



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 14 – Feast: *St. John of the Cross*
9:00a.m. – *Nada Wyman, Leo Connolly, Karoline Lesar*

Tuesday, December 15 – Ferial: *Weekday*
9:00a.m. – *Souls in Purgatory, Mr. De Francesco,*
Beth Godin, Intentions of Sister Mary Ambrose

Wednesday, December 16 – Ferial: *Weekday*
7:30a.m. – *Gary Calverley, Ted Steffler*
12:15p.m. – *Robert Langlois, Arnold Bolliger*

Thursday, December 17 – Ferial: *Weekday*
9:00a.m. – *Primo Baggio, Intentions of Julie Shaftoe,*
Intentions of Diane Loepky

Friday, December 18 – Ferial: *Weekday*
9:00a.m. – *Adelina & Gil Espulgar, Intentions of Rita*
Southon, Intentions of Linda Gobbi

Saturday, December 19 – Ferial
9:00a.m. – *Pastoral Intentions*
5:15p.m. – *Harry Perets, Maria Carmela Alpe, Nicola*
Stefano, Frank Lupo, Fred Cremasco, Intentions
of Harry Perets

Sunday, December 20 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
9:00a.m., 10:30a.m. & 12noon

Stewardship of Treasure:

*Thank you for your gift of \$18,777.91 support
of your parish community in gratitude for
God's blessings.*

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

COVID-19 UPDATES

Please refer to our parish website (www.basilicaofourlady.com) or the diocesan website (hamiltondiocese.com) for the current and updated directives regarding COVID-19 from Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton.

VOCATIONS:

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Father Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

ADVENT MASS AND DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE 2020

***During the Advent Season Masses will be celebrated
at the following times:***

Lord's Day Masses

Saturdays at 5:15p.m.

Sundays at 9:00a.m., 10:30a.m. and 12:00noon

Weekday Masses

Monday – 9:00a.m.

Tuesday – 9:00a.m.

Wednesday – 7:30a.m. & 12:15p.m.

Thursday – 9:00a.m.

Friday – 9:00a.m.

Saturday – 9:00a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays – 8:00a.m.- 8:45a.m. & 3:30p.m.- 5:00p.m.

Tuesday, December 22nd – 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

Wednesday, December 23rd – 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays – 8:15a.m.-12:00noon

Fridays – 9:30a.m.-12:00noon

Perpetual Help Devotions

Following the 7:30a.m. Mass on Wednesday mornings

TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES MANDATORY

This year, due to the restrictions limiting the numbers in the Basilica because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will be issuing tickets for the Christmas Masses. Tickets are now only available weekdays, Monday-Friday from 9a.m.-4:30p.m. at the Parish Office (closed between 12-1p.m.) Attendance at each Mass will be limited to 200 people so that we stay under our socially distanced number for occupancy. **Christmas Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Eve at 5:00p.m., 7:00p.m., 9:00p.m. and at Midnight. On Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.** Please note that, in accordance with public health guidelines, we are only able to issue you tickets for people who live in your home; other friends or relatives will have to obtain their own. **Tickets are free of charge but will be mandatory for entrance into the Basilica on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.**

2021 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes for your 2021 weekly donations are now prepared. They are available for pick up in the Basilica after Masses in the tower entrance. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, please be sure to pick your envelopes up as soon as possible. If you are using envelopes regularly you will automatically receive a new set of envelopes. If you have moved within the past year, please inform the Parish Office so that our records are updated and you will receive your proper income tax receipt. Your financial support is an important response to the call of Stewardship and is much appreciated, as together we respond as good stewards for the financial support of our parish community.

SISTERS OF THE CARMEL OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Jesus, December 16th to December 25th, 2020. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1, St. Agatha, ON, N0B 2L0.

MINISTRY OF COMPASSION – NAVIGATING THE HOLIDAYS

Grief is a very difficult road to travel and winding one's way through Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, or any other holiday comes with many obstacles. It can be overwhelming. Please visit the Ministry of Compassion link on the Parish website

(<https://www.basilicaofourlady.com/ministries/ministry-compassion>) for some simple suggestions to help you and your family honour your loved one this Christmas and throughout the year.

HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

Please note the Parish Office will be closed December 24th, December 25th, December 28th, December 31st (closed at 12noon) and January 1st. Thank you!

2020 CHURCH DONATIONS

All donations for the current year must be received at the PARISH OFFICE **no later than 4:30p.m. Tuesday, December 29th, 2020** to be eligible for a 2020 income tax receipt.

ONLINE DONATIONS – CANADA HELPS

For those parishioners who are choosing to make their weekly or monthly Offertory donation online (through **Canada Helps** via the parish website or directly with Canada Helps...It would help us greatly if you would enter the word "Offertory" in the **Message** field on the Canada Helps page. Also, please note, if you opt to donate in this way you will be receipted directly through Canada Helps for these donations for tax receipt purposes and not the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten at Wellington Catholic...We have faith in education. The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten at our schools beginning January 4th, 2021.

Kindergarten Eligibility

* must be four years of age on or before December 31st, 2021 to attend Junior Kindergarten

* must be five years of age on or before December 31st, 2021 to attend Senior Kindergarten

Documents needed:

- child's birth certificate
- a parent or child's baptismal Certificate
- child's health card/immunization record/ custody papers (if applicable)
- proof of tax support for families new to the system (i.e. most recent bill)

PLEASE NOTE:

* Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Senior Kindergarten. Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please call your school.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS – CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING, HAMILTON

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Midnight Mass will be preceded by a Carol Service beginning at 11:30p.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 8a.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!

SUNDAY (do not change anything here, we'll put a correct header each week)
