

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 6, 2015

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### Mass Intentions this week

**Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.**

*Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> to Dec 13<sup>th</sup>*

Tuesday 6:00 pm Living & deceased members of the C.W.L. (**in Church**)  
Wednesday 12:noon †Msgr. Roger Formosi, Kay Cook  
Thursday 3:00 pm Intentions of Ann Chamberlain (**at Charlotte Villa**)  
Friday 12:noon † Giacinto DiDomenico David Cheevers  
Saturday 5:00 pm †Cesar Medeiros, Mary T. Goncz, Bill Paling, Cecil & Anne Fulcher, Jacob Mitton, deceased Family Members



### Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of Mark Spencer and repose of his soul, and Intentions of Rita Spencer. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, December 7	Rev. Octavio Cidadao
Tuesday, December 8	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wednesday, December 9	Order of Preachers (Dominican)
Thursday, December 10	Rev. William Clarke, S.J.
Friday, December 11	Rev. Moon Kab Shin
Saturday, December 12	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

**OFFERTORY** for last week was \$2449.40 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

**C.W.L. Advent Mass and dinner** on Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by Pot luck dinner and entertainment in our hall. We supply the turkey and rolls. Please bring your favourite dish casserole, salad or dessert. Bring your own place setting. Looking forward to seeing you. Any questions contact Fran DeRosse (519) 753-9424. We are encouraging women to bring their daughters over 16 years old.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** You can renew your Membership by placing an envelope and writing your name, address and telephone number on it along with a cheque or cash in the amount of \$21.00 and putting in the collection basket. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of flowers in the Church at Christmas, please place your

donation in an envelope and mark "Christmas flowers" with your name or envelope number on it. Many thanks!

### MEDITATION

Prophets of old like Isaiah and John the Baptist remain meaningful and powerful voices for our time. Together with Jesus, they stood up and cried out in all possible ways to challenge any type of oppression or injustice as well as the unfaithfulness of their people. Yet they were also exceptional agents of change, tireless preachers of conversion and bearers of good news.

Who would deny that there are paths that need to be made straight and ways to be made smooth everywhere in today's world? Humankind is dying for hope and reconciliation, which seem so elusive, while political powers and leaders fall short of solutions to straighten what goes wrong on this planet and between nations.

We badly need the courage, hope and sense of justice displayed by the prophets. They keep telling us about the ways of the Lord, ways that lead humankind towards peace and lasting joy. May we all open up our hearts to the voices of these prophets, so that we straighten our own ways and become true agents of change in the world. May we too become genuine voices evermore dedicated to the good news brought about by Jesus, voices grounded in love, compassion, justice and joy.

Jean-Pierre Prévost, Chénéville, QC

**Priestly Ordination** It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Scott Whitfield will be ordained a priest by Bishop Douglas Crosby on **December 19, 2015**, at 10 am. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown, where Deacon Whitfield has been ministering for the last six months. All are invited to join us for this joyful occasion as we welcome our newest Diocesan priest. ([www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com))

### RECONCILIATION:

Advent is a season to prepare the way of the Lord. What better way than to celebrate God's mercy? The Sacrament will be celebrated  
on Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Pius X  
on Tuesday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> here at St. Basil at 7pm  
Several Confessors available.

### Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Advent Retreat

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.at** Blessed Sacrament Church, 181 King St., Burford.

Facilitator: Sr. Margo Ritchie, CSJ      Topic: HOW DO WE RECEIVE GOD TODAY? All Vincentians and those who support them are welcome.

### **PARISH BREAKFAST**

**Sunday December 13, 2015**

**8:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**in Church Hall (Crown St.)**

Youth over 13 and adults: \$7.00 p/p

Child 5- 12 yrs of age \$4.00 p/p

Pre-school free

**Knights of Columbus**

**Council #13442**

### **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS,**

St. Basil Council # 13442

**Meeting Tuesday December 8, 2015**

Mass at 6:00 pm in the Church,

meeting to follow at 6:45 pm in the rectory.

Grand Knight: Bill Kane, Tel # 519-752-1331

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### **Blessing and Opening of the *Door of Mercy***

As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the *Door of Mercy* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on **Sunday, December 13th, 2015** at **7:00 p.m.** The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

## **BirthRight**

For over 40 years, Birthright has been providing a gentle, loving alternative to abortion for mothers distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. Thanks to all of you who make it possible for Birthright to help mothers bring their babies to birth and put their lives back together again. Your help is needed to volunteer or to offer a financial donation toward this ongoing mission of Love. For more information or to make a donation contact Ethel Fintas 519-449-5252. Birthright is a Registered Charity and can issue income tax receipts.

### **IGNATIUS JESUIT CENTRE OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, December 6 from 2-5 pm** at Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, 5420 Hwy. 6 N. Guelph.

You are invited to join us for the Jesuit community of Guelph's annual Open House: a celebration of Advent (or anything else you want to celebrate!). Light snacks & beverages for all. Hope to see you there! For more information contact 519-824-1250 or [administration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:administration@ignatiusguelph.ca).

## **DISCERNMENT GATHERING**

If you are interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life please join our monthly Discernment Gatherings: Mass, Holy Hour, discussion, and Lunch. Next gathering is on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> at Canadian Martyrs Church in Hamilton (9am – 12 noon). More details at [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

### **CHALICE CATHOLIC SPONSORSHIP . . .**

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### **ENVELOPES FOR 2016 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE Church.**

If your name or address is incorrect, please notify the office. Also, if you don't have envelopes and wish to begin using them, please contact the office and a box will be assigned to you. These envelopes should **NOT** be used before January 1, 2016.

**Our Advent Angel Tree** is set up at the back of the Church again this year. Please take an angel from the tree and attach it to a donation of food or a new unwrapped toy. Items will be collected weekly and distributed to local agencies to support those in our own community. Tax deductible cash donations can be made by placing an envelope in the collection basket with "Advent Angel Tree", your name, and regular envelope number indicated. Thank you once again for your prayers and generosity.

**The Health and Physical Education curriculum** changes, implemented by the Ontario government created a need to update the Fully Alive and Family Life Education curriculum for our Catholic schools in the province of Ontario. The Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) was tasked with the job of creating the new curriculum supports, all of which were reviewed by a number of people, including two panels of theologians and members of the ACBO.

ICE has created a number of resources that can be found on their website (<http://iceont.ca/>) for anyone who is interested in seeing more of the available supports.

A resource is being handed out to every family through the schools, but there are some at our Church entrances too for grandparents, or other interested parties, to deepen their knowledge of the new changes.