholic Women's League.

OTHER NEWS**DIOCESAN HEALING MASS**

Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass for those that have lost a child of any age, including pre-birth and still birth, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 1st, 2019 at 4p.m. The Mass is meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief and will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on the first Sunday in Advent.

IGNATIUS JESUIT CENTRE OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to a celebration of Advent on Sunday, December 1st from 2-4p.m. with the Jesuit Community. This gathering will be held at Loyola House (Ignatius Jesuit Centre), 5420 Hwy. 6 N., Guelph. Light snacks and beverages will be available. We hope to see you there! For more information call 519-824-1250 or email reception@ignatiusguelph.ca.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas when you have lost a loved one, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman. The session is being held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. W. in Hamilton on Sunday, December 1st, 2019 from 1:30p.m. – 3:00p.m. The event is FREE of charge. Please call to reserve a seat at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

GUELPH THEOLOGY ON TAP

We invite you to join us for our 3rd Theology on Tap event of the season on Tuesday, December 10th from 7-9p.m. at the Albion Hotel, Guelph. Come hear about "Science and Religion: A Coalescence of Truth and Reality" with Ted Laxton, 20+ years as Teacher and Former Administrator of Wellington Catholic School Board. Ted is the author of "A Catholic Teacher's Guide to Answering Questions about Science and Faith." Free finger food will be provided. Special shout out to young adults 19-40. All are welcome. For more information, please visit us on Facebook at "Theology on Tap Guelph" or contact us at Theologyontapguelph@gmail.com.