

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 9, 2018

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Mass Intentions this week



Tuesday 7:00 pm † Charlie Barron
Wednesday 9:00 am † Bill Kane, Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 7:00 pm † Kay Petersen, Paul Tran, Msgr. Peter Coughlin, Joseph Nguyen
1:30 pm (John Noble Home)
Friday 9:00 am Intentions of Father Paul Hrynczyszyn
Saturday 5:00 pm † Cecil & Anne Fulcher, Dr. Tim Carlton, Teresa & Domenic Mairano, John & Carmine Risi, Holy Souls in Purgatory



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions: Giacinto DiDomenico, 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
Monday, December 10	Rev. Lech Wycichowski, C.R.
Tuesday, December 11	Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.
Wednesday, December 12	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)
Thursday, December 13	Rev. Brendan McGrath
Friday, December 14	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
Saturday, December 15	Rev. David Perrin

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,744.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 594.70
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 692.00
Total Weekly Offering	\$5,030.70
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

ADVENT POTLUCK LUNCHEON:

All ladies are invited to join us in the parish hall immediately following the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 9th. The Catholic Women's League provides the turkey. Please bring your favourite casserole, salad or dessert to share. We also ask that you bring your own plate setting (dishes and utensils). Food can be dropped off in the hall before Mass.
 Entertainment by Father Paul.

Adult Formation program. One of the things that is lacking most in our life of faith is a good understanding of the teachings of our faith and how to respond to some difficult questions people might have about our Catholic faith. For instance, how would you respond to an Atheist who says that God doesn't exist? Or how would you defend the authenticity of the Gospels to those who claim that they were all fabricated and are not real historical documents? I would like to invite you to our **Adult Formation evenings every second Thursday after the 7:00 pm Mass** and learn how to respond to some difficult questions you might have about your faith.

Here are the topics being covered:

December 13th: Same-Sex Marriage
January 3rd: Helping People Return to the Church
January 17th: Explaining the Eucharist
January 31st: Evil and Suffering

Youth Basketball at St. Basils

Boys and girls from 10-15 years of age are invited to come out every two weeks to have a fun and competitive night playing pick-up basketball.

Bring your own water, but snacks will be provided.

Every second Friday

Start time is 7:00 pm and ends at 8:30 pm.

Adult supervision will be provided.

Here is the schedule:

December 14th
January 11th
January 25th

C.W.L. NEWS

Milk bags – The CWL is collecting clean outer bags to make plastic sleeping mats for Canadian Food for Children. Please **place the bags in the bin at the back of the church.**

C.W.L. 2019 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS

Annual Membership dues are \$25.00. Cash is preferable or a cheque made out to St. Basil C.W. L. Please use a plain envelope marked "C.W.L." with your name, address, phone no., postal code and an e-mail address if you would like to be updated on our C.W.L. monthly meetings. Place the envelope in the Collection Basket during Mass.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

At St. Mary's, (Our Lady of the Assumption) 133 Murray Street in Brantford **Tuesday, December 11th and 18th, 5:00 – 8:00 pm**, confessions, no penitential service, one visiting priest will be present.

OLD MASS, NEW MASS TIME

Did you know that there are two types of Masses in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church?

You are invited to join your fellow parishioners of St. Basil's to celebrate the Mass in the Extraordinary Form, also known as the Tridentine Mass, in which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered in Latin and Gregorian Chant is sung.

Experience the beauty and richness of our Catholic faith and heritage *at 4:00PM* (Second Sunday of the month moving forward). All are welcome.

Advent Twilight Retreat: Blessed Sacrament Parish in Burford will be offering an evening of prayer, reflection and song with a meal on December 13 beginning at 5:30 pm. Please call 519-449-5143 to RSVP by December 6. Cost \$15 for the meal (to be paid at the door).

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: A Lenten Pilgrimage, *March 26th - April 2nd, 2018*. Please consider joining Father Luke Kopaniak SAC, Pastor of St Mary's, Brantford and Deacon Randy Matters on this pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of the Americas, The Unborn and the New Evangelization. For more information regarding itinerary, etc please visit www.pilgrimdeaconrandy.com or [email: randalmatters@gmail.com](mailto:randalmatters@gmail.com)

SERRA PRAYER FOR THE PERSEVERANCE of VOCATIONS

O God, you have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind; grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry that have received. Amen.

"Christmas Cakes will again be sold at the back of the Church this weekend *Dec. 8/9*. All proceeds go to the **Pro-life** movement. The cakes are scrumptious, rich and exquisitely delicious with even more fruits and nuts in the recipe. They really make wonderful gifts for family and friends and most importantly, they help in this very worthwhile cause."

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lately I've been feeling that a lot of things are off track in the world. Despite our having enough food to feed the planet, millions are starving. Even in Canada, a land of plenty, countless families rely on food banks. We know we need to care for the Earth, our common home, but we buy too much stuff and fill our world with garbage and pollution. Despite seeing the damage conflict causes, we think peace is out of our reach.

Baruch and John the Baptist speak of the Lord making the crooked straight and the rough ways smooth; this gives me hope that we can find some balance. John the Baptist invites the people of his day, and us, to turn back to God and prepare the way of the Lord – not only during Advent, but all year long.

As followers of Christ, we are meant to live in ways that make the crooked straight. Of course, it's not always easy. It means doing things differently. We may even need to spend some time in the wilderness – disconnected from social media, the Internet, malls and TV – to adjust our attitudes and rediscover what's important. But when we do we will truly understand that, as today's psalm tells us, "The Lord has done great things for us," and we will be filled with joy."

Anne Louise Mahoney, Ottawa, ON
Novalis, Living with Christ

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!



Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of himself.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

How to pray? This is a simple matter. I would say, Pray any way you would like, so long as you do pray.

St. John Paul II

Don't worry about anything instead PRAY about everything. Philippians.

I have a brain like the Bermuda Triangle. Information goes in, never to be found again.

Somedays you eat salads and go to the gym, some days you eat cupcakes and refuse to put on pants. It's called balance.