

**LITURGIES**

**Saturday, December 5,**

*"Jesus saw the crowd and had compassion for them."*

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

**Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Nicolina, Nicola, Umberto & Vincenzo Ligori**

Vocation Prayer – Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.

**Sunday, December 6, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*"Make straight the paths of the Lord."*

**Mass 7:30 a.m. – † Norma Zamora, † Jesusa Idulsa, † Nelson Idulsa, † Faustina, Francesco & Ernesto Danuca**

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Cristina Macoretta, † George Burton, † Sarah MacDonald, † Antonio & Carlotta Imola, † Piero Cappucci, † Valeria DiMattia**

**Mass 11:00 a.m. - Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)**

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.

**Tuesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the BV Mary**

*"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you."*

♦ **Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

♦ **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions 6:45 p.m.**

**Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Eddy Piatek & Richard & Justyna Kowalski,**

† Maria Petrucci & DiMarzo Family, † Meli Giuseppe & Maria

Petrucci, † Antonietta Vincelli

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Kevin D'Souza

**Wednesday, December 9**

*"Come to me, all you that are weary."*

**Mass at SJLC – In Thanksgiving (Not public)**

Vocation Prayer – Order of Preachers (Dominican) (O.P.)

**Thursday, December 10**

*"No one has arisen greater than John the Baptist."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Souls in Purgatory**

Vocation Prayer – † Rev. Peter Ciallella

**Friday, December 11**

*"This generation listened neither to John nor to Jesus."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Lucyna Szczepanek**

- Holy Hour with Benediction

(begins after Mass, confessions not available)

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Roshan Loy D'Souza, C.S.C.

**Sunday Collection for November 22, 2020**

Env. \$1972.00+Loose \$229.25+On-Line \$2860.0 = \$5061.25

**Sunday Collection for November 29, 2020**

Env. \$2305.29+ Loose \$245.55 = \$2550.84 SSVP \$1401.00



**THANK YOU,**  
for your generosity!  
Your **gift** and **attendance** truly matters.

It is the **life** and **future** for our parish!

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**

The office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with a break from Noon – 1:00 pm., on Thursdays until 6 pm for those who work longer on weekdays. There are safety protocols in place, access in-person is limited. We try to make arrangements over the phone when possible. Please give us a call first. Thank you!

**\*\*\*VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED\*\*\***

- Readers and Door Volunteers are needed  
**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 519-753-7316.**

**Christmas MASS TIMES**

**Dec 24**  
4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm\*  
\* available when prior masses are full

**Dec 25**  
7:30 am\*, 9 am, 11 am  
\* only 50 seats are available

**Reservation is required!**  
Please visit our website for details:  
[www.marybrantford.com/reserve.html](http://www.marybrantford.com/reserve.html)

**National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples in Canada**

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, December 12th, is 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 prayers and acts of solidarity. We invite you to read the message and prayer released by the CCCB Indigenous Council below.

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

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**RESERVATIONS** are required for all Christmas & Christmas season Masses. Go to:

<https://www.marybrantford.com/reserve.html>

for more details and step by step guidance. All safety protocols with face covering and social distancing will be in place. **We cannot accommodate guests without a face covering!**

If you don't use a computer, please call our office for help P. 519-753-7316. It is easy and free.

December 24: 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm <sup>1)</sup>

1) 8:00 pm will be available when prior Masses are full

December 25: 7:30 am <sup>2)</sup>, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

2) only 50 seats available

Reservations will be also required for:

- December 26, 27, 31, and January 1

Let's make Christmas Mass available and safe for everyone!

## Advent/Christmas Confessions

We are skipping our city-wide penitential services this year and we ask parishioners to rely on their parish confessions availability. Saint Mary's confessions are available by appointment only, in Msgr. Maloney Room on the usual days: **Saturday 4 - 4:40 pm, Tuesday 6 - 6:40 pm.** Some extra time will be available on these days if there are more penitents. Penitents will be let in through the Bell Tower door at the time of their appointment. We have no waiting space available. After confession, penitents can join the Mass in the church or leave. There is no praying or waiting area in the church. Please book your appointments in advance. There will be no extra days available before Christmas. Face coverings, distancing and other safety protocols are required.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

is scheduled for Saturday, January 16th at 11:00 am. Grade 7 students and older who have not received this sacrament can submit a registration form that is available via school office or our website. The Sacrament will be conferred by our Pastor delegated by the Bishop. Please check our website for more information regarding the celebration and preparation: [www.marybrantford.com](http://www.marybrantford.com)

## Compassionate Care Ministry Pastoral Care of the Elderly, Sick, Hospitalized or Homebound

Compassionate Care Ministry offers healing love to all, especially the sick, elderly, isolated and lonely members of a parish. It involves outreach, which can occur in a variety of ways, to remind those served that they matter and that their parish family cares for them.

