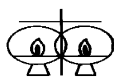


Please Note: See bulletin cover for Confession times.



MASS INTENTIONS December 4 - 10, 2017

Monday (ferial) *Isaiah 2.1-5, Matthew 8.5-11*
8:15 am +All Souls in Purgatory – Isabel & Manuel
 -Int. of Arminda Pacheco – LeeAnn Paiva

Tuesday (ferial) *Isaiah 11.1-10, Luke 10.21-24*
8:15 am + Ernestina Moreira – Isabel & Manuel
7:00 pm + Baby Michael Szrejber – Friends at Blackberry

Wednesday (ferial) *Isaiah 25.6-10a, Matthew 15.29-37*
8:15 am + Punnoose – Babu & Elizabeth Mukalel
 -Int. of Lolly Zachari - Friend

7:00 pm NO MASS

Thursday (memorial) *St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor*
Isaiah 26.1-6, Matthew 7.21, 24-27
8:15 am -Int. of Fr. David Avila – A. Pacheco
7:00 pm +Julian Lana-Sarrate - Rosa

Friday (solemnity) *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Gen.s 3.9-15, 20, Eph. 1.3-6, 11-12, Luke 1.26-38
8:15 am + Larry Maligaya – Fajutagana Family
7:00 pm +Johanna Zach – Albert & Evelyn Schmid

Saturday (ferial) *Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26, Matthew 9.35 – 10.1, 5a, 6-8++*
8:15 am -In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3.8-14, Mark 1.1-8

Sat. 5:00 pm -Int. of Fr. David Avila – Coffee Friends
Sun. 9:00 am + Those in Our Parish Book of Life AND
 - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Aloysius
11:00 am +Richard Thomas – Marilyn
Sunday school
7:00 pm +Erich Oskar Milke – Bev Rodgers

Schedule of Events

Dec 3 - 10, 2017

- Monday**
- Celebrating the Word Bible Study9:00 am
 - Glass Cutter Guild..... 7-9:00 pm
- Tuesday**
- Prayer Hour for Vocations 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - R.C.I.A. 7:30 pm
 - Confirmation – Lesson 2 – **Public Schools only**.. 7:30 – 9pm
- Wednesday**
- 5 pm Choir Practice..... 7:30 pm
 - Senior’s Dinner.....Doors open: 5:30/Dinner: 6 pm
- Thursday**
- Legion of Mary 9:00 am & 7:30 pm
 - Knights of Columbus “Christmas Joy” Concert..... 2:00 pm
- Friday**
- Divine Mercy Hour for the Unborn (Library Ent.)..... 3:00 pm

Saturday

- That Man Is You (Men’s Study Group)..... 6:30 am

Please remember St. Aloysius’s Parish in your will. (The Bequest Clause can be added to your existing Will as a codicil).

Bequest Clause

I give and bequeath to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, under a special Act of legislative Assembly of Ontario, and whose offices are located in _____ for the benefit of St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener; the sum of \$_____dollars, or _____percentage of the Estate, or the total of the residue of the Estate.



OFFERTORY REPORT	
253 CONTRIBUTORS . . . (Average - \$16.90).....	\$4,275.90
LOOSE	\$1,022.00
Offertory Collection 26-11-17	\$5,297.90

Parish Life

Movie fans!! Our DVD lending library is growing. Come and check out the fabulous collection of faith-based movies, mini-series and documentaries. They are located **temporarily** on the cupboard on the back right hand side if you have your back to the altar. You can sign out the movies you want and check off when you return them for others to enjoy

The deadline for the **C.W.L. 2018 membership** is December 31st. Any membership money after that will be for 2019 which can affect the member’s status.

All active and auxiliary members of the **Legion of Mary** and their families are invited to our **Annual General Reunion** in the church basement this **Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3:00**. Please join us for prayers, carols and a pot-luck dinner.

St. Aloysius Toy Drive: Please pick an angel from the Angel Board at the back of the church. You may bring your unwrapped toy into the church office, or place it in one of the buckets at each entrance. The deadline for this is December 11. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus hand crafted nativity scenes, angels, snow men, etc. will be available to purchase at the main entrance of the Church after each of the Masses on the **December 9th & 10th** weekend. Proceeds go to support the work of Right to Life, Birthright, 40 Days for Life, Marillac Place & Children’s Wish Foundation.

