

Mass Intentions this week



Dec. 5 – Dec. 10th

Tuesday Mass at the School Board office
Friday 12:noon (In Church) Intentions of: Robert Hamon, Frank Higman and the Carruthers Family. **Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**
Saturday 5:00 pm †Domenico & Teresa Maiorano, Leo Paling, Marie Okane, Intentions of: Josie MacKinnon, and Living family members.



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Giacinto DiDomenico and repose of his soul. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Rev. Charlie Jordan .
 Tuesday Rev. Mark Sullivan
 Wednesday: Disalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
 Thursday Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
 Friday Rev. Edward Mahoney
 Saturday Rev. Peter Ciallella

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	\$2,893.50
Loose Collections:	\$ 537.30
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>
Total Weekly Offering Nov. 26, 2017	\$3,915.80
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest.” - Matthew 11:28
 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Saturday December 4th – 23rd at St. Ann’s Parish, Ancaster. Please consider spending a weekly hour with Our Lord. For more info call Rosemarie (343) 369-3958.

Spanish Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 pm - Blessed Sacrament Church - 181 King Street Burford, ON 519-449-5143 There will be a social in the parish hall following the Mass.

MEDITATION

On the first Sunday of Advent, we as a Church enter a precious period of in-betweenness. It is a time of expectancy and longing, bated breath and watchful waiting. It is a time that calls us to explicitly reflect on the peculiarity of our position: our Lord has already come and we wait for him to come again. We return to the stories leading up to his birth each year, knowing that we are living in a kind of “already / not yet.” We know our beloved and still we yearn to see his face.

In the Gospel today we are called to be watchful: “You do not know when the time will come”; “Beware, keep alert” “Keep awake.” These insistent passages call us to be attentive in our every moment. When we are alert, we become attuned to the vibrancy of all that surrounds us; any movement could signal the arrival of the Lord. It’s a delightful kind of anticipation. The 18th-century Jesuit writer Jean Pierre de Caussade invites us, in our anticipation, into what he calls “the sacramentality of the present moment.” What if every moment were one in which we might meet our God? What might we notice? How might we act? Let us pray for the grace to be receptive to God in every moment.

Kate McGee, Toronto, ON
 Novalis, Living with Christ

SACRAMENTS

– Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and for Confirmation for 2018 are available on the welcome desk in church. Please inform family, friends and neighbours that they do not register through the schools. Sacraments are parish celebrations. You need to register by December the 8th!

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Here at our parish; for one hour on the following Wednesday evenings at the Rectory:
Dec. 6th – 6:30 – 7:30 pm - Praying with Scripture
Dec. 13th – 6:30 – 7:30 pm - Saints for Advent

ST. JOHN’S BIBLE!

The beautiful Book of the Gospels will be here on **Wednesday evening, December 6th** for our **Adult Education series!** We will focus on the “Birth Narrative” of Jesus. Christina Ronzio from the Diocesan Liturgy Office will lead us in a “visio divina” (i.e.) prayer by looking at and meditating on the Word and the Illuminations. Join us at 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the meeting room of the Rectory.

A wonderful Advent preparation for the Christmas Season.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – St. Basil Council #13442 Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 12th. Mass at 6:30 pm in the Chapel!

Meeting to follow after in the Rectory meeting room.
Grand Knight: Bill Kane. Tel #519-752-1331. E-mail: william.r.kane@gmail.com

GRAND RIVER CHORUS – *Sunday Dec. 10, 2017*, 3:00 pm at St. Basil's Church. Concert Tickets: Adults \$25, Youth \$15.

"Christmas cakes will again be sold at the back of the Church this weekend *Dec 2/3 and Dec. 9/10*. All proceeds go to the **Pro-life** movement. The cakes are scrumptious, rich and exquisitely delicious with even more fruits and nuts in the recipe. They really make wonderful gifts for family and friends and most importantly, they help in this very worthwhile cause."

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED

First Baptist Church, Brantford is looking for a new Office Administrator. She/he will be working along with our Minister, Treasurer, Bookkeeper, Caretaker and the general members of our congregation. Hours are 9 am to 12 noon Tuesday till Friday. If anyone is interested, please call First Baptist Church at 70 West St. (519) 753-2406 and speak to Dianne.

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATIONS

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

- St. Mary – Tuesday, December 12th at 5 p.m.
- St. Pius x – Tuesday, December 19th at 7 p.m.
- St. Basil - Thursday, December 21st at 7 p.m.

In addition **RECONCILIATION** here on *Friday Dec. 8th 11 to 11:45 am*. Mass to follow in Church at 12 noon.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS

St Pius X Knights of Columbus, Council 9262, is hosting a special Knights Memorial Mass on **Monday, December 4th** at St Pius X Church starting at 7:00 p.m. St Pius X Council 9262 wants to extend an invitation to all Brant County Knights and families to attend this Memorial Mass. Everyone welcome. Please send Past Knights names to Patrick Luciani by email pluciani@travelonly.com or call (519)753-1273. These Knights names will be registered in a Memorial Book.

In response to the Rohingya persecution in Myanmar, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is working with Caritas Bangladesh to support a food distribution program along the border with Myanmar. Development and Peace is also assisting Bangladeshis with food and other

emergency relief given the enormous strain that the refugee crisis is having on their own country's very limited resources. Visit the Development and Peace - website: <https://www.devp.org/en/emergencies/bangladesh> for instructions on how to make a financial contribution to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund.

ALEXANDRA CHURCH, 410 Colborne Street, Brantford is hosting an "Evening Of Christmas Praise" with Dr. John Vandertuin. He is an internationally renowned, blind organist, he will delight you this season with organ, piano and vocal music on *Saturday, Dec. 16th at 7:30 pm*, free will offering.

Chalice is a Canadian Catholic child sponsorship organization. Thanks to the generous contributions of our supporters we create, support, and increase access to education, health, and family livelihood for nearly 50,000 children in 15 developing countries. Chalice invites you to share the blessings and joy of Christmas with children and families in the developing world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue offers the opportunity to purchase a gift on behalf of a friend or loved-one. The items in the catalogue are carefully selected based on the needs of the families we serve around the world. Your friend or loved-one will receive a beautiful card stating what gift or gifts you purchased in their name. You will also receive an official tax receipt. Catalogues are at the back of the Church. More information is available at www.chalice.ca .'



For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.
– St. Therese of Lisieux –

The Advent Angel Tree is set up at the back of the Church again this year. Through your generosity, St Basil's has collected and distributed various items since 2002: food (1000s of lbs!), over 2,000 new toys, and many articles of clothing including children's winter coats and snowsuits for those less fortunate. For 2017 we would like to suggest a donation of food for St Vincent de Paul, or a new baby item such as diapers, formula or blankets for St Vincent de Paul and Birthright. All donations will be collected weekly and distributed to local agencies to support those in our own community. Tax deductible cash donations can be made by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked with "Advent Angel Tree", your name, and regular envelop number. Thank you once again for your prayers and generosity.

WANT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR ANNIVERSARY BULLETIN? Spaces are available. If you can fill these empty spaces, please call Bialas Printing at 519-752-4268. Thank you!