

ADVENT EMAILS FOR STUDENTS IN JUNIOR GRADES

Students in grades 4-6 are invited to join an Advent "Who (or what) am I?" email group. Each day of Advent you will receive an email with a riddle describing something or someone found in one of the accounts in the Bible of the time surrounding Christ's birth. Each person or thing in scripture helps us to draw closer to the mystery of God who became human like us. You can spend the day trying to figure out who or what the riddle means. The answer will be sent the following morning along with a new riddle to puzzle out. If you would like to receive these emails throughout Advent, please have a parent or guardian send Paula an email at lourdescatechist@rogers.com before Sunday, December 3, the first Sunday of Advent!

39TH ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA – AN INVITATION TO PREPARE WELL FOR

CHRISTMAS: Nine daily Masses at 6:30 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo, Friday, December 8 to Saturday, December 16. There will be breakfast in the parish centre following Mass on Saturday, December 16. A freewill offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers. Note exception: Sunday, December 10, you are welcome to attend your own church on this day or St. Agnes at 9 or 11 a.m. Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years. Bring along a friend! Everyone is welcome! Plenty of time to get to work afterwards!

THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON – INTERNAL AUDITORS (PART-TIME CASUAL): The Diocese of Hamilton is looking for part-time auditors to perform financial and administrative reviews of our parishes and cemeteries. The hours of work will vary depending on the number of reviews and the complexity of the reviews, but on average an auditor can expect to work between 7 to 15 days per year. Remuneration will be based on the number of audits performed. Duties include

- Review and critique of the current audit program.
- Responsible for planning and execution of 5 to 10 audits per year.
- Prepare and present audit reports for review.
- Work with parishes and cemeteries to correct the audit findings.
- Some travel will be required.

Qualifications:

- Professional designation in accounting is required.
- Strong communication and presentation skills with ability to comfortably communicate at all levels.

If this is a position that would interest you, please submit a resume to careers@hamiltondiocese.com. Applications will be accepted until December 15, 2017.

ADORATION FOR LIFE: "... a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world to God, the Creator and lover of life..." (Saint John Paul II) Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist, console his heart wounded by abortion and sins against the sanctity of life: Two locations: Wednesday, November 29, 7-8 p.m. at St Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church, 44 Leonard St. Kitchener, and Saturday, December 2, 11 a.m.-12 noon at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church 56 Duke St. W., Kitchener. (side entrance). Call KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433 for more information.



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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.

Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community

Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.

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

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 the week of November 19 to 25, 2017

Monday..... 8:30 a.m. Edith Corrigan – Peter & Tori Fitton
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Elaine Kehn – Marnie Wharnsby & Family
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Antonio Orlando – Niccoli Family
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Chuck Yates – Fred & Marie Kirvan
Friday 8:30 a.m. Baul & Nester Biber – Earnest Biber
Saturday 7:00 p.m. Erich von Milke – Jerry & Christa Fischer
Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto
Bill Ross – Pauline Ross

VOCATION SEEDS: What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

Offertory collection for Sunday, November 12, 2017: \$4,311.00

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

ADVENT RETREAT FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

Children in Grades 1-3 are warmly invited to four Monday evenings away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations to listen to scripture, to pray and to sing. Together we will consider some of the Messianic prophecies and infancy narratives, and we will contemplate "Who is this Jesus we celebrate?" The retreat follows the method of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, an approach to faith formation that seeks to answer the child's silent request "Help me come closer to God by myself." Children who have attended previously will delve deeper into scripture and be shown new passages. We will meet in the parish office from 6:30-7:45 p.m. on November 27, December 4, 11 and 18. To inquire further or to register please contact Paula (lourdescatechist@rogers.com).



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 30 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 12 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 14 at 2:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please call Bette at the parish



Something special is happening on the weekend of December 9/10. Watch for details in next weekend's bulletin.



Living Scripture

Students from grades one to eight are invited to proclaim the Word of God through movement on Christmas Eve **beginning promptly at 5:00 p.m.** Holy Mass will begin immediately following the children's proclamation. Parent volunteers are most welcome and needed! To register, please fill out and drop off a form available at the church entrances or email Paula at lourdescatechist@rogers.com. Deadline to register for the Living Scripture is **Monday, December 4 at 12 noon.**

THREE LIVING SCRIPTURE REHEARSALS

Tuesdays, December 5, 12 & 19 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

TWO TOONIES AND A LOONIE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

In this weekend's bulletin, the Saint Vincent de Paul's "Two Toonies and a Loonie" envelope is enclosed. The SSVP asked for your support prior to Thanksgiving to help us at a time when our funds to support our ongoing programs were very low. We thank you for your support. At this time, again we ask for your help with our Christmas program where we try to provide Christmas groceries for those in need in our parish area. We thank you for helping us to help those in need. We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas. (Note: your donation qualifies for an income tax receipt.)



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH: The marriage of Christopher Berwick and Victoria Trznadel will be celebrated on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

PHOTO DIRECTORIES: Those who had their photo taken for our anniversary photo directory and have not yet picked up their copy of the directory are asked to do so as soon as possible. They are available in the lobby of the church.



*Ladies of the parish,
on November 29th, "come with bells on"
as our Catholic Women's League hosts the annual potluck supper.*

All ladies are invited to a lovely evening starting at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring your favourite dish or yummy dessert.

There will be fun activities, a raffle draw, and some traditional happenings as well, such as a sing-a-long with Sister Barbara at the piano and Father Ted's bell game.

We look forward to seeing you at this enjoyable event!!!

