



# Our Parish Family

## Our Lady Help of Christians

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## St. Christopher's

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A welcoming Catholic faith community who gathers to celebrate the Word of God as a Eucharistic People.

### Pastoral Team

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#### **Office Hours:**

By Appointment Only  
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519-876-3240  
to book

#### **Sunday Eucharist**

Saturday - 4:30 pm Forest  
7:00 pm Watford  
Sunday - 9:00 am Watford  
11:00 am Forest

#### **Confessions**

Please call Fr. Mark to book

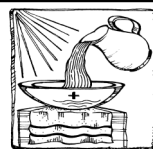
## Third Sunday OF Advent December 13, 2020



Those whom the LORD  
has ransomed will  
return and enter  
Zion singing,  
crowned with  
everlasting joy;  
they will meet with  
joy and gladness,  
sorrow and  
mourning will flee

Isaiah 35:10

Joy

*We welcome into God's family  
Maxwell Stephen Minten, son of Ted and Vanessa  
who was be baptized at OLHC last weekend.*

As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, I was rather taken aback by the out pouring of love and support you gave to Teddy, Vanessa, and Max. Both parishes, in my mind, truly lived the way that Christ came into the world to show us that we can live like this...be other-centred as opposed to self-centredness, even, and especially, in those moments of great emotional upheaval. That we can, and should reach out to those in our parish communities who are suffering, especially when it is a loss of a child.

Forty years ago I worked for Bell Canada, and experienced a community coming together. I was in Mennonite country and witnessed that community come together and build a new barn for a young couple who suffered a great loss in a fire. Back then, I thought it pretty cool to witness the love and support they showered the couple with. Everyone knew what needed to be done and they just did. Sadly, back then I really didn't appreciate it like I do today.

Our salvation is pretty well guaranteed if we strive to live the Gospel, just as Christ tried to teach us. He went a step further and made things a little easier by saying we need only love God, and love our neighbour as we are loved by God.

I have to admit that there are times when it is not so easy to see the good. What was obvious to me was that everyone seemed to be living out the Gospel as true disciples of Christ. -Fr. Mark

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2021** ~ These will be handed out at the church entrance. **A REMINDER THAT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021 YOU WILL HAVE A NEW ENVELOPE NUMBER. PLEASE DISCARD YOUR OLD ENVELOPES AFTER JANUARY 1.**

**Pre-Authorized Giving**— As we approach a new year, we ask you to consider the benefits of signing up for pre-authorized giving. It has many advantages: simplifies the offering process; helps in household budgeting; maintains reliable income for the parish operations (especially during these pandemic times); reduces printing costs; reduces time counting and accounting. Many benefits and its an easy process. Request a form by email from Sarah in your parish office.

#### **Watford CWL News**

We are looking for continued support of our member during this time of COVID, even when we can not gather for meetings or events. It is time to renew memberships for 2021. There are several ways to do this; drop it in the collection basket, hand to any member of the CWL executive, pay in person at Watford Libro (ask teller to "memo with (you name)) so we can attach your name to the payment, mail to Betty Thuss at 5783 Sexton Rd. Kerwood, ON N0M 2B0, or etransfer to Eveliene VandenOuweland at evelienevdo@gmail.com.

Cost of membership is \$25.

Please know that if you are unable to pay at this time, it is completely understandable and you can always catch up next year.

#### **Journey Through Advent Video Series - Second Sunday of Advent**

The video series "Journey through Advent" – Third Sunday of Advent is now available on the CCCB website in [English](#) short reflections on the Sunday Gospel readings throughout this joyful liturgical season and is available each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration. The initiative was developed by the CCCB as a way, through the modern method of video messaging, to offer a resource that enriches faith formation during a time of joyful anticipation for the coming of the Lord and Saviour into the world. The videos serve as an introduction to the liturgical Season and present reflections on the Gospel readings for each Sunday in Advent. The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and the Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Saint-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, provide spiritual and pastoral guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. We invite you to share this information with catechists and all with whom you work. Graphics to assist with the promotion of these videos in bulletins and on websites are available in [English](#).

Additional information is available in the CCCB website in [English](#)



We are accepting donations for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one who has died.

The names of your loved ones will be published in the Christmas bulletin.

We will need donations to be received in the office by **December 17, 2020**

to give us enough time to prepare the Christmas bulletin.

