



THE POPE'S DECEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2018

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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 2018 offerings.



WORK CREW: Volunteers are required on Sunday, January 6 immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. to take down the Christmas decorations. As we will be carrying the parts of the manger scene to the basement storage area, the assistance of some younger volunteers would be very helpful. Refreshments will be served following the project.

ORNAMENTS FROM THE TREE OF LIFE: Those who had a child baptized or a loved one called to Eternal Life (and buried from Lourdes) in 2018 may pick up their angel or cross after any weekend Mass beginning January 12/13 in the work sacristy behind Our Lady of Lourdes' altar .



OUR SENIORS' SOCIAL GROUP will resume Tuesday, January 8, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., in the parish hall. All are welcome!

VOCATION SEEDS: By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, **contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988.**

Christmas Office Hours

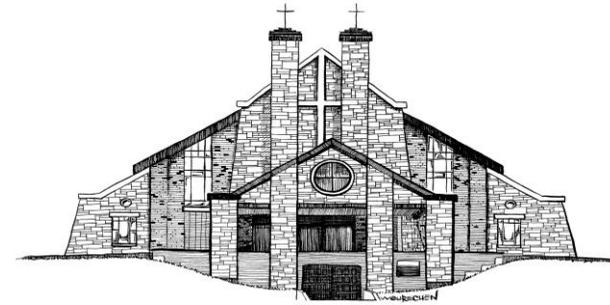
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| New Year's Eve..... | Open |
| Tuesday, January 1..... | Closed |
| Wednesday, January 2..... | Regular office hours |

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CERTIFICATE COURSE IN TORONTO! Looking for an introduction to John Paul II's Theology of the Body? A "Theology of the Body Basics" Certificate Course will be offered LIVE by Sr. Helena Burns, fsp. For those who can't attend in person, the Course will also be offered simultaneously ONLINE (filmed, so in-person students can view missed classes or simply review). Certificate is awarded through

www.sacredheartcollege.ca More course details & registration:

www.tinyurl.com/TOBcertificate or srhelenaburns@gmail.com

January 5-February 16, 2019 10-4pm



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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 2:00 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 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 December 31 to January 6, 2019

Monday **Mary, Mother of God** .. 5:00 p.m.....+James & John Halk – Phyllis & Glen & Brian Halk

Tuesday **Mary, Mother of God**... 9:00 a.m..... Living & deceased members of the parish

11:00 a.m..... Special Intention

Wednesday..... 8:30 a.m. Special Intention Family of Scott Reid – Williams Family

Thursday 7:00 p.m. +Bob Fritz – Family

Friday..... 8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Brenden Biber

The Westhill 10:00 a.m.

Saturday... **First Saturday Mass**...8:30 a.m..... Special Intention

Saturday 7:00 p.m. +Vern Dorscht – Bob & Rob Schmidt

Sunday 9:00 a.m..... Living & deceased members of our parish

11:00 a.m..... Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, December 23, 2018: \$11,628.71

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



“JESUS IS BETTER!” BIBLE STUDY: Have you found yourself drifting in your faith? Would you say your faith is cold or, even worse, lukewarm? This study is meant for you! The message of the study, based on the epistle to the Hebrews, is simple: Jesus is better! He is better than any other thing you might turn to— whether that be sinful ways, the ways of the world, or old testament law-based life. He is better than the prophets, the angels, than Moses, than the Old Testament priests. Indeed, He is an eternal High Priest who has secured for us who believe, through a single sacrifice of perpetual effectiveness, an eternal redemption. His Kingdom is unshakeable. So don't shrink back or neglect your salvation— instead fix your eyes and your thoughts upon Jesus, draw near to Him, listen to His voice, and run the race He has set for you! He will never leave you nor forsake you. The study runs on **Monday evenings 7:00-8:45pm at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo from January 21 to March 25** (excluding February 18). No previous Bible study experience is required, just a desire to know the love of God and the truth of the Gospel at a deeper level. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required. If interested, contact Dan at ddavison@uwaterloo.ca or 519-883-0736.

PRAYER VIGIL - Thursday, January 3, 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

In God We Trust

God, Source of all goodness,

before I can know you or praise you,

before I can count my blessings and thank you for all I have received,

your Spirit is within me, preparing my heart for faith.

Even though I suppose it is my wisdom which traces your action

along the path of my life,

I must proclaim it is you who have gifted me with the power to believe.

Allow me to trust you and to follow the prompting of your Spirit,

so that you who have placed trust in me might bring it to completion.

Amen.

Prayer for the New Year



*O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises,
thank you for the gift of a new year.
May it be a time of grace for me,
a time to grow in faith and love,
a time to renew my commitment
to following your Son, Jesus.*

*May it be a year of blessing for me,
a time to cherish my family and friends,
a time to renew my efforts at work,
a time to embrace my faith more fully.*

*Walk with me, please,
in every day and every hour of this New Year,
that the light of Christ might shine through me,
in spite of my weaknesses and failings.
Above all, may I remember this year
that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to you.*

Amen

Table Blessing for New Year's Day

*God, our Father,
you chose the lowly maiden of Nazareth,
to become the mother of your eternal Son.
Through the intercession of her prayers
make us, your children,
grow daily in the love of you, our Father,
and in the love of all our brothers and sisters in Christ.
Send your blessings upon our table,
upon those who prepared this food for us,
and make us always mindful
of the needs of the poor and the hungry.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Mary.*

Amen.

