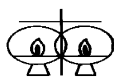


Please Note: For Confession times, refer to bulletin cover.



MASS INTENTIONS December 17 - 23, 2018

Monday (ferial) *Genesis 49.2, 8-10, Matthew 1.1-17*

8:15 am +Jose Edwin Caluag – Maria
-Int. Fr. David Avila – LeeAnn Paiva

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

8:15 am + All Souls in Purgatory - Rosa
7:00 pm -Int. of Gabriela Cebulakova – Holfeuer Family

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

8:15 am -Int. of Eduarda & Manuel Avila - Rosa
+Dec. Scappatura & Palangio Families - Rita

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

8:15 am + Violet Altman - Family
+Doris D'Silva – Puren/D'Silva Families

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

8:15 am + Antonio Viana – Eduarda Avila
+Rosa Sita – Adele Nagy

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

8:15 am +Fr. Bernard Black – Carlos & Rosa Paiva

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Micah 5.2-5a, Hebrews 10.5-10

Sat. 5:00 pm +Dec. Ouellette Family Mem. – Joelle & Carole
Sun. 9:00 am + Isauro Oliveira – Elisa Oliveira
11:00 am + Nicolino Pacheco – A. Pacheco
7:00 pm - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Aloysius and
+ Those in Our Parish Book of Life

Schedule of Events December 17-23, 2018

Monday

- Glass Cutting Guild..... 7:00 pm
- Celebrating the Word Bible Study9:00 – 11:00 am

Tuesday

- Prayer Hour for Vocations 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Baptism Preparation Meeting 7:30 pm
- Confirmation - **Lesson 2** (for Public Schools) 7:30 pm

Wednesday

- 5pm Choir Practice – see/call Valerie

Thursday

- Legion of Mary9:00 am

Friday

- Divine Mercy Hour for the Unborn (Library Ent.)..... 3:00 pm

Saturday

- Children's Christmas **Dress** Rehearsal.....10:00 am

Sunday

- Choir Practice (Dan Brown)..... 2 – 4:30 pm

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

202 CONTRIBUTORS . . . (Average - \$21.85).....	\$3,299.50
Pre-Authorized Giving.....	\$1,159.00
LOOSE	\$1,132.00
Offertory Collection 09-12-18	\$5,590.50

Parish Life

RECONCILIATION – 5:30 – 6:45 PM OR 7 – 8:15 PM – Parish Centre LESSON 4 – JANUARY 9

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for children in Public

Schools: - 7:30pm – 9pm
LESSON 2 – **DECEMBER 18**
LESSON 3 – **JANUARY 8** LESSON 4 – **JANUARY 15**

Elections for the CWL Executive will take place at the **January General Meeting**. We are in need of women to take on roles such as President, Treasurer, Secretary, etc. Any member in good standing may run for a position. Please read the notice on the bulletin board in the entrance vestibule, and submit your name, or the name of someone you would like to nominate in the box provided. Without good leadership, our organization cannot thrive. **Please note that your CWL membership enrollment is due by Christmas at the latest. Thank you.**

Please Note...

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is currently accepting applications for **“Occasional Teachers”**. Please visit www.wcdsb.ca for job details and application criteria.



The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at oneheartonesoul.ca.

What is the state of diocesan finances? Is this a desperate situation that requires a campaign?

The diocesan financial picture is strong – the amount of assets has grown in recent years and investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in diocesan operating costs. Property sales have

been used more frequently to keep the Diocese's operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese's disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.

I've heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can't those be used?

At the end of 2017, the Diocese reported assets of \$322 million. However, the majority of the assets are restricted assets, such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries, money legally reserved for the maintenance of cemetery operations and funds held for pre-arranged funeral services and burials. Unrestricted assets are less than a third of the total capital. Of these unrestricted assets, more than 90 percent is used to generate investment income that – when combined with parish assessments – pays for annual diocesan operations (68 percent) and make funds available for grants and loans to help parishes and organizations within and outside the Diocese (32 percent).

Is there any chance that funds would be used to settle potential claims of abuse of children by clergy?

The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account, in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given – an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese: "All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy." For a link to the full letter, see our diocesan website, hamiltondiocese.com.

What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond?

Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese's financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – the website, emails, social media, to name a few.

From the pastor's desk

Rejoice in the Lord

Dear friends: Saint Paul, writing from prison to the Philippians, says, "rejoice in the Lord". Joy is not the absence of suffering, but the absorption of suffering. If we wish to have real lasting joy we need to look at the three letters that make up the word **JOY**. The letter J stands for Jesus. If we want joy, Jesus must come first. We must give Him the best and the first place in our lives and make Him the centre of all that we are. The second letter O stands for others. Our family, our neighbors, and friends form the second circle. We love them, serve them, care for them, and help them. We get joy only when we give it. The last letter Y, stands for You. When we think of ourselves last we experience joy. When we recall and remember the times we experienced joy we will realize that was when we thought of ourselves last. Therefore, in the midst of busy

preparations for Christmas let us not forget to give Christ first place.

I request you to try to bring a friend to Christmas service here; will enhance your joy of Christmas.

Fr Jerome Mascarenhas

**ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
2018 – 2019**

Confessions

Regular Confession Times:

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

Advent Confession Liturgy (with visiting priests)

Wednesday, December 12: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

CHRISTMAS

Mass for Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

Children's Christmas Mass & Pageant5 pm
Family Christmas Eve Mass..... 8 pm
Christmas Midnight Mass..... 12 am

Mass for Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses:.....9 am and 11 am
(no evening Mass)

NEW YEAR

Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, Dec 31 at 5 pm
Tuesday, 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, Tuesday, December 25, 2018 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.*