

**LITURGIES**

**Saturday, November 30, St. Andrew**

Gospel: Matthew 4.18-22

- Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.

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

Vocation Prayer – Very Rev. David Walter

**Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent**

Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36v

**Mass 9:00 a.m.** – † Jose Vilaca, † Peter Pham Quang Luong, † members of the Palombi & Imola Families, † Elizabeth Zavala, † Pauline Zabiuk, † Ted & Marion Farrell

**Mass 11:00 a.m.** – Missa Pro Populo

Vocation Prayer – Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

**Tuesday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier**

Gospel: Luke 10.21-24

- Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.

- Devotions 6:45 p.m.

**Mass 7:00 p.m.** – 2024 Bereavement Mass

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Carlos Diaz

**Wednesday, December 4**

Gospel: Matthew 15.29-37

**School Christmas Masses:**

**Madonna della Libera - 9:30 a.m.**

**Holy Cross - 11:30 a.m.**

**St. Peter - 1:30 p.m.**

Vocation Prayer – Orders of Preachers (Dominican, O.P.)

**Thursday, December 5**

Gospel: Matthew 7.21, 24-27

**Mass 9:00 a.m.** † Aleksandra Charlam

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou

**Friday, December 6**

Gospel: Matthew 9.27-31

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

- Holy Hour and Adoration 9:30 a.m.

Vocation Prayer – Rev. John Van Hees

**Saturday, December 7, St. Ambrose**

Gospel: Luke 20.27-40

- Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.

**Mass 5:00 p.m.** – † Ed Ladd

Vocation Prayer – Engaged Couples

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**Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent**

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6 – All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Mass 9:00 a.m.** – † John the Baptist Nguyen Kien, † Michele Colaiaacovo, † Caroline Freibauer, † Lucia D'Eramo, † Teresa & Saverio Muccilli, † Amalia & Francesco Manzo, Int of CWL members celebrating a birthday this month

**Mass 11:00 a.m.** - Missa Pro Populo

**Monday, December 9, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38 – Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

**Mass 7:00 p.m.** – † Mario Bilich

**Tuesday, December 10**

Gospel: Matthew 18.12-14

- Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.

- Devotions 6:45 p.m.

**Mass 7:00 p.m.** – † Margherita & Mario Petrella, † Maria Petrucci, † Antonietta Vingelli, † DiMarzo, Petrucci & Nalli Families, Int. of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Lawrence Parent

**Wednesday, December 11**

Gospel: Matthew 11.28-30

**SJLC Mass 10:30 a.m.** – † Mario Bilich

Vocation Prayer – Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)

**Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Gospel: Luke 1.39-47

**Mass 9:00 a.m.** – Int. of Ray Thomas

Vocation Prayer – National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

**Friday, December 13, St. Lucy**

Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19

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

- Holy Hour and Adoration 9:30 a.m.

Vocation Prayer – Rev. John Ha

**Saturday, December 14, St. John of the Cross**

Gospel: Matthew 4.18-22

- Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.

**Mass 5:00 p.m.** – † Joao & Estrela Pimental

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.

**Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent**

Gospel: Luke 3.10-18 – The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

**Mass 9:00 a.m.** - Missa Pro Populo

**Mass 11:00 a.m.** – † Vincenzo Castagna, † Pham Luan, † Anna My, † Francisco Vieira, † Panny Guevarra, † members of the Sharp Family, † John Diorio

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.

*Mass Intentions are published above and may not be announced. We are sorry for any unintentional errors in spelling or pronunciation and changes in dates.*

**Sunday Collections:**

October online - \$1148.00

November 17 - \$3339.30

November 24 - \$3212.40



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**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS**

December 1-7 - † Leo Rice

December 8-14 – For Comfort & Healing



The name of your loved one, your contact information and \$10 in the collection basket will add the name to our list. This intention will be published in the bulletin.

**2025 DONATION ENVELOPES**

Envelopes will be ready for pick up the weekend of December 7/8.

## BEREAVEMENT MASS

You and your family are invited to our annual Bereavement Mass to be held on Tuesday, **December 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. This Mass is being held to remember in a special way your loved one who recently died and whose funeral Mass or burial was officiated by a priest from St. Mary's from November 2023 to October 2024. Please extend this invitation to family members.

## THE ANGEL TREE

Once again it is the hope of St. Mary's to bring some Christmas joy to families served by St. Mary's conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul by filling up and distributing Christmas stockings. You can take part by donating gift cards in denominations of \$20-\$25 from Walmart, Shopper's Drug Mart, Tim Hortons, McDonalds, Giant Tiger, etc. You can also donate "stocking stuffers" such as lip balm, individual size hand creams, candy, mitts, socks or anything else you'd like to get in a stocking. PLEASE NO FRUITS OR NUTS. We will end the collection the **weekend of December 7/8**. There will be a Christmas wrapped box in the alcove for drop offs. We thank you in advance for the generosity and spirit that you have always put into this Christmas event.

## EX CORDE FOUNDATION

We would like to thank the Ex Corde Foundation for \$35,000 to assist with the replacement of the main church doors and church eavestrough repairs/replacement. Established in 2011, the Ex Corde Foundation provides financial assistance to Parishes and other Catholic charities within the Diocese of Hamilton and across Canada. The Foundation provides grants to repair or renovate buildings; to provide and maintain religious and devotional artifacts, stained glass windows, and other religious works of art; and to support religious education, catechesis, and the provision of liturgical resources and pastoral programs.

## CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesdays – 6:00pm – 6:45pm  
 Fridays – 9:30am – 10:30am  
 Saturdays – 4:00pm – 4:45pm

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24 – 4:00pm & 6:00pm  
 December 25 – 9:00am & 11:00am

## NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

December 31 – 5:00pm  
 January 1, 2025 – 10:00am

## PREPARING FOR ADVENT

Advent, the prayerful and penitential liturgical season leading up to Christmas, offers so much to enjoy with our families. While the world has already professed Christmas is here, as Catholics, we try to observe Advent and keep to traditions that focus on salvation history from Creation through the Incarnation of Jesus. Familiar Advent traditions include placing wreaths and candles, special prayers each evening at dinner, and celebrating feasts that fall during Advent. There are many ways to observe Advent. Below are ideas you can try together as a family.

**Attend Mass** - Attending Mass allows us to grow closer to Jesus through His true presence in the Eucharist – body, blood, soul and divinity.

**Pray Together** - Read a special Advent prayer each night at dinner. Consider saying the St. Andrew or Christmas Novenas as a family.

**Crèche** - A crèche, or Nativity/manger scene, is one of the greatest ways to anticipate Jesus' birth. Consider waiting to place Jesus in the manger until Christmas day. Place the magi far away and have them move a little daily around your home until they arrive at the stable on Epiphany, January 6.

**Advent Wreaths** - Create your own Advent Wreath and with greenery from your yard or community. The three purple candles signify prayer, penance, and sacrifices and good works. The rose candle is for Gaudete Sunday, or "Rejoice" Sunday, to celebrate the arrival at the midpoint of advent.

**Jesse Tree** - The Jesse Tree tradition, like Advent Calendars, provides a daily Advent tradition. Each day features scripture and images tracing salvation history. Etsy offers a variety of downloadable options. These can be printed and colored as a family. For the tree, have your children choose a branch in your yard to hang them or add them to a simple banner string on the fireplace mantle.

(Regina Angelorum Academy)

## The 2025 Jubilee Year

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website. Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year. In Cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28-29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family.