

Second Sunday of Advent

Today we begin to look more directly at the coming of God's Son in our midst as a preparation for that final coming. The central figure in today's Gospel is John the Baptist.

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

A soul which gives itself to prayer, either much or little, should on no account be kept within narrow bounds.
St. Teresa of Avila

Pre-baptismal Preparation (a one-hour meeting) is required and is available to parents after they register their child for baptism (pick up envelope at back of church on rack). These meetings are friendly gatherings helping parents to learn more how to accompany their children in passing on their faith. If child care is an issue, parents may bring their children. Godparents may attend but their presence is not mandatory.

Prayer Shawl - If you would like a prayer shawl as a Christmas gift contact the parish office and we can make arrangements to pick them up. All have been prayed over and blessed by our pastor.

Nocturnal Adoration is held every first Saturday of the month from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. here at St. Teresa Parish. Please join us and spread the word.

Healing Mass is held on every first Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Bambinelli Sunday

The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – 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 10 a.m. Mass to be blessed as we too celebrate Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' 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.

Vocations – (2020 year begins)

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? If God is calling you contact: Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton: 905-528-7988; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Prayer from Diocese

Jesus, you came to give us abundant life. Just like every generation before us, we get attached to the hills and valleys and sins that keep you at a “safe” distance. Help us to turn back to you, to see the obstacles. Give us the grace to desire a smoother way by letting go of our sins, so you can fill our hands and hearts with new life. Amen

MY BEST ADVENT SEASON – The first Sunday of Advent started last Sunday. Help your children, your family and friends to make this season unforgettable. Dedicate a bit of time to your children every day and your life and theirs will change for ever. This year we invite you to journey with our parish community by entering into this program.

During the Second Sunday of Advent children will receive a special Advent Calendar and an activity chart. We love counting down the days to Christmas each December and this year we're focusing our Advent Calendar on reading Scripture passages and doing something the world always needs more: deeds of KINDNESS and LOVE.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

- Monday, December 9 – Very Rev. Con O’Mahony
- Tuesday, December 10– Rev. Felix Nwatu
- Wednesday, December 11 – Sisters of St. John the Baptist
- Thursday, December 12 - Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa
- Friday, December 13 – Rev. Ranjan D’Sa
- Saturday, December 14 – Rev. Louis Lenssen
- Sunday, December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

PARISH EVENTS

First Communion candidates and Confirmandi will bring the offertory gifts to the altar on the following Sundays:
Sunday, December 8 – Tate Wilkin’s & her family
Saturday, December 14 – William Wiens & his family
Sunday, December 15 – Confirmandi

First Communion Candidates

December 8 at 10:00 a.m. – Holy Mass with Gifts – “Actions speak louder than words”.

Confirmandi –

December 15 at 10:00 a.m. - Holy Mass with Gifts – “Actions speak louder than words”. We will officially

welcome our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Mass Intentions December 9 - 15, 2019

- Tuesday, December 10 – 11:00 a.m.**
School Advent Mass
- Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.**
Living & Deceased Members of CWL
- Wednesday, December 11 – 8:30 a.m.**
Intention of MA & Bill Zister – Erma Williams
- Thursday, December 12 – 8:30 a.m.**
Intention of MA & Bill Zister – Ann & Michael Onn
- Friday, December 13 – 8:30 a.m.**
Intention of Lynn & Wayne MacGillivray – Sue Weber Bell
- Saturday, December 14 – 9:00 a.m.**
+Frank Freiburger – Rosemary Mussar
- Saturday - 5:00 p.m.**
+Heidi Taylor – Gerger Family
- Sunday, December 15 – 10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report December 1, 2019

Envelopes.....	\$1,574.10
Loose.....	56.25
Building and Maintenance.....	20.00
2020 Missals.....	115.00
Hall Rental – Sue’s Calorie Club.....	100.00
Votive Candles.....	321.25



CWL Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, December 10th starting with Mass at 5:00 pm followed by potluck dinner. Bring your favourite food, husband, children, grandchildren and friends. All are welcome. Entertainment by Sue Weber Bell.

Cleaning Church for Christmas

Mark your calendars now, **Saturday, December 14th** after the 9:00 am Mass we will be cleaning the church in preparation for Christmas. Bring your pails, mops, rags, dusters, etc. The outside Nativity Set will also be set up that day. We need many hands to get the job done! Men, women and children who are old enough are welcome to help but they must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch will be provided. For information call 519-578-2019.

St. Teresa CWL Collecting Adult Socks and Underwear for men and women during Advent. These will be donated

to the Soup Kitchen and House of Friendship. Bins will be available at the Church entrances beginning Nov. 30th/Dec. 1st.

Reminder to CWL Ladies: You have a chance at winning your 2020 Membership paid by our Council! All who have paid **before December 10th** are eligible. The fee is \$25 and you can place in special envelope in your collection envelope box marked CWL OR bring it along to our Christmas Potluck on Tuesday December 10th.

Advent Novena

This 9-day Advent Novena of 6:30 a.m. Masses will begin on **Friday, Dec. 6th - Saturday, Dec. 14th** at St. Agnes Parish, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo. Enjoy coffee and fellowship after Mass.

Evening Prayer with Advent Hymns

The Diocesan Choir presents prayers and hymns, together with the Saint John’s Bible and a small reception at St. Raphael’s Parish in Burlington, 4072 New Street in Burlington on **Sunday, December 8th** starting at 7 p.m. Choral preludes begin at 7 p.m. with Evening Prayer at 7:15 p.m. There will be a Free-Will offering in support of St. Raphael’s Parish.

Rosary for Life on **Thursday, December 5th** at 6 p.m. followed by 7 p.m. Mass - St. Agnes RC Church, 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo and **Friday December 6th** at 6-7 p.m. - St. Teresa RC Church Adoration Chapel, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener and Mass at 7p.m.

Canadian Food for Children Update

Dr. Simone’s "Canadian Food for Children" in Toronto has received sufficient support (financial and prayers, we are sure!) that normal operations are able to begin again. This is wonderful news! So... that means that the Herb Wittich Depot at 843 Guelph St., Kitchener will also re-open to accept donations of food, clothing, bedding, medicine and school supplies. There is a drastic shortage of yarn for making pneumonia vest, afghans and slippers. If you have any to donate please contact the office or Wendy at 519-743-5353.

“Sing Noel!” A Christmas Cantata

Historic St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is the sponsor for this Cantata. Will be held on **Sunday, December 8th & Monday, December 9th** at 7:30 p.m. The Centre in the Square, 101 Queen St. N., Kitchener, Ontario. Tickets available thru the box office and online: www.centreinthesquare.com or (519) 578-1570. Also available for sale at the church Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon. At 137 Queen Street S. Kitchener, 519-745-4891.



Euchre

Next game night will be **Friday, December 13th** at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.