



THE POPE'S DECEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2019

The Future of the Very Young That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

A Christmas Remembrance for Our Parish Shut-ins



It's cookie time again! We would like to deliver to all our shut-ins a can filled with a variety of homemade cookies. Since this is the season for baking, we are asking you to share some of your homemade cookies with them. How special it will be to them when they receive their tin of homemade Christmas cookies! Thank you for embracing the joy of this holy season by remembering those who would dearly love to be with us but, due to declining health, are unable to do so.

Because of your generosity we have also been able to lift the spirits of the 25 men who reside at the Underhill Residence at Erb and Avondale by providing each with a container of cookies. To continue to do this, however, WE NEED MORE COOKIES! When you do your Christmas baking, please consider baking an extra dozen for the parish.



Please bring only cookies – other baking is very difficult to include in the tins for the shut-ins.



Your cookies should be brought to the parish office on **Tuesday, December 10** between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Labeled containers will be returned to you.



When you drop off your cookies, be sure to pick up a Christmas ornament, a small token of appreciation for your kindness.



Volunteers will be needed to deliver these tins of cookies to the shut-ins on Thursday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please call Patrycja at the parish office.



For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the **Baby Jesus** figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, Dec. 15th to be blessed as we too celebrate our own

Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day - as you lay Jesus in the Manger; allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY CHOIRS



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CHOIRS! Once again, we are offering you an opportunity to help us with Christmas music by joining one of our special Christmas Choirs. If you are interested in helping at the Christmas Eve 5:00 Family Mass and Pageant, please sign up on the music stand in the church vestibule. There will be a rehearsal on Sat., Dec. 21 in the Choir Loft from 1:00-2:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping at the Christmas Eve 7:00 or the

Christmas Day 9:00 Mass, please sign up on the list on the music stand in the vestibule. The rehearsal for these Masses will be on Sat., Dec 21 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Refreshments will be provided! Thank-you for helping make Christmas at Our Lady of Lourdes very special!



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Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment – please phone the parish office

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon

Twenty minutes before weekday Masses or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

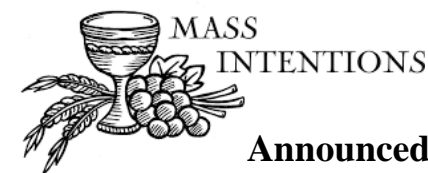
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BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:

Last Sunday of each month after all Masses

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Church door collections – last Sunday of each month



Announced Mass intentions for Dec 2 to Dec 8, 2019

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Alexander Nincevic –Family
Tuesday.....	Beechwood	10:00 a.m..... + Oscar Lorentz – Rose Lorentz
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+ Harry & Marie Van Nuland – Agnes Corke
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	+Bernard Isaacksz – Miriam Jayasundera
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+Bob Ervin – Louise Ervin
Friday	8:30 a.m.....	in Thanksgiving – Brenden Biber
Friday.....	West Hill	10:30 a.m.....
Saturday.....	8:30 a.m.....	Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.....	+Helen Shanahan – Lynn Giffin
Sunday.....	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, November 24, 2019: \$4,529.25

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]



Last weekend was the formal closing of the One Heart One Soul Campaign. We are awaiting final results of our Commitment Weekend where everyone was given another chance to participate. A report will be posted as soon as those results are known. Thank you to all the parishioners who supported the campaign through contributions, volunteer help and prayers. If you have any questions or would like a visit from a campaign team member, please contact Luke McAuley at 519-746-7861 or mmcauc012@rogers.com or Karin Voisin at karinvoisin@gmail.com.



*Next weekend December 7/8 join us for a
"Coffee Sunday Weekend"*



On this weekend, we will be distributing our parish offering envelopes for 2020. The Finance Council would like to thank you for your ongoing support to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. As we're heading into a new year and preparing the budget for 2020, we ask you to consider your donation to the parish. Just as your personal household expenses continue to increase, so do the expenses of the parish. The Property and Maintenance Committee is working to maintain the church building and grounds. This requires an ongoing investment. It would be appreciated if you would consider increasing your weekly/monthly contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for 2020.

On the weekend of December 7/8, members of the Parish Finance Council will be available to assist you as well as provide information about our pre-authorized giving (PAG) program. At the present time, 125 families have chosen PAG! In addition, the diocese has produced an excellent resource, the "Catholic Estate Planning Guide". Copies of this will be available on that weekend as well.



ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATIONS - WATERLOO CHURCHES: The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to restore our hurt or broken relationship with God, the Church, one another and with ourselves. Everyone is encouraged to make frequent use of this Sacrament of Healing. Advent, a time of preparation in the Church, is not a penitential season like Lent, but is still an appropriate time for us to celebrate this sacrament. Each of the four churches in Waterloo will offer a Penitential Service during Advent. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend one of these.

Monday, December 9.....7:30 p.m.....St. Louis Church
Tuesday, December 10.....7:30 p.m.....St. Agnes Church
Wednesday, December 11.....8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.....St. Michael Church
Thursday, December 12.....7:30 p.m.....**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**



SAVE A DATE FOR TRANSPORTATION TEAM: The Tree of Life "Tree Cutters" need some volunteers to help lift the tree onto the truck at 549 Victoria Street South, Kitchener, on Saturday, December 21 at 2:00 p.m. Come experience this parish tradition! *The more volunteers we have, the easier it is to handle this task, so if you can spare an hour, please contact Patrycja at 519-886-0342 or email at: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.*

Christmas Pageant

Once again this year, students from grades one to eight, along with parent volunteers, are invited to become involved in the Christmas pageant which will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Registration forms will be available at the church entrances for those who wish to become involved.

Deadline to register for the pageant is **Sunday, December 8.**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Wednesday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 18 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.



Children and parent volunteers are asked to meet in the church hall on the above dates in preparation for the rehearsal that will take place in the church.

"Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."—attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

PRAYER VIGIL - Thursday, December 5, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Women's League

invites you to join our living rosary to pray for the needs of the parish and the community. For the months of December and January, we are praying for

- **Peace that calms our anxious spirit and heals our broken hearts, as we struggle with the turmoil going on in the world around us.**

In addition, we will keep in our prayers

- **the Pope's monthly intentions** (*The Future of the Very Young and the Promotion of World Peace*),
- **the sick and their caregivers, and**
- **the living and deceased members of our parish.**



By volunteering, you will be responsible to say one decade of the mystery of the Rosary every day for the coming *two* months. If you are interested, please send a note to ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com. You may also pick up a form at the church entrance and return the completed form to the parish office. *Join us!!!*

Volunteers needed! Things to sign up for during this Christmas season . . .

Please email our parish office at lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

- *Christmas Eve Family Choirs (all ages)*
- *Pageant (grades 1 to 8)*
- *Minister of Hospitality (Usher)*
- *"Tree of Life" tree-cutter*
- *Christmas/New Year's gift bearer*
- *Deliverer of cookies to our shut-ins*

