

Mass for the Intentions Week

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

7:00 p.m. Harry McKillop
req Sheena McGovern
Maria & Evaristo Carreiro
req Oliver Carreiro
Souls in Purgatory
req Oliver Carreiro
Cathy Doody
req family
Ken Edge
req Mike Morton
Delores Cleaver
req Peter & Carol O'Hagan

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

7:30 a.m. *Mass at Blessed Sacrament*

Thursday, December 5, 2019

9:00 a.m. Victoria Ghilardi
req Beverley & Laretta
Josie Cordeiro
req family

Friday, December 6, 2019

9:00 a.m. *Mass at Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday, December 7, 2019

5:00 p.m. *Mass at Blessed Sacrament*

Sunday, December 8, 2019

9:00 a.m. **For the Living & Deceased members of Sacred Heart Parish**

Ministries

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Lectors Barb Llewellyn & Sarah Lupton
Eucharistic Ministers Chuck Emberson & Dennis Ryan

Parish Legacies & Bequests

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember Sacred Heart Parish in your will and when recommending expression of sympathy.

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Total Revenue \$2,135.00

One Heart, One Soul Parish Update

Parish Goal: \$130,000.00

Funds Pledged so far: \$143,837.00

Thank You!



LAUDATO SI – ON THE CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

An Encyclical published by His Holiness Pope Francis in 2015

Pope Francis Appeals to Business Leaders to Help the

Poor. Pope Francis worked with world leaders to form a Council for Inclusive Capitalism to deal with the wide-spread poverty in the world. The following are statements from Pope Francis:

“An economic system without ethics leads to a throwaway culture of consumption, waste and few long-term strategies for development. An economic system that is fair, trustworthy and capable of addressing the most profound challenges facing humanity and our planet is urgently needed.” Pope Francis encouraged members “to overcome an economy of exclusion and reducing the gap separating the majority of people from the prosperity enjoyed by the few. Business is a noble vocation as it creates jobs and prosperity and can improve the world. However, this means more than balancing budgets or offering a wider variety of consumer goods. It also includes a renewal, purification and strengthening of solid economic models based on our own personal conversion and generosity to those in need.”

November 17th is marked as “The World Day of the Poor”, and Pope Francis invited all people “to do good deeds for the poor and to open their arms for people living in poverty.”

Comment: Please consider the following information. Around the world 738 million people or 10% of the population are living in extreme poverty. 1.3 billion people in 104 developing countries or 74% of the world’s population live in some form of poverty, a lack of basic education and a lack of access to basic needs such as sanitation. According to the United Nations 600 million children are experiencing various forms of poverty. Closer to home, in Canada, 3,412,000 or 9.5% of our population, live below the poverty level. 238,000 people above the age of 65 live in poverty. 662,000 persons under the age of 18 live in poverty. 12.5% of our population in 2016 could not access housing needs.

In Hamilton, child poverty is worsening. There are almost 5,000 children visiting food banks every month. 9,000 families with children visit the food banks every month. Hunger and poverty go hand in hand with social housing. Some families spend 73% of their

income on housing and utilities. There are also about 400 people who are paying 100% for rent and utilities. Pope Francis is not just our spiritual leader, but His Holiness is working with business and world leaders to take important steps to deal with poverty and hunger. This is where we all can follow the example of Pope Francis. All of us in our parish can take concrete steps to help those in need. Think of how many people could benefit if every member took time to bring in food donations to the church (there is a boxes at the doors of our church)) on a weekly basis. Winter clothing is also needed. We can donate good used winter clothing to St. Vincent de Paul Society on Upper Ottawa or bring it to the Good Shepherd on Cann on Street. Each fall some of our Catholic schools do clothing and food drives during the year. As Catholics we can make a huge difference in our community helping those in poverty.

Christmas Tree Of Giving

The Tree of Giving helps us share the warmth of Christmas with those less fortunate in the community. Take a tag from the Giving Tree, return your gift unwrapped under the tree by Sunday, December 8, 2017. These gifts will be distributed to families in the parish who need a little help at Christmas. If you know of anyone in our parish in need please call the office. Birthright is asking for infant diapers.

Parenting Tip of the Month

For Catholics, Christmas is about so much more than gifts: it is the promise, through the birth of Jesus, of goodness and light coming into our lives. Do your children know this is the focus of Christmas? Advent and Christmas are perfect times to highlight the "reason for the season". Read stories about the Advent wreath so they understand what each candle symbolizes; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!); be sure the tree is adorned with symbols of the faith; read family Advent reflections daily during Advent; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, including Christmas Day. Faith sets a foundation on which to stand and Christmas is a perfect time to bring Christ into your family activities!

SUNDAY MISSALS

New Sunday Missals are on sale at the doors of the church for \$5.00 each. Those who are able to purchase a missal, please do so to offset the cost to the parish.

Bake Sale



SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

As we did last year, we will be baking for Christmas and all the baking will be done by pre-ordering. We will be baking many of the items we do for the market but we will also be doing some Christmas items. Such as mincemeat tarts and Belgium cookies/Empire Biscuits. If you wish to get our baked goods for Christmas you will have to pre-order by Monday December 2nd. Orders will be available to pick up on Friday December 6th. Order forms are at the doors of the church.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 15922

Join us for a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7, 2019 in the Macedonian Hall at 1150 Stonechurch Road East. Tickets are \$40.00 per adult & children \$20.00 (4 – 12 years old). You can form your table of 8 or 10. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. There will be Hors d'oeuvres served before dinner. Attire is formal or Sunday best. For tickets call Oscar Aran at (905) 975-7904 or see or call Theresa Emberson in the parish office (905) 383-3280.

Marriage Tip of the Month

At Christmas we gather with love ones to share gifts, eat great food and build joyful memories. Sometimes we get caught up on the glitter and glam of the season and forget to take time as a couple to decide how much money, time and energy we can expend during the season. This year why not sit down in advance and decide how much you can do as a couple/family. Weave into your plans time for the two of you to take a quiet moment with each other. During Advent and Christmas, take time to pray and share important faith moments with each other. Trying these initiatives could make this Christmas your best yet!

Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

Mon.	Dec.	2	Rev. Michael Vanderbeek, L.C.
Tues.	Dec.	3	Rev. Todd Arsenault, L.C.
Wed.	Dec.	4	Diocesan Priests
Thurs.	Dec.	5	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Fri.	Dec.	6	Rev. Thomas Flynn, L.C.
Sat.	Dec.	7	Very Rev. John Van Hees

