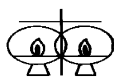


*Please Note: See bulletin cover for Confession times.*



**MASS INTENTIONS** **December 18-24, 2017**

**Monday** (ferial) *Jeremiah 23.5-8, Matthew 1.18-24*

- 8:15 am +Flynn Reaume – Betty & Family
- +Luz Elena Frumkin – Ron Frumkin

**Tuesday** (ferial) *Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a, Luke 1.5-25*

- 8:15 am +All Souls in Purgatory - Rosa
- 7:00 pm - Int. of Priests of Hamilton Diocese – Ron Frumkin

**Wednesday** (ferial) *Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d, Luke 1.26-38*

- 8:15 am + Cecilia & Clarence Ryan – Laura Ward
- 7:00 pm + Mary Linington – Mary Black

**Thursday** (ferial) *Zephaniah 3.14-18a, Luke 1.39-45*

- 8:15 am + Elizabeth Elker – Puren/D’Silva Families
- 7:00 pm - In. Thanksgiving – Nury & Sebastian

**Friday** (ferial) *1 Samuel 1.24-28, Luke 1.46-56*

- 8:15 am +Lucy De Amorim - Parents
- 7:00 pm +Ron Butters – Raymond & Mary Catherine Smith

**Saturday** (ferial) *Malachi 3.1-4, 4.5-6, Luke 1.57-66*

- 8:15 am + Celine Kear – Hannah & Brendan

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Romans 16.25-27, Luke 1.26-38*

**Sat. 5:00 pm** - Int. of the Rothfischer Family – J. Rothfischer

**Sun. 9:00 am** + Rafael Vanegas – The Vanegas Family

**11:00 am** + Shirley LeBlanc – Edward & Family

**Sunday** (solemnity) **CHRISTMAS EVE**

*Isaiah 62.1-5, Acts 13.16-17, 22-25, Matthew 1.1-25*

- 5:00 pm - All Children & Youth of the Parish
- 8:00 pm - For all Priests & Consecrated Persons
- 12:00 am - Peace & Justice Throughout the World



**Monday** (solemnity) **CHRISTMAS DAY**

*Isaiah 62.11-12, Titus 3.4-7, Luke 2.15-20*

- 9:00 am - Sick & Suffering Members of the Parish
- 11:00 am - Memorial Mass

**NO EVENING MASS**

**Wednesday**

- 5pm Choir Practice .....7:30 pm

**Thursday**

- Legion of Mary .....9:00 am & 7:30 pm
- Sunday School Rehearsal.....7:00 pm

**Friday**

- Divine Mercy Hour for the Unborn ..... CANCELLED

**Saturday**

- Sunday School Rehearsal..... 10:00 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.



**The Church Office will close at 12:00 pm on Friday, December 22, and will re-open at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, January 2.**

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| CONTRIBUTORS .....                         | \$5,604.00        |
| LOOSE .....                                | \$1,177.00        |
| <b>Offertory Collection 10-12-17 .....</b> | <b>\$6,781.00</b> |

**Parish Life**

**New choir** - As I had requested a couple of weeks ago, regarding volunteers needed to join for our 9am choir on Sundays, to date I have only two people. Time is running short because Lyn, our present choir leader, has other commitments and she is unavailable to lead beginning in the new year, 2018. I am humbly requesting that you come forward and help us to sing the praises of God. Also, I would like to thank Lyn for rendering her services in the music ministry during the past year. We wish her all the best in her future responsibilities. God bless her.

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.

**Please Note...**

**Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in Dublin** – The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place Aug. 21 – 26, 2018. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia, or The Joy of Love. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger.

**Schedule of Events**

**December 18-24, 2017**

**Monday**

- Celebrating the Word Bible Study .....9:00 am
- Glass Cutter’s Guild..... 7-9pm

**Tuesday**

- Prayer Shawl Meeting .....9:30 am
- Prayer Hour for Vocations ..... 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- R.C.I.A. .... 7:30 pm
- **Confirmation – Lesson 4** (Public Schools Only) .. 7:30 – 9pm
- Baptism Preparation Meeting..... 7:30 pm

The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, **but** registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartnett). Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.

*From the pastor's desk*

**Heralds of Good News**

Dear friends: We are already one week away from celebrating Christmas, and the Word of God urges us to become true witness of Jesus. When John the Baptist announced the imminent coming of the Messiah, the religious leaders questioned his authority to speak so boldly in God's name. They asked him, "Who are you?", and "What do you say about yourself?" They wanted to know if he was really sent by God. Did he claim to be the Messiah, or one of the great prophets who was expected to return and announce the Messiah's arrival? John had no doubt and no mistaken identity about his call and mission. In all humility and sincerity, he said he was only a voice calling people to get ready for the arrival of the greatest Ruler of all, God's anointed King and Messiah.

As we read in the scriptures, he is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus, and who announces his mission to the people as we read in last week's gospel, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world". John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin, and our adoption as sons and daughters of God. As we approach this Feast of Christmas, let us be heralds of the good news, and witness to his gospel, particularly when we greet people during the Christmas Season.

*Fr. Jerome Mascarenhas*

**Preauthorized giving forms**

As of today, we have 35 forms received. Thanks to those who are participating, and also a reminder to others to pray and consider joining this new initiative. I would request you to do it before end of the year 2017

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

**Confessions**

**Regular Confession Times:**

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

**Mass Times for Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 23:** Saturday: 5:00 pm

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

**CHRISTMAS**

**Mass for Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24**

Children's Christmas Mass & Pageant .....5 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

**Mass Times for Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**December 30:** Saturday: 5:00 pm

**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...*



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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*