

Mass Intentions this week**Dec. 20 – Dec. 24th****Wednesday 12:noon** † (in Church) Francesco & Esterina Tamalia**2:30 pm (John Noble Home)****Friday 9:00 am** †(Assumption College)**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Rob Terry, Paul Archer, Taylor & Cassar families, Souls in Purgatory**Sanctuary Lamp** this week

Intentions of: The Taylor and Cassar Families 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.

Third Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2017

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 - 2246

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR***This week we especially pray for:***

Monday Rev. Junghyuk Choi

Tuesday Rev. Allen Varlaki

Wednesday: Missionaries

Thursday Rev. James Malone

Friday Rev. Stephen Csiszar

Saturday Rev. Jerome Mascarenhas, O.C.D.

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Envelopes	\$3,560.50
Loose Collections:	\$ 609.25
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00
Total Weekly Offering Dec. 10, 2017	\$4,654.75
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

MUSIC TRIVIA

Something to look forward to – Music Trivia on Saturday, January 27 in our parish. Bar opens at 6:00 pm, Trivia begins at 7:00 pm. To help cover costs tickets are \$5.00. No singing just a lot of laughs and friendly competition.

MEDITATION

At Christians, we recognize the season of Advent as a time of great anticipation in which we prepare for the coming of the Lord. In today's Gospel John the Baptist calls us to "Make straight the way of the Lord." This call to action is not easy in an ever-growing secular world.

Although it should be the very opposite, the season of Advent is perhaps the most difficult time of year to rise and to meet John's call. More often than not, today's reality is one where the season of Advent is inundated with commercialism and anything but Christ. To remain focused while we await the coming of the Lord is increasingly difficult and requires humility, discipline and patience. These qualities require a great deal of practice and prayer. Seemingly enough, the reverse is true as practice and prayer require a great deal of humility, discipline and patience.

If we are to lead a virtuous Christian life then we must follow John's example, displaying humility, discipline and patience when responding to those who questioned him. Despite the heavy commercialization of Advent, let us as Christians persevere through prayer and practice as we celebrate and share the coming of the Lord with everyone whom we encounter during this blessed season.

Dana Kenny, Charlottetown, PE
Novalis, Living with Christ

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATIONS

In preparation for Christmas, two parishes will have a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- St. Pius x – Tuesday, December 19th at 7 p.m.
- St. Basil - Thursday, December 21st at 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS TELEVISED

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m., followed by Midnight Mass. Salt+Light Catholic Television will air the celebration live on television and on their website. CHTV of Hamilton will also carry the telecast. This year we are happy to welcome Father Paul Murray, OP and Archbishop Arthur Roche (Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, Rome) as special guests.



You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart; in fact, on certain occasions you should speak to Him only with your heart.

St. Pio of Peitrelcina

The highest form of prayer is to stand silently in awe before God

St. Isaac the Syrian

He who prays most receives most.

St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in Dublin

The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place Aug. 21 – 26, 2018. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia, or The Joy of Love. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, **but** registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartnett). Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Christmas is a season of great excitement and joy, filled with gifts, sharing love and visiting with our family and friends. These are wonderful parts of Christmas, but it is important to help our children remember that the holiday is really about the birth of Christ. Start during Advent by having an Advent wreath, where each week you pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love. Find ways as a family to spread these into the world in which you live.

Jesus taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care for the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outward towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what "I" want. Help your children to learn that is in giving that we truly receive.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

More Good News

In addition to the funds received by the parish from the Estate of Cyril Henderson, the parish conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society received \$348,000.00

An amount of \$325,000.00 has been passed up to Particular Council of Brant to assist in the acquisition and operation of the new St Vincent de Paul store in Brantford. The transition to the new store will occur during 2018, so the arrival of this funding is very timely.

The remaining funds will remain with the parish conference so we can maintain our service levels to our neighbours in need during the transition to the new store.

We thank our parishioners for their generous support in the past and look forward to your continued support going forward. Thank you! Thank God!

The Christmas Mass on TV

For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community

this Christmas. Watch the Daily TV Mass:

Christmas Eve on VisionTV at 9:00 pm ET

yesTV at 10:00 pm ET

Christmas Day at 8:00 am and 12:00 pm ET on

VisionTV

11:00 pm ET on Salt + Light.

1:00 pm on yesTV

You can also watch on the web at

www.dailytvmass.com



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