

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 14

No Mass

Tuesday, January 15

7:00 p.m. Mary Young
James Murdoch
Gary and Christopher Thompson
Intention of Carly Losovich
Intention of Mary Dietrich

Wednesday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Francesco Soares

Thursday, January 17

8:00 a.m. Aileen Brandy/D' Aguilar

Friday, January 18

8:00 a.m. Edward Forwell

Saturday, January 19

5:00 p.m. Maria Pacheco
Antonio Seminatore
Maria and Vincenzo Romano
Josephine Graci
Rick Schuster
John Runstedtler
Ratko Krusvar

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 13

11:45 a.m. Baptism Team Meeting
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

Wednesday, January 16

7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. Saturday Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 17

7:30 p.m. Sunday Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 18

1:00 p.m. CWL Executive Meeting

Saturday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Cursillo
1:00 p.m. Altar Server Training
6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Sunday, January 20

St. Vincent de Paul Collection after each Mass
11:45 a.m. Baptism Preparation
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 13, 2019

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

BE FAITHFUL

The Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Season concludes with the manifestation of the relationship of Jesus to the Father. The story of the Baptism of the Lord carries with it the announcement by God acknowledging his Son upon whom his favour rests. In the opening prayer we ask that we may be kept faithful to our own baptism, making the connection between the presence of Christ in the world and our baptismal response. After his anointing by God, Jesus went around doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil. In the same way, by our baptism we are called to find out what good works need to be done and how we can heal those caught in the clutches of evil.



DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Reverend Todd Arsenault, L.C.
Tuesday Reverend Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Wednesday Consecrated Men and Women
Thursday Reverend Thomas Flynn, L.C.
Friday Very Reverend John Van Hees
Saturday Very Reverend Con O'Mahony

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.



WARMTH AND COMFORT PROJECT— SOCK COLLECTION

The CWL wants to thank every parishioner who donated to our collection of socks for our local organizations who help the homeless. Our total included 1415 pairs of socks--623 pairs for men, 344 pairs for women and 333 for children. Our parish's total has been shared with the Ontario Provincial CWL Council who organized this initiative across the province. The socks have been delivered to those in need in our community. Thank you again.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – CHRISTMAS HAMPER/TOY COLLECTION



Once again the parishioners of St. Anthony Daniel parish responded very generously to St. Vincent de Paul's request for financial contributions to enable them to provide 238 Christmas hampers to families in the Stanley Park area needing assistance. The three schools in our parish provided enough fabulous gifts to allow St. Vincent de Paul to distribute Christmas toys to 254 children.

This year, the Youth Ministry of the parish provided artistic and physical assistance to help with the ever enlarging need in our area.

As a result of these combined efforts, many families experienced the joy of Christmas and they were very appreciative.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church after Masses next weekend to accept your monetary donations. The monthly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday, January 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Centre.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace whether undergoing medical procedures, during an illness and recovery, birthing, a bereavement or for a time of meditation.

If you are personally in need or know someone who is, pickup or delivery can be arranged through the parish office.



As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious consecrated man or woman. 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.



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.

PARISH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Have you picked up your invite yet? Don't forget to collect a postcard invitation to the retreat from the table near the Welcome Desk. The sign-up sheet to reserve your lunch is available as well.





**THE HERB WITTICH DEPOT OF
CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN**

The Herb Wittich Depot of Canadian Food for Children urgently needs help!

Who: A volunteer with a pickup truck with hardtop or tarp, cargo van or trailer who would be able to pick up 75-100 green bags of used clothing at the Saint Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Thrift Shop in Cambridge and bring it to the Depot on Guelph Street in Kitchener to arrive around 1:00 p.m.. This would be required every other Wednesday.

Why: The SVDP Thrift Shop gives us a weekly donation of “slightly” used clothing. This regular supply from them is what allows us to continue our mission to help the poor. We are looking for a volunteer(s) to help maintain this vital flow of goods to the Herb Wittich Depot. The loss of this regular weekly source of good used clothing would have a major impact on our work.

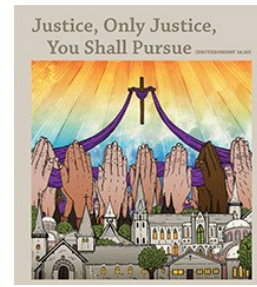
If you or someone you know might be able to help, please contact John Pinnington at 519-894-5046 or pinn@golden.net. More than one volunteer would lighten the load for everyone.



**CUSTOMS ON THE FEAST OF
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

In the Ukraine the faithful gather in the front of the church where a cross of ice is placed. Since there are no rivers near churches, a tub is filled with water and is placed in front of the ice cross. During special and very unique services the water is blessed and brought home. This is taken in before breakfast is eaten. The remains are kept during the year to keep the home safe from fire, lightning and sickness.

The priest visits his parishioners to bless their homes with the holy water that the New Year may be one of cooperation with the gift of God, His Son, and the participation in the Life He has come to lead us in toward Salvation. The evening meal is very much a repeat of the Holy Supper except that there are no restrictions on meat and dairy products. It starts with *Kutia*, a cereal dish, traditionally served in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia, which has been saved from Christmas Eve.



**2019 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
January 18 - 25, 2019**

The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to us from Indonesia: “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:18-20)

This year’s theme calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action. Drawing on the traditional values of *Bhineka Tunggal Ika (Unity in Diversity)* and *gotong royong (living in solidarity and by collaboration)*, Indonesian Christians invite us to be a united witness, and an agent of Christ’s healing grace in a broken world, by making specific commitments to justice, equality, and unity.

Gracious and ever creating God,
We give you thanks for this Week of
Prayer for Christian Unity
and the opportunity it gives us to think of how we can pray
and work together more.
Merciful Creator,
we thank you for our persistent love
and your patience with our brokenness.
Help us work for justice,
as you have shown us through your prophets.
Help us to be reconcilers,
as you have reconciled us in Jesus Christ.
Help us work with you in the healing of the world.
We pray through Christ,
who comes reconciling and making new.
Amen.



Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates one's being to the heart. We invite you to join us in prayer as we close this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity using meditative singing on Sunday, January 27th at 7:30 p.m. Hosted by Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount Road East, Kitchener, 519-744-4061.