Please Note...

“Christmas Joy”, a concert celebrating the Christmas Season, in support of New Toys for Needy Kids. Thursday, Dec 7, at 2:00pm, St. Aloysius Church. NoteWorthy Singers. Admission: New Toy or cash. (see bulletin board for details). This is **not** part of the St. Aloysius toy drive.

Coping with the Holidays...when you have lost a loved one. Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman, Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton, Sunday, **December 3rd**, 1:30 – 3:00 pm. The event is FREE of charge.

(If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.) **OR**
Coping with the Holidays...when you have lost a loved one. St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, 16 Cooper St, Cambridge, **December 11th**, 7 – 8:30 pm. The event is FREE of charge. Please call to reserve a seat: 519-658-4443. (If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.)

You are invited to a **Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child** – Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for **Sunday, December 3rd, at 4 pm**. Anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or who have had a still birth are invited to this Mass celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby. God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Join us on **Friday, DECEMBER 8**, for the next **Lecture in Catholic Experience** hosted by St. Jerome's University. **Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB**, from St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, will help us to consider the profound insights that artists such as calligraphers and illuminators can offer us, especially with regard to the illuminations in *The Saint John's Bible*. **Location:** Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University, at 7:30pm/doors open 6:45 pm. This lecture is available on a complimentary basis. Please register at: www.sju.ca/lce

From the pastor's desk

Preparing for the coming of the Lord

Dear friends: Today we begin the Season of Advent. Advent means waiting or coming, and we wait for the coming of someone we love. During this season we focus on waiting for the Lord, waiting for the coming of Jesus. We have the three fold waiting. We know that Jesus has already come in history, and we remember that during the week before Christmas our waiting changes to waiting for our celebration of the birth of Jesus. We also wait for His final coming at the end times when He will take all to Himself. We also experience His daily coming into our life through the Eucharist, Word of God, and also in the various persons and events of life. In our daily routine of life we wait for something to take place, maybe we wait for a friend, for a bus or train, and there is the eagerness within us that makes us look forward to something new that will take place. During Advent we look forward to Jesus who will come in a total gesture of love: God becomes man. In order to receive our LORD with great Joy and Peace we need a good preparation which includes confession, reading the Word of God, and of course participating in the Eucharist. So, I encourage you to follow these steps faithfully.

Preauthorized giving forms

We are in the second week of receiving pre-authorized giving forms. As of today we have 21 people signed up, Looking forward your support. God bless!
Fr. Jerome Mascarenhas

**ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
 2017 – 2018**

Confessions

Regular Confession Times:

Tuesday: 6-6:45pm, Saturday: 3 -4:30pm or by appointment

Advent Confession Liturgy (with visiting priests)

Thursday, December 13: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

December 23: Saturday: 5:00 pm (*Fourth Sunday Advent*)

December 24: Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

CHRISTMAS

Mass for Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

Children's Christmas Mass & Pageant5 pm

Family Christmas Eve Mass..... 8 pm

Christmas Midnight Mass..... 12 am

Mass for Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses:.....9 am and 11 am

December 30: Saturday: 5:00 pm (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sunday)

December 31: Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

NEW YEAR

Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve: Sunday, **Dec 31** at 5 pm

Monday, **Jan 1** at 9 am & 11 am

(no evening Mass)



Christmas Church Décor...



Donations in memory of loved ones can be appropriate expressions of remembrance during the Christmas Season. You are invited to contribute toward the cost of flowers for church décor this year.



The *Mass on **Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2017 at 11:00 am*** will be celebrated for those in whose memory the donations were made.

MY OFFERING FOR CHURCH DÉCOR

In Loving Memory of...

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ENVELOPE # _____ DONATION: \$ _____

*Place this form with your donation in a plain envelope marked "**CHURCH DÉCOR**" and drop it in the collection basket, or mail it or drop it off at the Parish Office*

Found – Man's ring – contact the church office.