

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2017

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions this week

Christmas Masses:

- Christmas Eve Masses:
 - o December 24th 5pm and 10 pm
 - o December 25th 9:30 and 11:30 am

Masses this week

Friday, December 29th 12: noon Intentions of the Tran Family and In Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 30th, 5:00 pm †Albert Cremasco, Joseph Nguyen, David Scotland, Intentions of Josie MacKinnon

Sunday, December 31st 9:30 and 11:30 am

Mass Intentions this week

January 1, 2018

MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD

Monday 9:30 am and 11:30 am.

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday 12:noon †Joseph Nguyen

(Patronal Feast of St. Basil)

Wednesday 12: noon †Albert Cremasco, Intentions of Leo Tanjuay

Thursday 12: noon †Rosita Blais, Nancy Mackie

Friday 12:noon Intentions of George & Rita Spencer

Saturday 5:00 pm †Dominico Colitti, Kathleen Mork, Theresa Jones, Malcolm Ross.

Sunday Masses 9:30 and 11:30 am



Sanctuary Lamp

Intentions of Paul Archer (week of Dec. 24) and repose of his soul. And Intentions of: Tonya – for strength & peace in healing pain, (week of Dec. 31st.) Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

MEDITATION

“The Lord is with you.” One can only imagine how Mary felt receiving this knowledge. Despite her lowliness, she was chosen to give birth to the Son of God. She was perplexed and moved by what she heard, yet Mary accepted the tremendous responsibility and proclaimed a joyful “yes.” Mary’s faithful response to God’s call carried her through life when, years later, she watched her son be put to death. Even then she drew on God for strength.

Just as Mary felt perplexed by the angel’s greeting, we too can feel overwhelmed by the intense love of God. In a few hours’ time, we will gather at the Crèche and celebrate that the Word of God took on human form to be present with us. And then, after dying for our sins on the cross, Jesus remains with us through the Eucharist. The Lord is always with us.

It is astonishing to think that, regardless of our failings, we are not alone. As Advent comes to a close, may we allow ourselves to find peace in the knowledge that God has a plan for each one of us and that the love of God will not lead us astray. God is with us every hour of the day, and we need only ask for the strength and hope that will allow us to overcome our challenges.

Elizabeth Chesley-Fewell, Toronto, ON
Novalis, Living with Christ

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Receipts will be issued for offerings in 2017. If you wish a receipt, please put a self-addressed envelope with, if possible, your envelope number and put into the collection basket. This will facilitate getting your receipt to you. If you are not able to locate your 2018 envelopes, please call the parish office 752-0361. ALSO, when you start using your 2018 envelopes, **please put your name on the first few envelopes.** Thank you.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on

Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST

EUCCHARIST will be celebrated during Sunday Masses on April 21, 22 and April 28, 29, 2018.

A Blessed Christmas to all of you. Thank you for all the work, the prayers and the sacrifices you make for God and His people in this parish.

A special thank you to all who have helped us in our Christmas preparation and our Christmas Masses. It is our faithful parishioners who make our Christmas celebration a beautiful one.

I would also like to thank you for your many Christmas cards and gifts. Fr. Earl

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, December 25	The Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday, December 26	Rev. Roshan D'Souza, O.C.D.
Wednesday, December 27	Franciscan Fathers O.F.M.
Thursday, December 28	Rev. Lawrence Parent, O.F.M.
Friday, December 29	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Saturday, December 30	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, January 1	Rev. Thomas Vermiglio, M.C.C.J.
Tuesday, January 2	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Wednesday, January 3	Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)
Thursday, January 4	Rev. Octavio Cidado
Friday, January 5	Rev. Jose Edson Moreira
Saturday, January 6	Rev. Peter Raymond

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Envelopes	\$3,573.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 571.25
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00
Total Weekly Offering Dec. 17, 2017	\$4,629.25
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS TELEVISED

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m., followed by Midnight Mass. Salt+Light Catholic Television will air the celebration live on television and on their website. CHTV of Hamilton will also carry the telecast. This year we are happy to welcome Father Paul Murray, OP and Archbishop Arthur Roche (Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, Rome) as special guests.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24, 2017

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for life and she said "Yes!" ... and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x 2246. E-mail: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, www.HamiltonVocations.com

Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in Dublin

– The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place Aug. 21 – 26, 2018. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*, or *The Joy of Love*. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, **but** registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartnett). Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Something to look forward to – Music Trivia on **Saturday, January 27** in our parish. Bar opens at 6:00 pm, Trivia begins at 7:00 pm. To help cover costs tickets are \$5.00. No singing just a lot of laughs and friendly competition.

PRO LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES

St. Basil's raised \$1,358.00 for Pro-life through the purchase of Christmas Cakes. Thank you!



If you're going to pray, then don't worry. If you're going to worry, then don't pray. Pray, hope, and don't worry.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

On THE LIGHTER SIDE

Teacher: Glenn how do you spell 'crocodile'?
 Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L
 Teacher: No, that's wrong
 Glenn: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

The office will be closed Monday, **December 25** and Tuesday **December 26** and will reopen on Wednesday, **December 27, 2018**. Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas.