

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 4, 2016

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### Mass Intentions this week

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

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception in Church

**Thursday 12:noon** †deceased members of the Dawson & Gallant families

**Friday 12:noon** †deceased members of the Deighan family

**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Joseph Zammit, Charlie Barron, Santino Berardi, Giancinto DiDomenico, Maria DiPaolo, deceased members of the Spelier & Durndan family, Intentions of: Janet McGraw Alan, and Living members of the Spelier & Durndan families



**Sanctuary Lamp** this week: the Intentions of Paul Archer, and repose of his Soul. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

| DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR |                                |
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| Monday, Decemer 5        | Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.   |
| Tuesday, December 6      | Rev. Robert Love               |
| Wednesday, December 7    | Order of Preachers (Dominican) |
| Thursday, December 8     | Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk          |
| Friday, December 9       | Rev. Francis Trzupek           |
| Saturday, December 10    | Rev. Mark Sullivan             |

### OFFERTORY: Thank you!

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| Sunday Envelopes:                   | \$3095.00 |
| Loose Collections:                  | \$ 633.35 |
| Average Weekly Preauthorized        | \$ 485.00 |
| Total Weekly Offering Nov. 13, 2016 | \$3728.35 |

Budget expenses for the week \$4265.00

### ALTAR SERVERS!

Please gather in Church on **Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am** for a review, training of new Servers, followed by pizza in the parish hall. Parents are welcome to eat too!

**NEW SERVERS** – We invite those who wish to be an Altar Server to please contact the parish office this week and come to this **December 10<sup>th</sup> gathering**. We need you!

**WAYS TO BE MERCIFUL** – Make a list of your “enemies.” Then, every day, say a prayer for them.

### MEDITATION

What would it feel like to stand before John the Baptist who is admonishing you to confess your sins? It sounds scary, but is there not a longing in us for the healing and wholeness he is offering?

John is preparing the way for God’s definitive Word who will come into our midst. His call to repentance is a call to stand before Almighty God, the All-Good, the All-Holy, and to recognize ourselves as sinners. Recall Isaiah seeing God in the Temple and exclaiming, “Woe is me... I am a man of unclean lips... among a people of unclean lips!” (Isa 6.5) Or Peter’s awareness, after Jesus directs him to the abundant catch of fish: “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful Man!” (Lk 5.8)

Seeing ourselves as sinners before God, and confessing during this Advent/Preparation season, is not meant to make us feel bad. Rather, we acknowledge who we are in order to open ourselves to what God wants to do for us. Through gentle mercy and graciousness God frees us from sin and its consequences, inviting us into the kingdom of heaven announced by John and Jesus.

And what is this kingdom of heaven? In today’s readings Isaiah describe a kingdom of peace and justice. Then Paul says it is where we find “encouragement... to live in harmony with one another,” This is the purpose of repentance.

Fr. Mark Miller, CSSR, Toronto, On  
Novalis, Living with Christ

### **SACRAMENTAL Preparation:**

**Registration forms** for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation are ready for pick up at the back of the Church.

Please bring the completed form, along with a **copy** of the child’s Baptism form to our office: (unless he/she was Baptized here).

According to our Diocesan guidelines, First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated with children in grade 2 or higher, and Confirmation with grade 7 or higher.

**NB: \* No Registration Forms will be accepted after Christmas.**

### **2016 LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS**

The new 2016 “Living with Christ” Sunday Missals have arrived! The missals become effective on the first Sunday of Advent, **November 27, 2016**. They can be purchased after Mass. Cost is \$5.00 each.

**ST. BASIL'S C.W.L. ADVENT  
MASS & POT LUCK DINNER  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Please mark this date on your calendar!

Mass at 6:00 PM In the Church followed by pot luck in the Hall. Bring your favourite dish – Casserole, Salad, Dessert etc... ALSO your own dishes and cutlery.

All ladies 16 and older are WELCOME and encouraged to attend. Come out and enjoy an evening of Faith, Food & Fellowship. Also we are asking for a donation for our seniors in Retirement Homes and Long Term Care Facilities to help cover the cost of delivering them small gift throughout the year.

**C.W.L. NEWS**

**Membership Drive** – Catholic Women's League Membership Renewal is coming to an end!! You can still renew your 2017 C.W.L. Membership. Renewal dues are \$21.00 either by cash or cheque.

If you wish to join the St. Basil Catholic Women's League, please call Pat Renaud at (519)753-3716.

Be assured your interest and support is important.

It is the united voice of **ALL** Catholic Women that matter. Thank you, Pat Renaud.

**PARISH CALENDARS:**

Thanks to a grant from our Bishop, we can distribute our beautiful calendars for FREE!

Here is the **challenge**: now that you have your own, **witness** to your faith by finding someone in your neighbourhood who is Catholic and needs to be invited to come **home!** Evangelization = "each one reach one"

Do you have the **courage** of your convictions?

Do you want to put your faith into **action**?

Don't just **think** about it, **do it!** Thank you, Fr. Earl  
We thank **Mr. Stephen MacNeil** for his many hours of work put into assembling this calendar!

**PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS**

Loving Father, bless Your church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those whom You are calling to the married state and those You are choosing to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that through Him, and in Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord Amen.

**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!

**NO PARKING**

For the past two weekends people have been parking at the base of the new access ramp to the Church. Please be **aware**— that you **are blocking** this new Church entrance. Thank you.

**Pro-life Christmas Cakes**

Made by the monks of Val Notre Dame Abbey, these delicious cakes will be sold after each Mass on **December 10/11 and 17/18**. Proceeds go to Campaign Life Coalition and their pro life efforts.

**Knights of Columbus**

St Basil Council #13442 **Meeting** Tuesday Dec. 13, 2016 in the Rectory at 7:00 PM after **6:30 PM Mass** in the Chapel. Grand Knight, Bill Kane.

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**Euthanasia/Assisted – Did You Know?**

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. 8 other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

**Advent Retreat on Thursday, December 8, 2016** 7 p.m. St. Basil Church, 50 Palace Street, Brantford Facilitator: Joyce Young. All Vincentians and those who support them are welcome. All St. Basil parishioners are welcome.

**ADVENT ANGEL TREE 2016**

The Advent Angel Tree is underway at St. Basil's Church again this year. Over the past decade our parish has collected over 3200 lbs. of food, hundreds of gifts and more than \$1,500 in donations for charities like Canadian food for Children, Brantford's Christmas Baskets Program, Nova Vita and St. Vincent de Paul. This year our donations will support St. Vincent de Paul in their ministry of helping those less fortunate. 2017 is supposed to be a very cold winter and so we are focusing our efforts on food and warmth. Please consider making a donation of nonperishable food items, or new items for warmth such as hats, gloves, blankets, coats, socks, etc. A tax deductible cash donation can also be put to great use: simply put your donation in the collection basket and include your regular envelope number. Thank you again for your support through this Advent Season. Thanks, Catherine.