



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.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO PARISHIONER ALLAN BEAUPRE who was honoured with the Fellows Distinction by CPA Ontario! The Fellows Distinction formally recognizes exemplary CPA's for their leadership, outstanding career achievements and their volunteerism. Only about 2% of CPAs achieve this level of recognition. Al has been a member of our Diocesan Finance Committee for eight years. He is a worthy recipient!

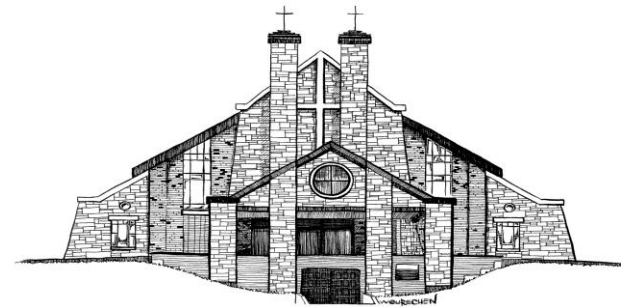
DIOCESAN BOOKKEEPING POLICY: As we approach year end, parishioners frequently wish to make contributions to the church that will be credited to their tax receipt for the current year. Diocesan bookkeeping policy requires that parish books close on December 31. Contributions made in January cannot be applied to 2019 offerings.

Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2019 "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, contact **Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email to vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltondiocese.com**

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS 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 Office Hours

Christmas Eve, December 24	Open
Wednesday, December 25 & Thursday, December 26	Closed
Friday, December 27	Closed
New Year's Eve, December 31	Open
Wednesday, January 1	Closed
Thursday, January 2	Regular office hours

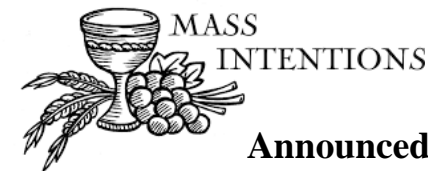


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PASTOR:	Fr. Rafal Tomon
DEACON:	Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
SUNDAY MASSES:	Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 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:	By appointment – please phone the parish office
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 16 to Dec 22, 2019

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Alexander Nincevic – Family
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+ Vincent Morrison – Barbara Schmuck
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	+Ettore Volpini – Charmaine & Frank Volpini & Family
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+Irene Lodato – Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	+Doris & Sheldon Groce – Mary Lou & Milne Oaks & Nancy
.....	Collins & Family
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.	+Jerry Meyer – Joyce Reidel
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
.....	11:00 a.m.	Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, December 8, 2019: \$10,174.65

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



We are pleased to inform you that our contributions continue to increase. As of last Friday we have pledges of \$524,164.64. The One Heart One Soul campaign has been successful and continues to grow through the generosity of the people of our parish. We will continue to update you on the campaign through the next few weeks and into January. May God's blessings be with all of you during this Advent and Christmas Season. 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.



HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH OUR BOWING ANGEL: A long-standing tradition at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is the presence of the bowing angel by the manger scene, who graciously bows her head after an offering is made. Again this year, all donations received from the bowing angel will be sent to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Children's Project in Kenya who work with children whose parents have died of HIV-AIDS. Since the bowing angel cannot digest paper, a plate will be by the angel to accept paper offerings. (Cheques should be made payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes Church".)

TREE OF LIFE: It is a tradition here at Our Lady of Lourdes to call the large tree in the sanctuary the "Tree of Life" for the decorations on it reflect two of the great Christian mysteries: *birth and death*. On the tree, there will be **55 angels** each inscribed with the name of a child baptized in the parish since last Christmas, and **16 crosses** in memory of those born to eternal life. When the Christmas season is over, these personalized ornaments will be available as mementos to family members. Parents with children baptized this year are encouraged to have a photo taken with the child by the tree and to keep this with the ornament.

OUR LADY OF OURDES ST. VINCENT DE PAUL would like to thank the students, parents and staff of Our Lady of Lourdes School for the generous donations from their Angel Tree project. This year, hundreds of hats, mittens, gloves and socks were collected. These items are being distributed through our weekly hamper program, our monthly outreach project and our Client Christmas. The people we serve really appreciate these warming items. Thank-you for your generosity in helping us to serve those in need.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

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

Christmas Season Schedule 2019

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession Times)

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon; twenty minutes before all weekday Masses or by appointment

Mass Schedule

Christmas

Tuesday, December 24.....Christmas Eve..
5:00 p.m.Pageant
7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25.....Christmas Day.
12:00 a.m.....midnight
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28..... 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 29 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Feast of Mary, Mother of God: New Year's Day

Tuesday, December 31 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1, 2020 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Feast of the Epiphany.....Regular weekend Mass times



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)
- "Tree of Life" tree-cutter Dec 21
- Minister of Hospitality (Usher)
- Christmas/New Year's gift bearers