

CHRISTMAS BAZAARS – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

St. Francis Church, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pies galore, home baking, crafts, penny sale, children’s games, treasure table, freshly-made crepes, tea room, Santa (at 10:30 a.m.) and much more. Come and see.

St Aloysius Church, 11 Traynor Ave., Kitchener, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lots of raffle prizes, crafts, lunch table, baked goods, kids toys, tombola table. Santa will be there from 11 a.m. until noon.

Beechwood Manor, 305 Erb St. W., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Knitting, stocking stuffers, decorations, gifts, fresh bake sale, wood crafts, wearables and sewing. Plus a variety of vendors and artisans. Two levels for your Christmas shopping enjoyment! Everyone welcome. Free admission. Extra parking available across the street at First Baptist Church.

St. Joseph Church, 148 Madison Ave, Kitchener, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Attic treasures, baked goods, cash draws, penny tables, silent auction, photos with Santa, craft tables, touch and take tables, hot luncheon. Fun for everyone!



MEMORIAL MASS AT MARYMOUNT CEMETERY: Most Reverend Matthew Ustrzycki, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Hamilton, will celebrate a Memorial Mass at Marymount Cemetery, Guelph, on Saturday, November 5 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 519-836-8814, 1-800-661-5985, or visit www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE by visiting one of the most sacred spaces – Woodland Cemetery – on November 6 at 2:00 p.m. Rosary and Holy Eucharist for our beloved ones. Organized by St. Anne’s Parish, Kitchener.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE: The photography of parishioners has now concluded. Work continues on the content of the remainder of the directory. For those of you who had photos taken but did not purchase additional pictures, your free 8x10 is available in the work sacristy behind Our Lady of Lourdes altar. Please sign the sheets beside the photos to indicate that you have picked up your picture.

SUNDAY MISSAL – LIVING WITH CHRIST (2016-2017): The new Sunday Missal that begins with the first Sunday of Advent (November 27) are now available. The price per missal is \$4.00. Limited quantity so don’t delay in picking your up. *Please write your name in your missal so that it can be returned to you in the event it is left in church.*



GOD IS WITH US

The book of Wisdom tells us that the spirit of God is in all things. What a wonderful thought, and what a wonderful image to keep in front of us as we travel down life’s road. For if the path is revealed in the treading, it’s good to know that God is with us—and all around us—every step of the way. But Paul knows that this divine presence is not timid.

Instead, God calls out to us, and Paul prays that we, along with the Thessalonians, might be made worthy of that call. And who knows more about God’s call than Zacchaeus, the tax collector? Jesus called him out of a tree, for goodness’ sake. Or perhaps more correctly, as we reflect upon the end of today’s Gospel reading, for heaven’s sake. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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- 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
 Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.
- 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 October 30 to November 5

- Monday..... 8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Harold & Catherine Hess Family
- Tuesday **All Saints Day** ... 10:00 a.m. – **Beechwood Manor**Patricia Neuert – Estate
 7:00 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
- Wednesday **All Souls Day** 8:30 a.m. Faithful departed of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
 7:00 p.m. For all the faithful departed
- Thursday 7:00 p.m. Edward Urbanowicz – Larry & Judy Finn
- Friday 8:30 a.m. Nancy Ertel – Family
- Saturday 7:00 p.m. Joan Krueger; Jeanette Achi

Offertory collection for Sunday, October 23, 2016: \$4,585.00

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH GAMES AFTERNOON: Come one, come all to the first ever parish games afternoon on Saturday, November 5 from 2-5 p.m.! Parishioners ages 0-100 are welcome! A variety of board games and cards will be provided. We'll put on tea and coffee, and have water available too. Please bring a refillable mug or water bottle, and perhaps a snack to share. What a great way to spend a cold November afternoon!



