

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 20, 2015

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### Mass Intentions this week

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

*Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> to Dec 27<sup>th</sup>*

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**Tuesday, Dec. 22nd. at 7 pm here**

**(Many priests available).**

- **Wednesday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mass at 9 am, in Church** (†Rob Terry) *followed by Reconciliation (9:30 to 10:30 am)*

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



### Christmas Masses:

- Christmas Eve Masses:
  - o Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. 5pm and 10 pm
  - o Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. 9:30 and 11:30 am

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH -

**Saturday, Dec. 26**

**5:00 pm** - †Msgr. Harvey Roach, Paul Archer, Harry Nesbet

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 and 11:30 am**

### January 1, 2016

- **Wednesday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> Mass at 9:00 am**  
Intentions of Bill Dawson
- **Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015 Mass: 5:00 pm**
- **Friday Jan. 1, 2016, (Mary, Holy Mother of God) Mass: 9:30 and 11:30 am**

### January 3, 2016

### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Saturday 5:00 pm** †David Cheevers, Kay Cook, Thomas Palmer, Jack Fletcher, deceased sister

**Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

### Week of January 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, 9:15 am (at **St. Basil School**) †Lam Nguyen

Thursday, 9:00 am †Nicole Nardone, Marilyn, Game, Canh Tran, Intentions of Bill Dawson

Friday 9:15 am (at **St. Gabriel School**)

Saturday 5:00 pm †Domenico Colitti, Lam Nguyen, Canh Tran, Bill Paling, Arthur & Patricia Smith, Intentions of Lyle Wright



### Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of Taylor & Cassar Families (Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>) Roy Ferraccioli (Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>) 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, December 21	Rev. Mark Morley
Tuesday, December 22	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
Wednesday, December 23	Consecrated Men and Women
Thursday, December 24	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Friday, December 25	Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.
Saturday, December 26	Rev. Lech Wycichowski, C.R.

**OFFERTORY** for last week was \$4197.50 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

**C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** You can renew your Membership by placing an envelope and writing your name, address and telephone number on it along with a cheque or cash in the amount of \$21.00 and putting in the collection basket. Thank you.

### MEDITATION

Sometimes I feel I have so much to be thankful for, while at other times – less so. Life is filled with ups and downs: what I need to remember is that God is here with me through good times and bad.

I remember times when I felt like I'd hit bottom, and I imagine similar times are ahead. At the moment, I feel as though I am on top. God was there with me when I felt down and low, and I turned to him. Now, feeling up and on top, I turn to him less. Clearly this is not what he or I want.

In the first reading today, Micah reminds us of how tough times will come to pass, and how God will be there to provide a sense of peace. Then, in the Letter to the Hebrews, the author writes about sacrifice. Ours no longer being sufficient, Christ makes the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. In the gospel, Luke's portrait of Elizabeth reflects her mindfulness of the highs and lows of life: we learn she had patiently waited for a child and now, being with child, she does not lose sight of God. Instead she gives him praise and glory, just as we should remember to do, in both good times and bad.

Dana Kenny, Charlottetown, PE

### **Christmas Midnight Mass – CHCH**

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Mass is preceded by Carols from the Cathedral beginning at **11:30 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>**. The Carols, and the Midnight Mass, will be televised on CHCH-TV and re-broadcast at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. Our thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

**ENVELOPES FOR 2016 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE Church.** If your name or address is incorrect, please notify the office. Also, if you don't have envelopes and wish to begin using them, please contact the office and a box will be assigned to you. These envelopes should **NOT** be used before January 1, 2016. **ALSO, when you start using your 2016 envelopes, please put your name and address on the first few envelopes.** Please consider switching to **"Pre-Authorized Debit"** – less paper work; less work for our counters; more security for our parish! Forms can be found on the "Welcome Desk" – back of church.

### **INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

Receipts will be issued for offerings in 2015. If you wish a receipt, please put a self-addressed envelope with, if possible, your envelope number and put into the collection basket. This will facilitate getting your receipt to you. When you start using your 2016 envelopes, please put your name & address on the first couple of envelopes. Thank you.

### **WAYS TO BE MERCIFUL DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

- **Resist sarcasm; it is the antithesis of mercy: "Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth; keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips!" (Psalm 141:3).**
- **Pare down possessions: share your things with the needy.**

- **Call someone who you know is lonely, even if you understand why they're lonely. Especially if you do.**
- **Learn to say this prayer: "Dear Lord, bless {annoying person's name} and have mercy on me!"**

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be Celebrated by Bishop Crosby on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Instruction for Candidates only: **Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 – 10:30 – 11:30 AM.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST** – will be celebrated during Sunday Masses on April 23, 24 and April 30, May 1, 2016.

First Reconciliation **session** will take place on **Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 7 pm.**

*A Blessed Christmas* to all of you. Thank you for all the work, the prayers and the sacrifices you make for God and His people in this parish.

A special thank you to all who have helped us in our Christmas preparation and our Christmas Masses. It is our faithful parishioners who make our Christmas celebration a beautiful one.

I would also like to thank you for my many Christmas cards and gifts. Fr. Earl

### **ST. PIUS X - CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING**

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be on **Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker about Organ Donation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **From the Catechism of the Catholic church**

Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery-the preconditions of all true freedom. (CCC2223)

Joan Minnery Enterprises in conjunction with the Mt. Pleasant Optimist Club proudly presents: **LEAN SWEET '16** – Dynamic & Interactive Inspirational Presentation With A Music Flare. Spend a morning with Joan Minnery, Motivational Speaker, Health/Fitness Advocate, Entertainer and Author of the book *Walking My Way Back To Me*. Saturday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Pleasant Community Centre, 711 Mt. Pleasant Rd., 9 – 11:30 am. For tickets call Janie Hart @519-759-1587.

The office will be closed **Thursday noon, December 24 and Christmas day.**

Our next bulletin will be January 10, 2016. Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas.