

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 2, 2018

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Mass Intentions this week



Tuesday 7:00 pm † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 9:00 am † Rev. Rob Fead
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Friday 9:00 am † Irene Mombourquette
Saturday 9:00 am † Msgr. Peter Coughlin
Saturday 5:00 pm † Giacinto DiDomenico, Philip, Norma and Andy Wiszniowski, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Living & deceased Members of the Spelier & Duindam Families



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions: Rev. Rob Fead, 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.

DIOCESAN PRAYER	CALENDAR
Monday, December 3	Rev. Octavio Cidadao
Tuesday, December 4	Rev. Jose Edson Moreira
Wednesday, December 5	Disalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
Thursday, December 6	Rev. Peter Raymond
Friday, December 7	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
Saturday, December 8	Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.

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!

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,299.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 671.00
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 692.00
Total Weekly Offering	\$4,662.00
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

ADVENT POTLUCK LUNCHEON:

All ladies are invited to join us in the parish hall immediately following the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 9th. The Catholic Women's League provides the turkey. Please bring your favourite casserole, salad or dessert to share. We also ask that you bring your own plate setting (dishes and utensils). Food can be dropped off in the hall before Mass.

Entertainment by Father Paul.

Adult Formation program. One of the things that is lacking most in our life of faith is a good understanding of the teachings of our faith and how to respond to some difficult questions people might have about our Catholic faith. For instance, how would you respond to an Atheist who says that God doesn't exist? Or how would you defend the authenticity of the Gospels to those who claim that they were all fabricated and are not real historical documents? I would like to invite you to our **Adult Formation evenings every second Thursday after the 7:00 pm Mass** and learn how to respond to some difficult questions you might have about your faith.

Here are the topics being covered:

November 29th: Transgenderism
December 13th: Same-Sex Marriage
January 3rd: Helping People Return to the Church
January 17th: Explaining the Eucharist
January 31st: Evil and Suffering

Youth Basketball at St. Basils

Boys and girls from 10-15 years of age are invited to come out every two weeks to have a fun and competitive night playing pick-up basketball.

Bring your own water, but snacks will be provided.

Every second Friday

Start time is 7:00 pm and ends at 8:30 pm.

Adult supervision will be provided.

Here is the schedule:

December 14th

January 11th

January 25th

C.W.L. NEWS

Milk bags – The CWL is collecting clean outer bags to make plastic sleeping mats for Canadian Food for Children. Please **place the bags in the bin at the back of the church.**

C.W.L. 2019 MEMBESHIP DRIVE BEGINS

Annual Membership dues are \$25.00. Cash is preferable or a cheque made out to St. Basil C.W. L. Please use a plain envelope marked "C.W.L." with your name, address, phone no., postal code and an e-mail address if you would like to be updated on our C.W.L. monthly meetings. Place the envelope in the Collection Basket during Mass. See us at the back of Church after Masses.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

At St. Mary's, (Our Lady of the Assumption) 133 Murray Street in Brantford **Tuesday, December 11th and 18th, 5:00 – 8:00 pm**, confessions, no penitential service, one visiting priest will be present.

“Chanted Vespers in Honour of The Immaculate Conception: Join us Saturday, December 8th, 2018 at 7:00 pm in St. Basil Church, as we Chant the Office of Vespers in honour of Our Blessed Mother and her Immaculate Conception. Please join us as we participate in the sung prayer of The Church and Her Office Liturgy.”

OLD MASS, NEW MASS TIME

Did you know that there are two types of Masses in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church?

You are invited to join your fellow parishioners of St. Basil's to celebrate the Mass in the Extraordinary Form, also known as the Tridentine Mass, in which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered in Latin and Gregorian Chant is sung.

Experience the beauty and richness of our Catholic faith and heritage on *Sunday December 9th at 4:00PM* (Second Sunday of the month moving forward). All are welcome.

Advent Twilight Retreat: Blessed Sacrament Parish in Burford will be offering an evening of prayer, reflection and song with a meal on December 13 beginning at 5:30 pm. Please call 519-449-5143 to RSVP by December 6. Cost \$15 for the meal (to be paid at the door).

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: A Lenten Pilgrimage, *March 26th - April 2nd, 2018*. Please consider joining Father Luke Kopaniak SAC, Pastor of St Mary's, Brantford and Deacon Randy Matters on this pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of the Americas, The Unborn and the New Evangelization. For more information regarding itinerary, etc please visit www.pilgrimdeaconrandy.com or email: randalmatters@gmail.com

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we begin the new liturgical year. We will spend the year, like every liturgical year, following the life of Jesus from the time of John the Baptist's preaching to the great salvific events of Jesus' Passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and giving of the Holy Spirit. Each liturgical season helps us meditate upon and pray over the life of Jesus, whom we strive to imitate as disciples.

Today's Gospel paints a frightening picture of huge natural calamities heralding the end. We pray not to have to live through such events. Similarly, as Advent progresses, we will hear the call of John the Baptist to repent and amend our ways. Being honest with our sinfulness in the face of such preaching can be depressing.

But do not stop at the frightening side of these modes of preparing ourselves. Realize that we are being called to look beyond them to see the light, the beauty of God's promise. "Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Our Redeemer is coming: indeed, he is in our midst. Regardless of what we must go through, whether it be disaster or the slavery of sin, our merciful and loving God is waiting to wrap warm and tender arms around us, the in-God's-only-Son Beloved.

Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR, Toronto, On
Novalis, Living with Christ

SERRA PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the Saints, an increase of labourers for Your church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

"The *Be A Man* men's group, cordially invites all men in the parish, 18 years and older, to join us for a **Hot Breakfast, video and fellowship**, [Saturday, December 8](#), at St. Pius X Church hall, [9 Waverly St.](#), at 7:00 a.m. We meet each [Saturday morning](#) and extend this as a '*come and see*' invitation. Hope to see you there!"