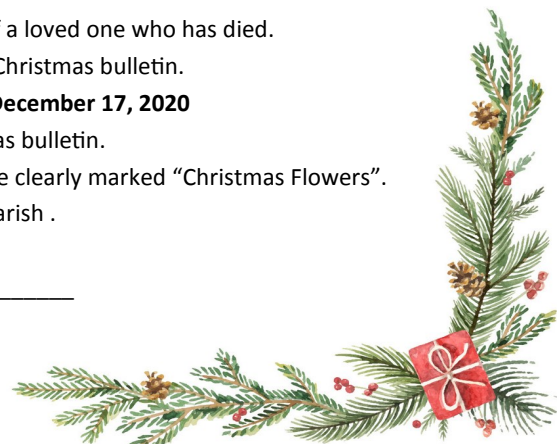
Please use the form below and place it with your donation into an envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers".

Cheques should be made payable to the parish .

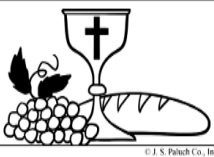
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## Masses for the Week



### Wednesday, December 16

**9:00 am, Watford** - +TJ Minten - req. Martin & Bev Quenneville

- +Mary Jane Mair - req. Victor & Dianne Nemcek & Family
- Souls in Purgatory who have no one praying for them - req. Leo & Dolly Shanahan

**11:00 am, Forest** - + Chris De Groot - req. Ghislaine Bernard Goure

- + Candace Etienne - req. Etienne Family
- + TJ Minten - req. Andy & Helene De Groot

*Weekend masses are first come first served.*

**St. Christopher's - 4:30pm Saturday's & 11:00am Sunday's**

**OLHC - 7:00pm Saturday's & 9:00am Sunday's**

### Please Pray Each Day For:



*Mrs. Jean Beneteau, Pastoral Minister*

*Mrs. Marguerite Hewer, Pastoral Minister*

*Rev. Christophe Mbunzu, O.F.M Cap.*

*Deacon Brian MacDonald*

*Ministers of Migrant Workers in the Diocese of London*

*Rev. Augustine Ogundele*

*Deacon Daniel Lemire*

### Christmas Mass Times:



**CHRISTMAS EVE: OLHC: 3:00pm (FULL), 4:30pm (FULL) & 6:30pm. St. Christopher's: 8:30pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY: OLHC: 9:00am. St. Christopher's: 11:00am**

Christmas is coming quickly, but it will look a little different within the church this year. In order to adhere to the COVID-19 protocols **you will have to pre-register in order to attend any of the Christmas Masses.** We are **ONLY** going to be accepting reservations by telephone, no email reservations will be taken. When leaving a message, please ensure you provide us with the following information: name, telephone number, number of people coming, and identify your desired Mass time. Please try to coordinate with others in your bubble and make one call. This will make seating arrangements easier. Though every effort will be made to accommodate each request, please be patient as we try to do so. Please know that your reservation is **NOT** confirmed until you hear back from Sarah.

**Reservations close on Thursday, December 17. No wait list, no walk ins.**

**For the masses being held at OLHC, please call 519-876-3240.  
For masses being held at St. Christopher's, please call 519-786-5243.**

*The following masses will be cancelled at both parishes:  
Wednesday, December 23, December 30 & January 6.*

*Saturday, December 26 & January 2*

**Sunday Masses WILL run at regular scheduled times.**



### FlipGive Fundraising

Fundraising for our Parishes is going to be so much easier with FlipGive, a free fundraising app.

We earn cash back on every purchase we make all year long! All you have to do is shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Home Depot, Walmart, Amazon, Sport Check, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaw's.

No more going door-to-door selling chocolate bars - it's completely virtual and contactless.

Join our "team" now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop

For OLHC please click the following link: [https://flipgive.app/link/teams/join?fundraiser\\_name=Connie&joincode=KCGZ7W](https://flipgive.app/link/teams/join?fundraiser_name=Connie&joincode=KCGZ7W)

Or enter this code: KCGZ7W

For St. Christopher's please click the following link: [https://www.flipgive.com/teams/join?fundraiser\\_name=Connie&joincode=LQPLMY](https://www.flipgive.com/teams/join?fundraiser_name=Connie&joincode=LQPLMY)

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Please considering using this App when you are online shopping for Christmas and all year long. It is free for you to use and it does not cost the church anything either! Buy the things you were already going to buy, and raise extra money for the church!!

With the restrictions of COVID, we are hoping this will help supplement the funds that would have been raised through various events.

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