

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 29, 2015

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## Mass Intentions this week

**Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.**

*Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Dec 6<sup>th</sup>*

Wednesday 12:noon †Kay Cook, Intentions of Ann Chamberlain

Friday 12 noon †David Cheevers, Dolly Rose

Saturday 5:00 pm †Msgr. Roger Formosi, Kay Cook  
Francesco & Esterina Tamilia, David Cheevers, Nancy Robinson (Illes), Jack & Leo.



## Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of Guy & Lena Ferraccioli and repose of their souls.  
Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, November 30	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
Tuesday, December 1	Rev. Mark Pisarek, O.M.I.
Wednesday, December 2	Society of the Catholic Apostolate
Thursday, December 3	Rev. Msgr. Daniel Hinsperger, R.I.P.
Friday, December 4	Rev. Jeff Bergsma
Saturday, December 5	Rev. Paul Boucher

**OFFERTORY** for last week was \$3597.65 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

## WELCOME:

Welcome to our dear friend Archbishop MacDonald this weekend – our celebrant and president.

Father Earl is in Haiti this weekend – please pray for the people of Haiti! (i.e. in their struggle – not because I am there).

## ADVENT PRAYER

Each Advent and Lent priests take some time for prayer, reflection, and Reconciliation. Please pray for them this Tuesday (in Hamilton) and Wednesday (Waterloo).

## MEDITATION

Advent calls us to prepare for the two comings of Christ: at the Incarnation and at the end of time. The gospel on the first Sunday of the new liturgical year urges us to be ready to greet the Son of Man. We are to be awake and aware of our surroundings and concerns.

A quick reading of this gospel may lead us to long for a gentler time. The images of roaring seas and waves can cause turmoil, fear or unease. This time of

year can be busy with demands on our energy, time and resources, demands that may trap and weigh us down. We wonder how we can be ready to greet Christ at the end of time when our hearts and minds are trapped in the demands of today. But as we learn to recognize Christ in the present, we will be ready to stand before the Son of Man.

Jesus calls us to be alert and raise our heads, recognizing salvation is near. Advent is a time to refocus and put worry away, for our God has come to us. Today as we celebrate Eucharist, may we come with hearts ready to encounter Christ in the Word, in the people among us and in the breaking of the bread so that, nourished, we may be sent, ready to greet Christ in our midst.

Catherine Ecker, Barrie, ON

**C.W.L. Advent Mass and dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.** Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by Pot luck dinner and entertainment in our hall. We supply the turkey and rolls. Please bring your favourite dish casserole, salad or dessert. Bring your own place setting. Looking forward to seeing you. Any questions contact Fran DeRosse (519) 753-9424. We are encouraging women to bring their daughters over 16 years old.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** for the month of November, *at all the weekend Masses*. Come see us at the back of the Church by the main entrance. You can renew your 2016 membership or ask questions about joining St. Basil Catholic Women's League. Membership is \$21.00 cash or cheque accepted.

## CAMPAIGN LIFE – Christmas Cakes

Today and the weekends of **Dec. 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Choice finest fruits soaked in brandy, pecans & quality ingredients carefully blended according to a traditional recipe, slow baked creating a rich delicious cake. Treat yourself! Makes a thoughtful gift for family, friends, neighbours & employees. Deluxe 2 lb cake (900 g) \$25.00, Regular 1.5 lb (680 g) \$15.00.

## RECONCILIATION:

Advent is a season to prepare the way of the Lord. What better way than to celebrate God's mercy?

The Sacrament will be celebrated at:

St. Mary Church (Assumption) at 7 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

on Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Pius X on Tuesday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> here at St. Basil at

7 pm.

Several Confessors available each evening.

**THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL  
VALU SHOPPE**

197 Colborne Street, Brantford, ON N3T 2G8  
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**EMERGENCY**

As cold weather quickly approaches we have, at the Valu Shoppe, a severe shortage of winter clothing, specifically men's casual winter coats, hats & gloves and clothes for children's sizes 7-16, especially winter coats & boots. Please think of us as you check your own supply of such items in preparation for winter. Any item that would otherwise be hanging in a closet unused would be much appreciated by our neighbours in need. Drop these and all donations off at the store (197 Colborne St.) during store hours (Tues-Fri 10-4, Sat. 10-3).

*From Luke 3:11. Let the man with two tunics share with him who has none ...*

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Advent Retreat

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.at** Blessed Sacrament Church, 181 King St., Burford.

Facilitator: Sr. Margo Ritchie, CSJ      Topic: HOW DO WE RECEIVE GOD TODAY? All Vincentians and those who support them are welcome.

**PARISH BREAKFAST**

**Sunday December 13, 2015**

**8:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**in Church Hall (Crown St.)**

Youth over 13 and adults: \$7.00 p/p

Child 5- 12 yrs of age \$4.00 p/p

Pre-school free

**Knights of Columbus**

**Council #13442**

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS,**

St. Basil Council # 13442

**Meeting Tuesday December 8, 2015**

Mass at 6:00 pm in the Church,

meeting to follow at 6:45 pm in the rectory.

Grand Knight: Bill Kane, Tel # 519-752-1331

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**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of flowers in the Church at Christmas, please place your donation in an envelope and mark "Christmas flowers" with your name or envelope number on it. Many thanks!

**"WELCOME IN" HOMELESS SHELTER:**

Located at 305 West St., this Resource Centre is open Mon – Fri from 9 am – 5 pm; there is an emergency shelter open 7 days a week from 6 pm to 8:30 am. The phone # is 226-250-0120.

**Blessing and Opening of the Door of Mercy**

As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the *Door of Mercy* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on **Sunday, December 13th, 2015** at **7:00 p.m.** The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

**BirthRight**

For over 40 years, Birthright has been providing a gentle, loving alternative to abortion for mothers distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. Thanks to all of you who make it possible for Birthright to help mothers bring their babies to birth and put their lives back together again. Your help is needed to volunteer or to offer a financial donation toward this ongoing mission of Love. For more information or to make a donation contact Ethel Fintas 519-449-5252. Birthright is a Registered Charity and can issue income tax receipts.

**IGNATIUS JESUIT CENTRE OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, December 6 from 2-5 pm** at Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, 5420 Hwy. 6 N. Guelph.

You are invited to join us for the Jesuit community of Guelph's annual Open House: a celebration of Advent (or anything else you want to celebrate!). Light snacks & beverages for all. Hope to see you there! For more information contact 519-824-1250 or [administration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:administration@ignatiusguelph.ca).

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

The word family by its very definition is a collective term, one that unites those associated with a particular family on many levels, during many different shared moments and occasions. Investing time with your family is hands down the best investment you will ever make. You will reap the benefit of children who have stronger bonds with their families, have better academic success, are more mentally and emotionally stable and who will ultimately learn the skills needed to be better parents themselves. Pope Francis recently encouraged parents to "waste time with their children," specifically, I believe, because time with your children is anything but wasted!

**DISCERNMENT GATHERING**

If you are interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life please join our monthly Discernment Gatherings: Mass, Holy Hour, discussion, and Lunch. Next gathering is on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> at Canadian Martyrs Church in Hamilton (9am – 12 noon). More details at [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).