

## LITURGIES

### 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 Krym, S.A.C.

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

*"You will conceive in your womb and bear a son."*

**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.

### Tuesday, December 22

*"The Mighty One has done great things for me."*

♦ **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. – † Arselino Resendes, † Deceased members of the Suglio Family**

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Robert Sims

### Wednesday, December 23

*"The nativity of John the Baptist."*

**Mass at SJLC – The People of St. Mary's (Not public)**

Vocation Prayer – Voluntas Dei Institute

### Thursday, December 24, The Nativity of the Lord

*"Mary will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus."*

**Mass 4:00 p.m. – † Hugo & Piero Berardi, † Assunta, Domenico, Antonio & Luigi Imola**

**Mass 6:00 p.m. – † Krystyna & Jan Michalik, † Fr. Grzegorz Mlodawski, † Fr. Jozef Lisiak**

Vocation Prayer – † Rev. Michael Downey

### Friday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

*"The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger."*

**Mass 7:30 a.m. – † Angelina Lancaster, † Cyril Romain, † Leon Wellington**

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Peter & Josephine Mitchell, † George Byrne, † Donald Geldart, † Giovanni Buccilli**

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

Vocation Prayer – The Nativity of the Lord



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## 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 other 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!

### Sunday Collection for December 6, 2020

Env. \$3872.00+Loose \$245.00 = \$4117.00

### Sunday Collection for December 13, 2020

Env. \$2338 + Loose \$275.25 + On-line \$2,628 = \$5241.25



**THANK YOU,**

for your generosity!

Your gift and attendance truly matters.

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

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

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 519-753-7316.

"Christmas is a ray of light for all, because it reveals to us God's love and makes us feel the presence of Jesus with everyone especially with those who are suffering. Just for this reason Jesus willed to be born in poverty and in the abandonment of a cave and to be laid in a manger. (Saint John Paul II, 1978)

**Reserve Now**

Don't forget to make your reservation. See our website for instructions. Thank you!

## Daily Masses & Office Hours

Daily Mass is celebrated as schedule except for the week of: JAN. 5-8, 2021 when Masses are cancelled. There will be no confessions available until JAN. 9, 2021.

The office will be closed DEC. 24, 25, 31 and JAN. 1.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday, January 16th at 11:00 am.

Please pray for the candidates who are preparing for this important faith life moment. Please check our website for more information regarding the celebration and preparation:

[www.marybrantford.com](http://www.marybrantford.com)

## TV CHRISTMAS MASS

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Midnight Mass will be preceded by a Carol Service beginning at 11:30 p.m. Both the Carol Service and the Midnight Mass will be broadcast on Salt+Light Media and shared with CHCH-TV. The Mass will be repeated on CHCH-TV at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning.

Due to COVID restrictions, all seating for Midnight Mass has already been reserved. Join us for the broadcast and share in the joy of this Christmas feast!

## "THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD."

God is charity: He has loved us with an everlasting love! "I think God must have said to Himself: Man does not love Me because he does not see Me; I will show Myself to him and thus make him love Me. God's love for man was very great and had been great from all eternity, but this love had not yet become visible.... Then, it really appeared; the Son of God let Himself be seen as a tiny Babe in a stable, lying on a little straw" (St. Alphonsus). This is the mystery of the Nativity; this is St. Paul's exultant cry: "The grace of God our Savior hath appeared to all men.... The goodness and kindness of God our Savior appeared" (cf Titus 2:11-15 - 3:4-7). These are the blessed tidings "of great joy" brought by the Angel to the shepherds; "This day is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!" (cf Luke 2:1-14). [...] /From <https://catholicexchange.com/> 2016./

## 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 the 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 HELP 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 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 year. You can also help by donating Tim Horton and McDonald gift cards that we offer to people in need who are around the church property.

## LITURGIES

### Saturday, December 26, St. Stephen

*"...the Spirit of your Father will speak through you."*

**Mass 5:00 p.m.** - † Frank, Cesarina & Pietro Imola

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Martin Vallely

### Sunday, December 27, Feast of the Holy Family

*"The child grew, filled with wisdom."*

**Mass 7:30 a.m.** - † Deceased members of the Beigin, Larracey & Leahy Family

**Mass 9:00 a.m.** - † Deceased members of Anna Nardone's Family, † Anton Mai Xuan Yen, † Valeria DiMattia, † Rita Carrieri, † Mafalda Tuori, † Janina Deml, Souls in Purgatory

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

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Joseph Michel

### Tuesday, December 29

*"The light to reveal the salvation to the nations."*

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

**Mass 7:00 p.m.** - † Janna Kuczejko

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Kiwook Kim

### Wednesday, December 30

*"Anna began to speak about the child..."*

**Mass at SJLC** - † The people of St. Joe's Life Care (Not public)

Vocation Prayer - Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)

### Thursday, December 31

*"The word became flesh."*

**Mass 5:00 p.m.** - † Norma Zamora, † Jesusa Idulsa, Nelson

Idulsa, Faustina & Francesco & Ernesto Danuco

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Arpee Quirico

### Friday, January 1, The Solemnity of Mary

*"After eight days he was named Jesus."*

**Mass 11:00 a.m.** - For all parishioners living and deceased.

Vocation Prayer - † Rev. Pawel Jamroz

### Saturday, January 2, St. Basil and St. Gregory

*"In your midst is the one who is coming after me."*

**Mass 5:00 p.m.** - † Maria Pham Thi Van

Vocation Prayer - Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

### Sunday, January 3, Epiphany of the Lord

*"We have come from the East to pay homage to the king."*

**Mass 7:30 a.m.** - For the Kopaniak Family living and dead

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

**Mass 11:00 a.m.** - † Filomena & Antonio Todesco, † Ben & Gwen Garnett, † Jan Patricia Donaldson, † Angelo & Antonia DiFelice, † Souls in Purgatory

Vocation Prayer - Rev. David Avila

## The Catholic Women's League of Canada:

You don't need to be 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.

## CHRISTMAS MANGER BLESSING

Blessing to pray at the Manger:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation You have made manifest your love. When our need for a Savior was great You sent Your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger, may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

"Christmas is a feast of restored creation. It is in this context that the Fathers (of the Church) interpret the song of the angels on that holy night: it is an expression of joy over the fact that the height and the depth, Heaven and Earth, are once more united; that man is again united to God." / Pope Benedict 16th, Midnight Mass, 2007