



Holy Redeemer Parish Cluster

Sacred Heart - Holy Family – Our Lady Help of Christians
Wallaceburg & Port Lambton, Ontario

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Holy Family

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Our Lady Help of Christians

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., &
12:30 p.m. (LifeTeen) Sept-June

Church Locations

Sacred Heart

464 John St.
Port Lambton, ON
N0P 2B0

Holy Family

647 Murray St.
Wallaceburg, ON
N8A 1W1

Our Lady Help of Christians

422 Elgin Street,
Wallaceburg, ON
N8A 3C1

Confessions

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday,
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

(Or by request by calling 519-627-2013
ext. 222 or 245 to make
an appointment)

December 9th, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor - Father Chris Gillespie
Associate Pastor – Father Gerard Bedard
Deacons - Cyril Cogghe & Richard Walter
Seminarist - Br. Michael Mascarenhas, OFM
Pastoral Minister – Virginia Eade
Coordinator of Youth Ministry – Dorothy deBakker

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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PEACE

The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary & Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT

All are welcome to "Prepare the way of the Lord" on
Wednesday, December 19th through the Sacrament of Reconciliation
offered at the following times and locations:

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Baptisms - Contact Virginia Eade at 519-627-2013 ext. 227

Marriages - Contact clergy at 519-627-2013, ext. 222 or 245, one year prior to making any arrangements

Sunday Friends - Sept. through June; 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart and 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
DECEMBER 11th – DECEMBER 14th, 2018**

TUESDAY: December 11th

Sacred Heart – 7:00 p.m.

- Diana Donkers** – Carol & Vince Bryden
- Peggy Mullen** – Rose Beissel
- Wayne Brown** – Pauline Houle
- Bob VanHaverbeke** – Helen Palocz & Pauline Houle
- Joe & Margaret Barkett** – Sally
- Don Hoorelbeck** – Albert & Lynda VanDamme & Family

WEDNESDAY: December 12th

Our Lady Help of Christians – 7:00 p.m.

Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Benediction at 6:50 p.m.

- Mariette VanMensel** - Frank, Kim & Family
- Walter Gagnier** - The Family
- Mark Weese** - Maria Vinken
- Tom Salisbury** – Linda
- Francis & Martin VanAsseldonk** - The Family
- Dec'd Members of Martinello Family** – Al Martinello

THURSDAY: December 13th

Fairfield Park Nursing Home 2:00 p.m.

- Gertrude Wessels** – Case
- Roger VanVaerenberge** – HRPC
- Wayne Orr** - David Skipper
- James Kerwin** - Raymond Family
- Ben Marcolin** – Dennis & Andrea Figueiredo
- Healing in the Church** - Prayer Group

FRIDAY: December 14th

Holy Family - 9:15 a.m.

- Manuel Moniz** – The Family
- Charles Benn, 13th Ann.** - Art & Charlene DaCosta
- Shirley Celotto, 5th Ann.** – The Family
- Jose & Maria Sousa Castro** – Virginia & Family
- Theresa & Josef Coelho** – Fernando & Maria
- Souls In Purgatory** – A Parishioner

**Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15th / 16th**

- 1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18A
Psalm 12
- 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
- Gospel Reading: Luke 3:10-18

OLHC SUNDAY FRIENDS' *Christmas Cards for Veterans* will be collected until this **Wednesday, December 12th**. Our 3rd year to share Christmas Cards with not only our local Wallaceburg Legion Veterans also to Veterans in hospital at Toronto's Sunny Brook Hospital and London's Parkwood Institute. Completed Christmas Cards may be addressed 'To A Veteran' or "Dear Veteran" & can be left in designated boxes/baskets at our three church entrances. Your support is appreciated!

COMMUNITY MEAL: There will be a community meal on **Saturday, December 22nd at 5 p.m.** at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome.

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS are available at the HRPC office Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at a cost of \$4.

OFFERTORY FOR DECEMBER 1st/ 2nd, 2018

Sacred Heart	\$ 1851.31
Holy Family	\$ 2344.43
Our Lady Help of Christians	\$ 3326.74



THE GIVING TREES: Dear Friends, Christmas is fast approaching! Once again, we come to you with our appeal for urgently needed gifts, food and financial support to enable us to provide help to the many in need. The 'Giving Trees' are set up at **Holy Family & Our Lady Help of Christians Churches** decorated with paper hands or tags. Please pick a hand or tag and replace it with an **unwrapped** gift for the age of the boy or girl you've chosen who might otherwise go without. Again, this year we are asking for toys only, as clothes do not always match the age of the child. There will also be a basket for financial donations at the front of the churches. Please be sure to put your name and envelope number on an envelope marked 'SVDP'. **Please make cheques payable to 'St. Vincent dePaul'** Gifts and donations will be collected next weekend **December 15th/16th at Holy Family & Our Lady Help of Christians Churches.**

