

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

(ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS)

5:00 pm

+ Antonio Machado

Intentions of Tony & Shirley Borges

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 am

+ Antonio Moura

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00 pm (followed by Divine Mercy Novena)

+ Janet Moffat

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

+ Joan Bedford

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

5:00 pm

+ David Borges

+ Luiza & John DaCosta

Intentions of Fr. Ross Campbell

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 am

+ José Brasil & Family

11:00 am

Mass for the People - *pro populo*



If you are visiting today,

**St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.**



### GAUDETE SUNDAY

On the third Sunday of Advent, the penitential purple of the season changes to rose and we celebrate "Gaudete" or "Rejoice" Sunday. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, "The

Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist.

The second part of Advent begins on December 17th each year. For the last eight days before Christmas, the plan of the readings change. The first readings are still from the prophesies, but now the gospels are from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. We read the stories of faithful women and men who prepared the way for our salvation. We enter into the story of how Jesus' life began. These stories are filled with hints of what his life will mean for us. Faith and generosity overcome impossibility. Poverty and persecution reveal glory.

Our celebration of the coming of our Saviour into history is opening us up to experience his coming to us this year, and preparing us to await his coming in glory.

*Rejoice!*

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Tuesday	Rev. David Perrin
Wednesday	Cong. Most Holy Trinity
Thursday	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Friday	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Saturday	Rev. Lawrence Parent

### HEARING THE CALL TO A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

Contact Bishop Lobsinger at:  
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 18 & 19

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	M. Henry	A. Jamieson	C. Terpstra
<b>Communion</b>	L. Henry P. Cooper	J. Streppel B. Sousa	B. O'Brien R. O'Brien

## OFFERTORY

Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$2,970.00
Loose Collection	\$ 297.75
EFT	\$1,154.25
Total Collection – Thank you	\$4,422.00

# DECEMBER 12, 2021



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

### Let us pray...

*O God, Great Spirit and Faithful Creator, with humility we your children acknowledge the relationship of all living things.*

*For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship you.*

*We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh – our teacher, prophet and brother - to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters, and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage and respectfulness shown in The Sacred Teachings. Give us the honesty to recognize that the Earth provides us with life sustaining breath, nourishment and healing, and give us the strength to proclaim by our words and actions that the Earth is a blessing for all peoples. May we avoid the sins of exploitive personal power and profit. May we seek the righteous way of love, service, and healing in all things.*

*Father, as we walk our journey on this Earth, may your life-giving Spirit protect and guide us with your Wisdom so that we might live in right relationship and harmony with all humanity. May we pass on to future generations this Earth and all your gifts as you have provided them to us. Amen*



## THANK YOU FRANCES

Fr. Joe along with Deacon Terry and the people of St. Patrick's Parish extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to Frances Walker. We have enjoyed her beautiful voice and faithful service in her music ministry here at St. Patrick's, but now wish her God's blessings in her future endeavors. Farewell Frances.

## SUNDAY MISSALS & CALENDARS

2021 - 2022 Sunday Missals as well as 2022 monthly calendars are available for purchase at \$5 each in the narthex of the church while supplies last. Place your donation in the box. Please bring exact change. Thank you.

## TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Mass will be preceded by carols from the Cathedral beginning at 11:30 p.m. on Friday, December 24th. The carol service and Midnight Mass will be televised on Salt + Light, Canada's Catholic broadcaster.



Christmas has become...

the Feast of gifts in imitation of God who has given himself to us. Let us allow our heart, our soul and our mind to be touched by this fact. Among the many gifts that we buy and receive, let us not forget the true gift: *to give each other something of ourselves, to give each other something of our time, to open our time to God.* In this way anxiety disappears, joy is born, and the feast is created.

~ Benedict XVI

## CHRISTMAS OVERFLOW PARKING

Overflow parking for Christmas Masses is available in the parking lot at the corner of Wellington and Main Streets, behind City Hall off of Cambridge Street and across from the David Durward Centre (Beverly and Dickson Streets).

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



### THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

*Christmas Eve - Friday, Dec. 24*  
*Registration Required for 5 pm Mass only*

**5 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm**

*(there will be no 8 am Mass  
or adoration on this day)*

*Christmas Day - Saturday, Dec. 25*

**9 am & 11 am**

*(there will be no 5 pm Vigil Mass on this day)*

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

*Sunday, December 26*

**9 am & 11 am**

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

*New Year's Eve - Friday, Dec. 31 at 5 pm*

*New Year's Day - Saturday, Jan. 1 at 9 & 11 am*

*(there will be no 5 pm Vigil Mass on this day)*

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Sunday, January 2 at 9 am & 11 am*