First Sunday of Advent

Today we begin a New Year in the liturgical calendar. This first period is appropriately called "Advent". It comes from the Latin word adventus which simply means 'coming'. But who's coming are we talking about? We are beginning to prepare to remember God coming as a human being among us, with us and like us. Actually, **at this time, we can speak of three comings of God.**

The first, is when Jesus, the Son of God came to be born in the stable at Bethlehem. But today's Mass also speaks of **the final coming of Jesus** at the end of the world. And there is still **a third kind of coming** we need to be aware of, namely, when God enters our lives every day.

Every single experience can be an opportunity to make contact with God. And we are reminded of that ongoing contact with God especially in the celebration of the sacraments, including this Eucharist. Concentrate on today, on the present hour, the present situation and respond to it in truth and love; and the future will take care of itself. Then we do not have to fear, no matter when Jesus makes His final call because we know He is going to say: **"Come, my friend. I want to call you now; I want to share with you my life that never ends."** And we will respond: **"Yes, Lord, I am ready. I have been waiting for You all this time."** It will be an encounter, not of strangers, but of two old friends.

Advent Wreath

Shape: The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us—a love that sent His Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

Number: The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles (symbolizing: **Hope, Peace, Love and Joy**), which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Some Advent wreath traditions also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity, that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Color: Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent. Advent, is also called "little Lent".

Advent with Children - Join our parish for Advent with Children. This will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, dedicate 5-10 minutes to prayer, meditation and some activities. This Sunday we will give to each child an Advent package, which will help them to journey through this special season deepening their relationship with the Holy Family. Children who join this program and attend Mass during this Advent Season will receive, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent - a special gift. **Do not miss your chance to get your gift and get ready for Christmas!**

Mass Intentions
November 28, 2022 – December 4, 2022

Tuesday, November 29, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**
Intentions of Ken & Betty – *Anniyah*

Wednesday, November 30, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle
Intentions of Elisabeth – *Magie*

Thursday, December 1, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Blessings for and intentions of Rosemary Mussar – *A friend*

Friday, December 2, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Intentions of Bill Barrett – *Magie*

Saturday, December 3, 2022 –
Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
9:00 a.m. – **Intentions of Ron & Alice Paleczny & Family** – *The Mosers*
5:00 p.m. – **+ Leona Grobe** – *Peter Grobe*

Sunday, December 4, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –
Second Sunday of Advent – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

The **10 a.m. Sunday Mass** will be live-streamed. To join us, follow this link: https://zoom.us/j/5887658626
Password: 274733

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

November 28 – Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
November 29 – Rev. Brendan McGrath
November 30 – Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.)
December 1 – Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, V.G., E.V.
December 2 – Rev. Romelito Guillen
December 3 – Rev. Grayson Hope
December 4 – **Second Sunday of Advent**

Serra Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind; grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

Vocations

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, deacon, or consecrated virgin, contact:

Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations
(905-528-7988); vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
or
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Vocation Office
71 Indian Trail, Toronto, ON M6R 2A1
vocations@omiap.org

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preparing For Confirmation & First Communion & Reconciliation

First Reconciliation and First Communion –
November 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – Holy Mass – Advent: time of joyful preparation … *"Actions speak louder than words".* Candidates will present their projects.

Confirmation –
December 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – Holy Mass: *"Actions speak louder than words".* Candidates will present their projects and receive a Sunday Missal for Young Catholics.

Gift Bearers: We welcome our Reconciliation/First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates and their families as they bring the offertory gifts to the altar on the following dates:
December 3 – 5 p.m. – Wini Pickett and family
December 4 – 10 a.m. – Declan Williams and family

The Immaculate Conception Novena – this Novena will take place in our parish from November 29th – December 7th following each Mass. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is an important day for us to reflect on Mary's life. It is vital to strive to imitate Mary as the ideal example of the Christian life lived for God. This Novena will give us the opportunity to ask Mary to give each of us the grace to imitate her profound love of God. Please join us for this special spiritual journey.

Bishop Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton
November 29, 2022 – This Tuesday!

On November 29th, we will welcome His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger to our parish. His Excellency will celebrate the 7 p.m. Mass and then speak to us, in the Parish Hall, on Synodality. We hope you will join us for this very special and informative evening!

John B. Miller and Friends – Advent Concert
December 8, 2022 – 7 p.m.

We are pleased to once again welcome John B. Miller and Friends to our parish. They will present an Advent Concert here in the church, at 7 p.m., on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This is a wonderful opportunity and a very good way to honour Our Blessed Mother. A free-will offering is greatly appreciated.

Stewardship Report November 20, 2022

Envelopes ……	$ 1108.00
Loose ……	$ 71.65
Votive Candles ……	$ 67.30
In Memory of L. O'Donnell……	$ 175.00
All Souls' Day ……	$ 50.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.

Pierogies Sunday - Fundraiser for our parish

On the **3rd Sunday of Advent - December 11th** following the 10:00 a.m. Mass we are invited to our parish hall for brunch. We will serve delicious pierogies with red borsch, coffee and sweets. You will also have an opportunity to buy frozen pierogis for Christmas. Please reserve this date and bring other people to celebrate with us and support our parish. We thank Suprim Pierogies (Mr. Joseph Wilk) for donating the pierogies for this fundraiser.

Euchre – There is some interest in once again playing Euchre, here at St. Teresa Parish. This would be an excellent opportunity for young Moms/Dads to have some economical and somewhat low key **me** time. The games are scheduled for every second and fourth Wednesday of the month starting December 14th at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. As in the past, the cost will be .50 cents for the nights play. Payout will depend on the attendance. Most lone hands, high score and honest players will also win a few tokens. No need to register – just come to play. For further information, please call Chris at 519-575-1692.

Mental Wellness Support Group - Mental wellness is a challenge for many people. COVID and the COVID lockdowns have provided further uncertainty, isolation, loneliness and frustration causing a severe impact on those with mental health issues. In addition, great pressure has also been placed on the people who care for and support their struggling loved ones, often causing confusion, frustration and fear. If you are having difficulty assisting a loved one with mental health issues please know you are not alone. Beginning **Wednesday, December 7th** and **every 1st Wednesday of each month**, there will be a support collective for those supporting loved ones afflicted with mental health issues. The group will meet downstairs in St. Teresa Parish Hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please note that this is a peer directed group and that support comes from peers sharing lived experience, information and resources with each other; and discussion is not guided by a professional.

St. Teresa's Catholic Women's League Online Auction

Begins Sunday, November 27th from noon until Sunday, December 4th at 5:00 p.m. We invite you to bid on the many wonderful, donated items. Bidding can be done at the following link:
https://www.32auctions.com/StTeresaCWLAuction2022
More information can be found in the bulletin insert. Proceeds go to support St. Teresa CWL ongoing endeavours.

CWL Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, December 6th at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favourite food; husband, children, grandchildren and friends. All are welcome. Entertainment by Sue Weber Bell.