



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 12** – Feast: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
7:30a.m. – Thomas Powers, Thomas Semlak, Kevin Pyne

**Tuesday, December 13** – Feast: St. Lucy  
7:30a.m. – Peter & Ethel Murphy, Erika Shiose

**Wednesday, December 14** – Feast: St. John of the Cross  
7:30a.m. – Nada Wyman, Frances Walinga, Evelyn Krusky

**Thursday, December 15** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:00p.m. – Debra Fischer, Christina (Daisy) Van Schaik,  
Intentions of Ana Percic

**Friday, December 16** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:30a.m. – Gioan Do Quang Bui, John Joseph Seifred

**Saturday, December 17** – Ferial  
5:15p.m. – Primo Baggio, Reta & Peter Steffler,  
Mariella Riemer, Maria Angela Ferreira

**Sunday, December 18** – Fourth Sunday of Advent  
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

**Stewardship of Treasure:**

*Thank you for your gift of \$16,195.61 in support of  
your parish community in gratitude for God's  
blessing.*

**+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of  
Patricia Caldarelli, Gerald Finora and Charles  
Sammut who were called to eternal life. May they rest  
in eternal peace with God.**

**PARISH NEWS**

**ADVENT PROJECT**

We invite you to participate in our annual Advent Project to support the Drop-In-Centre and Michael House December 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> by bringing items listed on the flyer you received. Extra copies available at the Information Desk. The children of the parish are invited to participate by donating money to CHALICE in support of hungry and needy children around the world.

***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "GLORY TO  
GOD IN THE HIGHEST"***

*We too are unworthy to be in Jesus' presence but our joy is that we have been so honoured. Jesus wants to visit each of us and our families this Christmas. He wants to bless our homes. His desire is that we be reconciled to one another, that we forgive one another. This is why He came into this world – that we might be free of sin and find peace with God and peace with one another. We too can leap for joy.*

**TREES OF LIFE FOR ADVENT**

At the Sacred Heart Altar the Tree of Life is for those who have died in the past year to the present and were born to eternal life. You may put a paper ornament provided on the tree with the name, birth date and death date of your loved one. At the St. Joseph Altar the Tree of Life is for those baptized into new life in Christ during the past year. Take a moment to look and pray for those on our Trees of Life.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

As we near our Christmas celebration, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate invites all children to take part in our Christmas Eve celebration. If you have a son or daughter who is interested in playing a role in the children's pageant at the 5:15p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, please contact Maegan and Julie at [coolpageant@gmail.com](mailto:coolpageant@gmail.com). Please be sure to include your child's name, age and if they have been involved before and what role they played. The rehearsal will take place following the 11a.m. Mass for 45 minutes on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Our final dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Children Ages 3-11 are welcome to take part in our celebration. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering time, please contact us, the more the merrier! We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ with you and your families this Christmas Season.

**THANK YOU**

We appreciate your financial contributions to World Mission Sunday of \$2,251.00 and to the Haiti Relief Fund of \$6,301.50.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

At our next general meeting Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in the Church Hall we will be writing Christmas cards to our senior homes. Please bring your Christmas cards and pens. Please help us in collecting baby items for Right to Life's Care Baskets. List of items needed will be posted on the bulletin boards. Also bring your favourite finger food. Ladies, join us for fun, faith and fulfillment.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES**

Today you will find your 2017 Church Envelopes in the alcove behind the altar. We ask you to pick them up and be sure not to use them until the new year. They will not be available Christmas Day. We recommend you put your name on the envelope for the month of January. We are grateful to those who support our parish through their Stewardship of Treasure.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2016****SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> . 4:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
 Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> . 8:00a.m. to 12Noon; 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
 Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> . 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.  
 Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> . 11:00a.m. to 12Noon

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> . 5:15p.m. . 8:00p.m. . 12Midnight  
 Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> . 9:00a.m. . 11:00a.m.

**ADVENT MISSION**

This weekend we welcome Father Michael Prieur of the Diocese of London who is preaching at our Masses and invites you to join together this evening at 7p.m. with the theme %end of Life Issues: God's mercy is the best way to go.+ On Monday evening at 7p.m. the theme will be %Jesus's best story about Mercy+; illustrated, followed by time for Confessions. On Tuesday we conclude our mission at 7p.m. with the theme %Angels and Demons in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: God's Power at Work.+ This is a wonderful way to prepare spiritually for Christmas. Come out and bring a family member or friend.

**NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS**

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to the Infant Jesus December 16<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena by sending your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., RR #1, St. Agatha, ON, N0B 2L0.

**OTHER NEWS*****SUNDAY SMILE!***

*A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human, it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The girl replied, "Then you ask him."*

**VOCATION SEEDS**

%See I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.+Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation of the Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 or email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com .

***JUST A THOUGHT!***

*God loves everyone but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'*

**EUTHANASIA/ ASSISTED SUICIDE – DID YOU KNOW?**

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/ euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/ assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. 8 other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit [www.canadiansforconscience.ca](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca) to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

**EMBRACING THE WISDOM OF MONKS & MYSTICS**

This 6-part workshop/ study session will be offered starting Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m. at the Chancery Office in Hamilton and will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new and creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text %lluminating the Way+ by Christine Valters Paintner. Please register by December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Monica at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238.