**May God Bless you and your families
abundantly during this Holy Season!
~ The SVDP Society & SH Food Bank**

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE
2018/2019**

Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th, 2018

- 5:00 p.m. Mass - Sacred Heart
- 5:00 p.m. Mass - Holy Family
- 5:00 p.m. Mass - Our Lady Help of Christians
- 7:00 p.m. Mass - Holy Family
- 10:00 p.m. Mass - Our Lady Help of Christians

Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. Mass - Holy Family
- 9:00 a.m. Mass - Sacred Heart
- 10:30 a.m. Mass - Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of Mary, New Year's Eve

Monday, December 31st, 2018

- 5:00 p.m. Mass - Holy Family

Solemnity of Mary, New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. Mass - Sacred Heart
- 10:30 a.m. Mass – Our Lady Help of Christians

**SUNDAY FRIENDS SCHEDULE:
Our Lady Help of Christians Church**

10:30 a.m. Mass,
December 16th & 23rd

HRPC DOOR MISSION: There will be a Door Mission collection next weekend of **December 15th/16th**.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

SH CWL: Christmas Basket Tickets following Mass and the cost of \$1.00 each. The winning ticket to be drawn on Tuesday, December 18th when the school is having their Christmas Party. All proceeds will go to Sacred Heart School, Pt. Lambton.



24 HOUR ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at **12 Noon**, next **Monday, December 17th** until Benediction at **12 Noon** on **Tuesday, December 18th**.

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES/2018 TAX

RECEIPTS: Wow, it's almost that time again. The end of the year is going to creep up fast, and we'll be preparing the 2019 offertory envelopes very soon and then it will be 2018 tax receipt time! If you're a new parishioner to our cluster and would like to receive offertory envelopes, or if you have changed your name, address or phone numbers this past year, now is the time to let us know! Please contact the office at 519-627-2013 ext. 200. Please note, we will be reorganizing the envelope numbers, you may be assigned a new number. If you were assigned envelopes in 2018 and they were not used, they will not be issued for 2019.



COME JOIN US this **Wednesday, December 12th** at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Centre following the 7 p.m. Mass for an evening discussion on Advent and the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by a video hosted by Br. Michael. Experience the anticipation this Advent of the coming of the promised Messiah. Come Lord Jesus!



Congratulations and welcome to the newest members of Holy Redeemer Parish Cluster!

Josie Donahue, Hailey Holmes, Marley Holmes, Benjamin Huctwith, Arianna Huctwith, Oakley Huctwith, Macaela Markham, Kiera Markham, Mikenna Mills, Lucas Isaac, Coulter Murphy, Eva Pierce, Hazel Stallaert, Callen Smith and Elliott Moore who received the Sacrament of Baptism during the month of November.

NEXT TIME AT THE GROCERY STORE: The St. Vincent dePaul is desperate need of Spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned tuna, canned vegetables and school snacks, granola bars, cookies. Thank you for your generosity!



FORMED: Have you signed up for FORMED yet? Go to www.hrpcluster.formed.org to register for this amazing Catholic resource. Don't forget to tell friends and family!

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES: If you are planning to be married in 2019, the Marriage Preparation Course will be **Saturday, February 23rd & Sunday, February 24th, 2019**. *Registration forms are due by February 3rd, 2019*. Please contact the office at 519-627-2013 ext. 200 if you require a registration form or for more information contact Jay & Brigitte Moore at 519-359-3884.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Parishioners of Holy Redeemer Parish Cluster will once again have the opportunity to remember deceased loved ones by making a donation to decorate our churches during the Christmas Season. There are 'Christmas Decorations' envelopes in the offertory boxes or envelopes are available at the entrances of the churches. **All donations must be submitted by Tuesday, December 18th** to allow time for the names to be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Please make cheques payable to 'Holy Redeemer Parish Cluster'.

Where is Christ in your life now?

Take time to reflect and redirect your path. A Cursillo weekend can give you that time and the spiritual food needed for reflection. Everyone is welcome – those who have fallen away or lapsed from the Church and those who regularly attend and want to renew their faith commitment

When? Men's – Jan 24th – 27th, 2019

Women's – Feb 7th – 10th, 2019

Where? Blessed Sacrament Church

Contact: Parish Rep–more info on bulletin boards



HRPC HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Closed at **12 noon Monday, December 24th** and reopening on **Friday, December 28th at 9 a.m.**
Closed Monday, December 31st at noon and reopen **Thursday, January 3rd**.

CHRISTMAS FRUITCAKES: Help support Campaign Life Coalition who fight for Right to Life from conception to natural death. These delicious fruit cakes will be sold following all Masses this weekend **December 8th/9th at all three churches and December 15th/16th at Holy Family Church**. The cakes are \$20-small cake & \$27-large cake.

