

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

- 5:00 pm
+ Natalie Crosby
+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
+ Paul Luu Van Dong
+ Maria & Michael Santa
Intentions of Lucia

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 -
VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
4:45pm : **Children's Nativity Play**
Mass at: 5, 7 & 9 pm (incense used)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
10:00 am *only*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26
(ST. STEPHEN)
8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration &
recitation of Divine Mercy Novena)
+ Antonio Figueiredo & Family

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27
5:00 pm
+ Ruedi & Rosemarie Huber
+ Celine Ireland
+ Dolores Moffat
+ Lino Camara
+ Orminda Alves

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
8:00 am
9:00 am + Teresa Moniz
11:00 am - for the People - *pro populo*



If you are visiting today,
St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50 DRAW

Have you got your tickets? Scan this QR code to get your tickets today. No cell phone, no problem. Go online: rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/ Good luck!

LAMP OFFERING

December 21 - 27	December 28 - January 3
SANCTUARY LAMP	
+ Noreen O'Brien	Intentions of Megan
LADY ALTAR LAMP	
Ints. of Leil Thawar	Available



LITURGICAL MINISTERS DECEMBER 27 & 28

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	P. Cooper	L. Jankovic	W. Francis
Communion	C. Cooper C. McArthur	S. Braga A. Sousa	B. O'Brien R. O'Brien

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



MEMBERSHIP IN / DUES ST. PATRICK'S CWL

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has a core purpose - uniting Catholic women to grow in faith and to promote social justice through service to the Church, Canada and the world. For more information about the CWL visit cwl.ca and cwl.on.ca.

The cost to become a member of St. Patrick's CWL is \$40. Payment can be made by cash or cheque and can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular office hours, by using the CWL Membership envelope in your box of weekly Sunday donation envelopes or you may place the money in a small envelope and drop it in the collection basket marked CWL Membership Dues. Inside, you must include your name and contact information. We look forward to either meeting you for the first time or to renewing old friendships.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, commemorates the divine motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics.

Masses will be offered at St. Patrick's Parish on **New Year's Eve**, Wednesday, December 31 at 5 pm and on **New Year's Day**, Thursday, January 1 at 10 am.



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).

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Richard Dordunu
Tuesday	Rev. Robert Kiffman
Wednesday	Consecrated Virgin Candidates
Thursday	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>
Friday	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Saturday	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk

HEARING THE CALL TO
A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?
Contact Fr. Mark Morley at: mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY

At 4:45 pm, just before the beginning of the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass, the children of St. Patrick's Parish will be presenting the Nativity Play. Parents, please encourage your children to come forward when the announcement is made.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, Dec. 24
(Incense will be used at all Christmas Eve Masses)

5 pm (preceded by the Nativity play)
7 pm & 9 pm

Christmas Day - Thursday, Dec. 25
10 am - only

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

Saturday, December 27 at 5 pm
Sunday, December 28 at 8, 9 & 11 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 3 at 5 pm (Incense will be used)
Sunday, January 4 at 8, 9 & 11 am

“...and then, just when everything is bearing down on us to such an extent that we can scarcely withstand it, the Christmas message comes to tell us that all our ideas are wrong, and that what we take to be evil and dark is really good and light because it comes from God. Our eyes are at fault, that is all. God is in the manger, wealth in poverty, light in darkness, succor in abandonment. No evil can befall us; whatever men may do to us, they cannot but serve the God who is secretly revealed as love and rules the world and our lives.”

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer
God Is In The Manger: Reflections on Christmas and Advent

Families who pray together, stay together!