VOCATION SEEDS: Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God? If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Last Sunday's Gospel gave us a tax collector's beautiful prayer to take with us from this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. Today, another tax collector's encounter with Jesus offers a comforting memory to cherish, but also a challenging mission to embrace. Zacchaeus' short stature (see Luke 19:3) matched how contemptible, socially and spiritually, Zacchaeus' religious acquaintances considered tax collectors to be. Jesus counters that judgment with mercy. Radical sin meets unmerited grace. God seeks and finds the lost; a sinner's home becomes salvation's house. The sinner "quickly" welcomes salvation "with joy" (19:6), while the righteous grumble judgmentally at God's mercy. Mercy challenges us, too. Like Zacchaeus, we have been sought and found by Jesus, called by name to welcome Jesus into our heart's home. Therefore, we must go forth from this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* as "missionaries of mercy," seeking our fellow sinners with Jesus, receiving them with joy (see 19:6) as cherished brothers and sisters, and joyfully offering our judgment-free hospitality as Jesus' own "Welcome home!" Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch

YEAR OF MERCY CLOSING CELEBRATIONS – DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

The conclusion of the Year of Mercy will be celebrated with an Evening Prayer celebration on Friday, November 18 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Archbishop Donald Bolen of Regina will offer a reflective talk on the Year of Mercy following Evening Prayer.

On Sunday, November 20, Bishop Crosby will preach at the Masses on the Feast of Christ the King at the Cathedral Basilica. All those attending will enter the church through the Doors of Mercy. Masses at the Cathedral Basilica are Saturday at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.



As the winter season approaches, once again the Kitchener Knights of Columbus want to help by providing warm winter coats to children through our Coats for Kids program. Many families with young children are financially challenged today and you can help by supporting this K of C program to meet their needs. A box will be in the lobby of the church until November 6 for your gently used or new coats. The Waterloo Region Catholic Schools will be contacted to aid the Knights to ensure those youngsters will be warm this winter. If you are a family in need, please call the K of C at 519-893-1504. We hope our gift will bring warmth to the bodies, hearts and souls of these precious young people.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM: KW Couples for Christ invite EVERYONE – married, divorced, widowed or single – to come to our Christian Life Program on Saturday, November 12 (8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.) and Sunday, November 13 (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) at St. Anne's Church (268 East Ave., Kitchener). This weekend program will help you grow in your relationship with our Lord. Come live a fuller life in the Holy Spirit through inspiring talks, discussion, food, friendship and song. A separate children's program is offered at the same time, same place for a family fun event. There is no cost, and all meals will be provided. Please contact Scott Piggott/Rita Rudolph at 519-581-1389 with any questions.

GRANDPARENTS WORKSHOP: The Holy Rosary chapter of the Catholic Grandparents Association invites all present and future grandparents to join them for an informative presentation by Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton, titled "Grandparents...Providing Gifts for a Lifetime!" We will hear how grandparents can foster love, family and faith in their grandchildren and how our unconditional love can have a profound lifetime influence on our loved ones. Join us on Tuesday, November 8, 1-3 p.m., at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 175 Emma St., Guelph in the "Our Lady of the Rosary" Community Room. All our welcome to attend and bring a friend!

MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR: So often people only learn about mental health issues when there is an emergency or crisis in their lives. During this Year of Mercy, we invite you to become informed and gain the tools to be proactive in the lives of those you love. Tana Nash, Executive Director, Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council, and Community Mental Health Coordinator, will speak on Wednesday, November 16 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. Tana will speak at 1 p.m. and will offer the same talk again at 7 p.m. Topics will cover all ages and include self-esteem, peer pressure, bullying, bi-polar and suicide. Free-will offering will be taken up for Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council. Sponsored by the St. Francis Health & Wellness Committee.



Enjoy the extra hour of sleep next weekend! Remember to set your clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday night. It's also time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!

HAITI EMERGENCY! Donations to the special Haiti disaster relief fund can be made up until November 13. Please use one of the special disaster relief envelopes or use one of your own. Clearly mark either envelope "Haiti". All funds collected will be forwarded to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. *(Please make cheques payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.)*