

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 24**

Christmas Eve

**Tuesday, December 25**

Christmas Day

**Wednesday, December 26**

No Mass

**Thursday, December 27**

10:00 a.m. Gus Lesperance (at Sunnyside)

**Friday, December 28**

8:00 a.m. Louise and Hubert Feeney

**Saturday, December 29**

5:00 p.m. Frank Maloney  
Angelita Carino  
Francesco and Maria Cinquemani  
Santa and Giuseppe Seminatore  
Harry Schuster  
Emilija Krivicic  
Calogero, Antonia and Salvatore Vizzini  
Rick Schuster  
Colleen Kavanaugh

**PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, December 23**

5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

**Saturday, December 29**

8:00 a.m. Cursillo

**Sunday, December 30**

5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 22, 23, 2018**

*Micah 5:2-5a*

*Hebrews 10:5-10*

*Luke 1:39-45*

*When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb.*

Treasures spilling over;  
secrets pouring out  
in sheer delight.

The women  
hug and,  
baby  
leaps  
for  
joy.

Holy  
Spirit,  
fill us too  
with yourself.

Teach us to love  
and let us cry out in joy,  
since our Lord has come to be  
within us and within all humankind.

Let our spirits  
jump for  
joy.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### *Last-Minute Christmas Preparations*

I have a strict policy of not doing any Christmas shopping on any December date with more than one digit in it. It keeps me out of the mayhem I'm sure many of you have had to experience, even if it means putting a little pressure on my 4-year-old nephew to settle his mind early on one or two particular "asks" for the year. Some brave souls will even venture out to pick up the last few things tomorrow!

What do we do if our Advent preparations are not quite complete yet? What can we do if the busyness of preparing to make the holidays special for our families and friends has left us of a little behind in the important task of getting ready to receive the Lord? Simple is better: Take a few moments and review (online or in print) the readings for Christmas Day, especially the Gospel passage; sing some hymns/carols with family and friends as part of your holiday gathering; go for a walk undistracted by talk or technology, giving the Lord some time and space to work directly on your heart.

God rejoices in our efforts to make ourselves ready to welcome him. He honours the desire he sees in us to know and experience him more and more. If you've been busy, if you've been distracted, don't despair. Turn to God with confidence and receive the final hours of the Advent Season for what they are: a privileged opportunity to draw closer to God.

### **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

*This week we especially pray for:*

Monday	Reverend Francis Hubilla
Tuesday	Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)
Wednesday	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
Thursday	Reverend Ronald Voisin
Friday	Reverend Duy Van Nguyen
Saturday	Reverend Kevin D'Souza

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.



### **TAX RECEIPTS**

Please note that all donations requiring tax receipts for 2018 must be received in the parish office **by noon on Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**.



Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).



**RCIA** - For those not yet Baptized, Baptized in another Faith, those not yet Confirmed or those who have questions about the Catholic Christian Faith.

RCIA is a path for teens and adults to **learn more about the Catholic faith**. It is for those wishing to receive the Sacraments and for those who are just interested in knowing more and might have questions. Sessions are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room. For more information, call the parish office and a team member will contact you.

### **WARMTH AND COMFORT PROJECT**



Men's, women's and children's new socks are needed and being collected until December 31, 2018. Collection bins are located in the foyers of the church and PLC. So far we are at 1,102 pairs! We are asking all parishioners to be generous with this request. St Anthony Daniel CWL is hoping to create a mountain of socks so we can send our final tally to the Ontario Provincial CWL and distribute the socks to local agencies to help the less fortunate and our local homeless. Please be generous!



### **THE JESSE TREE, ADVENT 2018**

Fourth Week of Advent Symbols:

1. **The Sun**
2. **A Scallop Shell**
3. **A Lily**
4. **A Carpenter's Square**
5. **The Manger and the Star**

An explanation of the symbols can be found by the Jesse Tree in the PLC foyer.

### **DRAYTON ENTERTAINMENT 2019**



Six great shows have been booked for the 2019 season. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex. Maybe you would like to reserve a ticket(s) for family or friends for Christmas. It would make a great gift.

**CHRISTMAS CHARITABLE DONATIONS**



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Many parishioners are unaware of the substantial charitable giving the parish engages in, especially around Christmas time. Donations made to the parish Underprivileged Fund are distributed periodically throughout the year to local and international charities. Gifts ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 were made this year on behalf of the people of St. Anthony Daniel Parish to the following charities:

- Women’s Crisis Services
- CYO Camp Fund
- One Roof Youth Services
- Catholic Missions in Canada
- Chalice Canada
- Food Bank of Waterloo
- St. John's Kitchen

It is a privilege and an honour to make these donations on behalf of our community, and we often receive very thankful messages in reply. Thank you to all the parishioners whose donations make this support possible. Our parish is blessed with many generous hearts! Please contact us if you know of any charities that we might consider supporting in the future.



**PEACE LIGHT**

The Peace Light is a tradition that was started in Austria in approximately 1988. It is carried out by the boy scouts of Austria. Every year an Austrian child travels with a group to Bethlehem to the Church of the Nativity to enter the birthplace of Christ and gets the flame from there. The flame is then carried from Bethlehem on Austrian Airlines to Vienna. From there the flame is spread all across Europe, much like the Olympic torch is passed.

Once again this year, through the assistance of local people, arrangements were made to have the flame flown to Ontario. We will be receiving this peace light and we will keep this candle lit until the feast of the Epiphany. Now, more than ever, let us pray for peace.



***CHRISTMAS WEEK  
Schedule of Masses***

**Christmas Eve**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. (Family Celebration)

7:30 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

Carols 30 minutes before each Mass

**Christmas Day**

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Feast of the Holy Family**

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Vigil)**

**Monday, December 31st**

5:00 p.m.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**HOLIDAY PARISH  
OFFICE HOURS 2018/2019**

*Please note the following:*

<b><i>Monday, December 24:</i></b>	<b><i>Closed</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday, December 25:</i></b>	<b><i>Closed</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday, December 26:</i></b>	<b><i>Closed</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday, December 27:</i></b>	<b><i>Closed</i></b>
<b><i>Friday, December 28:</i></b>	<b><i>9:00 a.m. to noon</i></b>
<b><i>Monday, December 31:</i></b>	<b><i>Closed</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday, January 1, 2019</i></b>	<b><i>Closed</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday, January 2:</i></b>	<b><i>Closed</i></b>
<b><i>Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup></i></b>	