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 <u>Monday, December 4 at 12 noon.</u>

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.



CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTE: During the Holy Season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes to be placed in the church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Forms will be available next weekend at the church entrances if you wish to make such a tribute. The floral tribute

sheets will be placed in the sanctuary in a gift-wrapped box. Those loved ones named will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season.

TWO TOONIES AND A LOONIE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: A special envelope was inserted in last weekend's bulletin for donations to St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas program. If you missed it and would like to make a contribution, please use one of your own envelopes, clearly marking it "St. Vincent de Paul", and place it in the collection basket. (Note: your donation qualifies for an income tax receipt.)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: As we prepare for Christmas, our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society will be focusing on people in need within our parish area. If you know of any family or individual who requires assistance for Christmas, please phone the parish office.

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.

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!



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ADMINISTRATOR:	Rev. Rafal Tomon
DEACON:	Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang
PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST:	Paula Rush
Administrative Assistant:	Bette Honsinger 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 26 to December 2, 2017

Monday	8:30 a.m In Thanksgiving – Nevelle & Naomi de'Rozario	0
Tuesday	7:00 p.m Jerko Juricic – Peter & Angela Granic	
Wednesday	8:30 a.m Laura Logel – Bernie & Wanda Logel	
Thursday	7:00 p.m Carmen Ponciano – Family	
Friday	8:30 a.m Harry & Marie Van Nuland – Agnes Corke	
The Westhill	0:00 a.m Betty Germann – Barbara Schmuck & Family	
Saturday	0:00 a.m Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mother	
	6:00 p.m Holy Hour	
	7:00 p.m Irene Hales	

Offertory collection for Sunday, November 19, 2017: \$3,937.00

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



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, <u>WE NEED MORE COOKIES</u>! When you do your Christmas baking, please consider baking an extra dozen for the parish.



Please bring <u>only cookies</u> – 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. Labelled containers will be returned to you.

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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

VOCATION SEEDS: "Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?" Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or mking@hamiltondiocese.com

NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE ABOUT THE ROHINGYA CRISIS: 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 www.devp.org/en/emergencies/bangladesh for instructions on how to make a financial contribution to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund. Until 28 November, 2017 the Government of Canada will match all donations made to Development and Peace or any other eligible Canadian charity.



On the weekend of December 9/10 we will conclude our dual anniversary celebrations: the 65th anniversary of the founding of the parish (December 14, 1952) and the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the church itself (March 25, 1956).

Bishop Douglas Crosby will be the celebrant and homilist at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after all Masses.

Coincidentally on that weekend, we will be distributing our parish offering envelopes for 2018. 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 2018, 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 2018.

On the weekend of December 9/10, 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, 118 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.

Please note: To fill in the gaps in the envelopes which have developed over the years and hence reduce the number of boxes we must purchase, all envelope users and PAG contributors will be receiving a new number for 2018. The envelopes will be in alphabetical order so it should be easy to find yours. At the end of December, it is essential that you discard all your previous envelopes so that donations can be properly recorded.



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!!!

We mourn those who have gone before us in death and continue with us in the Communion of Saints.

Jack Downey November 17, 2017