- WHEN: Three one-hour seminars: Thursday, January 14, 21 & 28. From 2 -3 P.M. each day.

- WHO: Priests, deacons, lay staff, parish nurses and/or volunteers at the Parish who may engage in or lead Compassionate Care Ministry.

- WHAT: A chance to discern and learn about 'Compassionate Care Ministry' and what it might look like at your parish. These are not training sessions, but they will provide an overview of multiple ways in which a parish might engage in some form of compassionate care ministry for the vulnerable in a parish. REGISTRATION to this on-line webinar is coming up in December.

## "ADOPT A FAMILY" for Christmas Christmas giving.

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTRE BRANT, with offices across the street from our church is piloting this charity program. "If you or your small group would like to adopt one of our families and provide Christmas gifts to them, we would love to hear from you!" YOU CAN HELPS WITH: "new toys for children, new clothing for family members, personal Care Products, children's books, some family focused board games, beading, towels, pillows, candy and chocolates, non-perishable food items for the Christmas, season gift card from grocery store etc." CONTACT: 466 Colborne St, Brantford, ON N3S 3N7, (519) 756-3787, 519-756-4992, [Karen.bpcentre@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.bpcentre@gmail.com)

You may consider giving an extra donation to SSVp. They are very busy at this time of the year. We always offer help to people in need who wander around the church property. Tim Horton and McDonald gift cards are the best. If you would like to help you can drop cards off with your Sunday offering. On a more personal note, you may consider reaching out to a family member or a friend you haven't been in touch with for long time. A nice card or a box of chocolate will be a special gift.

## LITURGIES

### Saturday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

*"Blessed is she who has believed in the fulfillment of the Lord's promises."*

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

**Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Deceased members of the Berardi Family**

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Francis Salasiar, C.S.C.

### Sunday, December 13, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Among you stands one whom you do not know."*

**Mass 7:30 a.m. – † Lucia D'Eramo**

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)**

**Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Amparo Eugenio, † Mario & Margherita Petrella,**

† Carol Cunningham, † John Rourke, Int. of Moses DaPonte, Joe

Cristiano DaPonte and Elvera DaSilva

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.

### Tuesday, December 15

*"John the Baptist came, and the sinners believed him."*

♦ **Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:40p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

♦ **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions 6:45 p.m.**

**Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Martin Castillo, † Souls in Purgatory, Int. of Mary Bruder**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Ronald Hodara

### Wednesday, December 16

*"Tell John what you have heard and seen."*

**Mass at SJLC – † Joseph Pham Chau Giang, † John Baptist Ngo Minh Hoang (Not public)**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Ronald Hodara

### Thursday, December 17

*"An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Norma Zamora, † Jesusa Idulsa, Nelson Idulsa,**

Faustina & Francesco & Ernesto Danuco

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Edward Henhoeffler

### Friday, December 18

*"Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Ruby Ngo**

- Holy Hour with Benediction

(begins after Mass, confessions not available)

Vocation Prayer – † Rev. John Schnurr

### Saturday, December 19

*"The angel Gabriel announces the birth of John the Baptist."*

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

**Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Antonio Bolognone & † Vito Tangi**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Jacek Kryn, S.A.C.

### Sunday, December 20, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"The Son of Man will sit on the throne of his glory..."*

**Mass 7:30 a.m. - † Deceased members of the Hapan & Petrycka**

Families, In Thanksgiving

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)**

**Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Madeline Epps, † Teresa & Bonaventura**

Ferraccioli, † Pitruccia & Pietro Ferraccioli, † Alfonso DeSantis, †

Joanna DeSantis, † Jim Cunningham, Int. of Bernard MacDonald

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.

## The Catholic Women's League of Canada:

You don't need to be a parishioner or baptised to join the League. All women are welcome. Reminder to members your membership fee is due now (\$25). You can drop your money with your name and contact phone number along with your Sunday offering or visit the office. Call us: 519-753-7316. May Our Lady of Good Counsel watch over you.

## Coping with the Holidays Grief Webinar

Christmas is a difficult time for people who have lost a loved one during the year and we often we have people who are still looking for support many years after the loss of a loved one, so anyone is welcome. With COVID restrictions in place, we are offering this support via a Zoom webinar this year on Monday, November 30th at 7 P.M. Free of charge. Please call to register at 905-528-7988 (ext. 2249) or Register online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)