



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 9 – Feast: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:30a.m. – Shelley Tighe, Zita Finora

7:00p.m. – Feast Day Mass

Tuesday, December 10 – Ferial: *Weekday*

6:30p.m. – Gertrude Cantin, Cleide Pitta,
Intentions of Ana Percic

Wednesday, December 11 – Ferial: *Weekday*

7:30a.m. – Intentions of Joseph Grierson, Intentions of Mary Rodenburg, Tomas Semlak

Thursday, December 12 – Feast: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

7:30a.m. – Frances Walinga, George Corbett, Nat Pagnan

Friday, December 13 – Feast: *St. Lucy*

7:30a.m. – Intentions of Lochiel McCarthy, Intentions of Abigail Grierson, Maria Magyar

Saturday, December 14 – Feast: *St. John of the Cross*

9:00a.m. – Special Intentions

5:15p.m. – Nada Wyman, Gioan Bui Do, Marisa Finoro,
Peter & Ethel Murphy, Living & Deceased
Members of the McKenna Family

Sunday, December 15 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$12,064.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Matteo Cecchini; Elio Falcone; Lina Matusiewicz; Layla Nader; Sofia Ruelas; Lucas Russell; Lucy Russell; Austin Stanfield; Diego Escobar; Abigail Kraft; Julian Lisso; Darcy MacKay; Zoe Martin; Olivia Mole; Wyatt Richards; Cooper Tell & Maya Vega.

PARISH NEWS

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.

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 beginning 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 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.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2019

Tuesday, December 24th – 5:00p.m. (Christmas Pageant); 5:15p.m.; 8:00p.m. & 12 Midnight (Carols beginning at 11:30p.m.)
Wednesday, December 25th – 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.
Thursday, December 26th – 9:00a.m.
Friday, December 27th – 9:00a.m.
Saturday, December 28th – 9:00a.m. & 5:15p.m.
Tuesday, December 31st – 5:15p.m.
Wednesday, January 1st – 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

2020 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes for your 2020 weekly donations are now being prepared. They will be available for pick up behind the altar in the alcove on the weekend of December 14th/15th. If you are using envelopes regularly you will automatically receive a new set of envelopes. If you have moved within the past year, please inform the office so that our records are updated and you will receive your proper income tax receipt. Your financial support is an important response to the call of Stewardship and is much appreciated, as together we respond as good stewards for the financial support of our parish community.

2019 CHURCH DONATIONS

All donations for the current year must be received no later than Sunday, December 29th, 2019 to be eligible for a 2019 income tax receipt.

ADVENT OUTREACH

Please help Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish provide The Drop In Centre & Michael House Pregnancy Care Centre with much needed supplies. We will be collecting donations December 1st, December 8th & December 15th, 2019. This allows delivery of the goods to the shelters for distribution before Christmas. Please bring your donations to the area before or after any Mass. Your donations are appreciated!

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

DONATIONS: During 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.

JOHN MILLER ADVENT CONCERT

John Miller and Friends will perform their annual Advent Concert at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate on Wednesday, December 11th at 7p.m. Plan to attend as we listen to seasonal traditional and contemporary music in a prayerful way. A goodwill donation of \$10 is appreciated.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Baminelli Sunday. The blessing of the "Baminelli" – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, December 15th at the 9a.m. & 11a.m. Masses to be blessed, as we too celebrate our own Baminelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your "Baminelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day – as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

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.

OTHER NEWS**VOCATIONS**

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to the priesthood, contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 the 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.

GUELPH MEN'S PRAYER GROUP: ADVENT SESSIONS

All men are invited to join us from 7-8a.m. on Saturdays, November 30th to December 21st, at St. John's Church in the meeting room by the Parish Office entrance (between St. James and the Church). These sessions will be led by His Excellency, Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki. For more information email terry.grignon@gmail.com or phone 519-766-0808.

SUNDAY (do not change anything here, we'll put a correct header each week)
