

THE THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5:00 pm

In honour of Our Lady of Fatima
+ Francis Whalen

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 (ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY)

8:00 am

+ Dragica Sopic

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5:00 pm (followed by Divine Mercy Novena)

+ Victor Roy

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration)

+ Joan Bedford

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

5:00 pm

+ Luiza & John da Costa
+ Joao da Costa
Intentions of Tony Borges

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 am

+ Doris Johnston

11:00 am Mass for the People - *Pro populo*

ST. PATRICK

Roman Catholic Church Welcomes You!



OUR BOOK OF LIFE

Throughout the month of November, our Book of Life will be placed near the baptismal font. The Easter candle, representing the new and eternal life we have in Christ, will burn beside it. Parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased family and friends in our Book of Life so that they may be remembered, as a group, at each mass offered in our parish throughout the month of November. Names entered previously need not be entered again as prayers are offered for all whose names are written there.



PRAY THE ROSARY

The Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is "our peace" (Eph. 2:14; St. John Paul II). Please join us every Saturday at 4:30 pm as we pray the rosary before the 5 pm Mass. We are looking for people who would be willing lead the rosary. Please speak with Fr. Joe.



HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER COMMUNITY

The Holy Spirit Prayer Community would like to invite you to join us in prayer, as we reconnect with the sustaining presence, love and mercy of our compassionate God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Come and join us for a time of music, prayer, worship, reflection and intercession. We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening, beginning Tuesday, November 16th, in the church, at 7:30 pm. The main doors of the church will be open at 7:15 p.m. We will be following the diocesan recommendations for masks and social distancing. For more information, contact Mary Ann Costa 519-740-1668.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Ambrose Tshiaba Ntumba
Tuesday	Rev. Andrew Quarshie
Wednesday	+ Consecrated Bros. & Sisters
Thursday	Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.
Friday	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Saturday	Rev. James Link, C.R.

HEARING THE CALL TO A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

Contact Bishop Lobsinger at:
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NOVEMBER 20 & 21

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	A. Kelly	A. Sousa	J. Meagher
Communion	P. Cooper C. Cooper	S. Braga J. Bui	T. Cabral V. Umolac

OFFERTORY

Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$2,110.00
Loose Collection	\$ 337.00
EFT	\$1,104.25
Total Collection – Thank you	\$3,551.25

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SVDP CHRISTMAS ANGEL GIVING TREE

The SVDP Christmas Angel Tree Campaign is underway. Letters have been sent to previous donors with a heartfelt thank you and request for support once again this year.

Even if you have not donated in previous years, please consider providing an Interac e-transfer to SVDPStPatrick.T@gmail.com or make a cheque payable to St Vincent de Paul Society. Please return by this Sunday, November 14. Thank you for your support!

...and God's Grace was so powerfully at work in them all, that there were no needy persons among them. Acts 4 33-34



USING THE DOOR BY THE CHOIR

It's gonna be a long, long winter... In consideration of our musicians, please do not exit by the choir door if you are leaving mass before the end of the final hymn. Should you find it necessary to leave the church before the final hymn has concluded, please exit through the main doors of the church. Thank you.

"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

The Adoration Chapel at St. Mary of the Visitation Church in Hespeler will be re-opening soon. If you would like to spend one hour a week with Jesus, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, or would like more information on adoration, please call **Sheila Mauser 519.658.9414**. Remember, God cannot be outdone in generosity. Whatever we give to Him we will receive a hundredfold.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In Canada, the holy days of obligation are the following: **every Sunday, Christmas Day** (December 25) and the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** (January 1).

On holy days of obligation, the faithful gather to express the fact that the Church is not self-generated but is always called to worship by God. On that occasion, we come to hear the Word of God, take part in the Eucharist and give thanks to the Lord for having been incorporated into Christ. Therefore, one must take part in the celebration of Mass either on the same day or at the vigil Mass on the previous evening.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES HAMILTON DIOCESE SPEAKER SERIES

On March 19th of this year, we entered into the *Amoris Laetitia Year of Family*. Pope Francis, in calling this special year, reminded us that this is "a great opportunity for Catholics to renew their commitment to family ministry." **Beginning in January of 2022**, the Diocese will be organizing a speaker series with a new topic each month through until June. The presentations will be by zoom to allow for more involvement throughout the Diocese and to avoid any issues that COVID may cause for in person gatherings. Check the Diocesan website for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS FOR ADVENT

The Catholic Church has designated the four weeks preceding Christmas as Advent, a time to prepare the way of the Lord for His coming as our King and Saviour. The Catechism stresses the two-fold meaning of this "coming": When the Church celebrates the *liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming (CCC 524). Therefore, on one hand, the faithful reflect back on Our Lord's first coming when He humbled Himself, becoming incarnate and entered our time and space to free us from sin. On the other hand, we recall in the creed that Our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 28. Here are some ways you can take advantage of the Advent Season to prepare for the coming of our Saviour:

- Prepare an Advent Wreath: The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end: God is eternal, and His love for us is everlasting. The wreath is made of fresh plant material, because Christ came to give us new, everlasting life through His passion, death and resurrection. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation and sacrifice; the rose candle symbolizes the same but highlights the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished and Christ will soon come. The light represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet Our Lord. Make the Advent wreath the centerpiece of the dinner table and light it at dinner time.
- Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Set time aside to pray and reflect on the readings of each day.
- Make the time to attend some weekday masses as well as on the Lord's Day.
- Children love to read and be read to. Read with them the stories of St. Francis and the first Christmas crèche, St. Boniface and the first Christmas tree or St. Nicholas who is Santa Claus.
- Give of yourself by doing good works. St. Francis said, "It is in giving that we receive," and through our charitable works we will receive the love of Christ Himself.
- Ponder the calendar of saints during Advent and read and reflect on their stories—some of whom include St. Nicholas, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Lucy, and St. John of the Cross. Taken from: <http://catholicstraightanswers.com/prepare-christmas/>

