



THE POPE'S NOVEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2019





Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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 25 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 10 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 12 at 2:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please call Patrycja at the parish.



Something special is happening on the weekend of December 7/8. Watch for details in next weekend's bulletin.



OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020 WILL BE DISTRUTED SOON. If you are not currently using offertory envelopes but would like to begin, then please complete the following form and place it in the collection basket next weekend.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Apt. No No. & Street Postal Code

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____



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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 Nov 18 to Nov 24, 2019

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	+Vincent Morrison – Phonsine & Family
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+ Maria Granic – Regina Katavic
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	+Margaret Fernando – Miriam Jayasundera
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+Margareta & John Egler – Kathy & Bill Steffler & Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	+Antonio Orlando – Niccoli-Orlando Family
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.	+Nester Biber & Paul Kakkasery – Ernest Biber
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, November 10, 2019: \$5,657.51

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



You heard at mass this weekend that we are nearing the end of our campaign and the final commitment weekend masses are on the 23 and 24th of November. This is an exciting time as we have certainly come very close to our minimum goal of \$495,000 dollars. We are sure with your generosity over the next week and on the commitment weekend we will surpass this goal. As we write this note we only have results received by November 7th. This amount was just over \$400,000 dollars. Please be as generous as you can be and thank you once again to those that have already made a commitment. 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.

 *Please join us for Song of Advent and the Birth of Jesus: John B. Miller and Friends in **Concert** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday, December 1st, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Donation of \$10/person is appreciated.*

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Kitchener (and St. Brigid Mission in Ayr) is looking for a full-time Youth Minister/ Pastoral Associate! The job description is now posted on the Diocese of Hamilton Website. If you are interested or know someone who would be right for this position, please go to <http://www.hamiltondiocese.com>

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: November 17th, the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, is the World Day of the Poor. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul invites you to continue to help the society's less fortunate people. We encourage you to give a hand by participating in our Two Toonies and a Loonie Collection (used for Christmas hampers), our monthly envelopes (last Sunday of the month) and in our collection of food supplies throughout the year. We are always looking for new volunteers to help us serve the less fortunate. If interested, please contact the parish office. 519-886-0342 ext 2



Christmas Tree

Do you have an evergreen tree on your property that you are planning to have removed? At Christmas the church will need a tree approximately 6.5 metres (21 feet) tall for our "Tree of Life". Please call the parish office. 519-886-0342

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Nov 18 – Prayer Shawl meeting at 1:30 p.m.
- Nov 19 – Senior Social at 1:30 p.m.
- Nov 20 – CWL Mass & Christmas Potluck at 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 23 – Why@breakfast with Labyrinth at 9:00 a.m.
- Nov 24 – Parish Christmas Dinner at 5:00 p.m.



Christmas Pageant



Once again this year, students from grades one to eight, along with parent volunteers, are invited to become involved in the Christmas pageant which will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Registration forms will be available at the church entrances next weekend for those who wish to become involved. Deadline to register for the pageant is **Sunday, December 8.**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Wednesday, December 11 and 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

WHY@Breakfast invites you to the presentation “**EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES**” on **Saturday, November 23rd**, at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**, beginning at **9:30 AM**. Our speaker **Fr. Bernie Carroll, S.J.**, is a spiritual director at Loyola House Retreat and Training Centre in Guelph. He will share with us several traditional and contemporary Christian spiritual practices to help us seek God in today's busy, confused and complex world. After the talk, there is a preview of a new project involving our parish and other Catholic and Lutheran churches in Waterloo. Come and enjoy some refreshments and the opportunity to pray with a labyrinth. The labyrinth will be available until noon. Please note that no shoes are allowed on the labyrinth. Interested? Please send an email to whyatbreakfast@gmail.com to register. For more information, see <https://whyatbreakfast.com>.



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. At this time, 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 from SVDP.)



Catholic Women's League Membership Form

(For women of the parish ages 16+)

It's time to JOIN or RENEW your Catholic Women's League (CWL) Membership.

Catholic women today possess immense potential to serve church, community and the world.

The unique strength of Catholic women is the faith that binds us together.

We pray for each other, care for the less fortunate, and support our parish and community. Our monthly events are informative, prayerful and fun-loving.

Please PRINT the information required below, and along with the membership fee of \$30.00, place it in an envelope marked "CWL" and place it in the collection basket by November 30th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

(if you wish to receive notifications of upcoming events)

Payment (please check one): cash _____ cheque _____ (payable to the Our Lady of Lourdes CWL)