

Mass Intentions: December 16th – 24th

SATURDAY	December 16th
9am	<i>Mass at Homewood</i>
5pm	†Jill Pembleton †Christine (Daisy) Van Schaik
SUNDAY	December 17th <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
9am	Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
11am	†All Souls <i>Bambinelli Sunday</i>
MONDAY	December 18th
9am	†Laura Milani
TUESDAY	December 19th
9am	†Bruno & Ida Cavasotto
WEDNESDAY	December 20th
9am	†Lloyd Ramsay †Andrew Newstead †Sandro Bromal †Alippio Marson
THURSDAY	December 21st
9am	†Ana Marie Bell
	<i>Adoration 9:30 – 11:45am</i>
7pm	†Gloria Flaman Intentions for Olga Petrucci Intentions for Louise Callaghan
FRIDAY	December 22nd
9am	†Carlo D’Ulisse
SATURDAY	December 23rd <i>Saint John of Kanty</i>
9am	<i>Mass at Homewood</i>
5pm	†Ian Fraser
SUNDAY	December 24th <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
10:30am	Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
CHRISTMAS EVE	<i>Nativity of the Lord</i>
5pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
7:30pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
10pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Weekday Altar Server & Reader: Dec. 18th - 22nd

Weekday Server: John Miller
Weekday Reader: Maria Fabbian

Liturgical Ministry - Saturday December 23rd

E – Eucharist L – Lector S – Server

5pm E Hugh Peloso, Annette Yaskowich & Chris Barrett
L Terry Schwan & Paul Drone
S Darwin & Don Joseph, Pio & Johnvia Kuruvila

Sunday, December 24th – 4th Sunday of Advent

10:30am E Jonathan Van Hoffen, Rodney Bell & Therese Wright
L Vincent Soosai & Jo Kealey
S Lauren & Christopher Cathcart, Mathew Jijo & Isaac Silvo

Volunteers for Christmas Eve & Day Masses will be contacted. Thank you.

December 17th - 3rd Sunday in Advent

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

Parish Meetings / Events: December 17th - 23rd

Sunday, December 17th

- **Bambinelli Sunday** - All are invited to bring Baby Jesus figurines to the 11am Mass for Blessing.
- **Royal City Ambassador’s Christmas Concert:** 2pm – Church



Monday, December 18th

- **Adult Faith:** 10am – Our Lady of the Rosary Community Rm. & St. Ignatius Loyola Classroom
- **CWL Exec:** 6:30pm – Our Lady of the Rosary Comm. Rm.

Tuesday, December 19th

- **Advent Penance:** 7pm – Church



Wednesday, December 20th

- **Family Rosary:** 6pm – Church
- **Social Committee:** 7pm – Our Lady of the Rosary Community Rm.

Friday, December 22nd

- **Finance:** 10am – St. Ignatius Loyola Classroom

Saturday, December 23rd

- **Confessions:** 3pm to 3:45pm – Church

Marriage Banns - 3rd Announcement

This announcement serves to publish the Banns of Marriage between *Von Ryan Mateo Memoracion* and *Hazel Joy Buliag Faustino* of Holy Rosary Parish. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.

Friendly Reminder - Fatima Statue Pick-up

In honour of the 100th Anniversary of *Fatima*, a statue of Our Lady is available for families to take home for a week, to pray, sing songs & enjoy a DVD. Below are upcoming bookings:

December 24 – Isabella Barretto
December 31 – Lorraine Bolton

To reserve or for more details, please call the Parish Office.

Faith & Family Prayer Group (Divine Mercy Chaplet)

A new prayer group is being formed in the Parish, approved by Father Boyd. Beginning **Monday, January 8th** & then after on the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month. For 1 hour the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited and Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed. The prayer intention is to strengthen our families and marriages in the Faith. The prayer group will meet in the **Adoration Chapel at 7pm**. All Welcome! For further info, contact Barbara Opski at 647-241-4655.

Low-Gluten Host

We have access to approved low-gluten hosts that may enable you to partake more fully in the communion rite. Please visit the Sacristy 15 minutes before Mass and speak with the presiding Priest, or contact the Parish Office for more details.

Annual 2017 Donation

If you are making your Annual 2017 Donation to Holy Rosary Parish, please ensure that it is in the **Office by December 22nd latest**. Otherwise, your donation will go into 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Angie at the Parish Office.

Notice to those on Auto-Withdrawal

If you agreed to once-a-year donation of \$20 to defray costs, please note this amount will be withdrawn from your account on **January 17th, 2018**. We thank you for your generosity!

Sunday, December 17th - 11AM Mass

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudette Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.



This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at our 11AM Mass on Sunday, December 17th. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to Mass that morning to be blessed.

2018 Offertory Envelope Boxes

Now available for pick-up in the corridor outside the Community Room. They are sorted alphabetically. If there are concerns, please notify the office immediately. Thank you.

Sacristan Needs Assistance

For the next 4 months, Rose is in need of someone to wash the small linens. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Guelph & Area Right to Life

Guelph & Area Right to Life is gathering change to support pro-life advertisements on the back of seven city buses in Guelph. There will be a "mini-bus" to fill with change included in each bulletin this weekend. They can be **returned to the church on the weekend of January 21/22**. Thank you for your support!



Lighthouse CD's - Get Inspired!

CD's are available at the Lighthouse Rack located adjacent Our Lady of the Rosary Community Room. Visit this rack often as new CD's come in all the time. Share them, gift them & of course, listen to them. **Make great stocking stuffers! Offering: \$5**

✧ IGNATIUS JESUIT CENTRE ✧

Come Retreat at Loyola House

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See our website at loyolahouse.com for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- **8-Day Directed Retreats** – Jan., 22-30; Feb., 7-15 (1/2 price for new retreatants)
- **Henri Nouwen Retreat: A Life in Letters & Journals** - February 2-4
- **Knowing the Heart of Jesus Weekend Retreat** – Feb., 23-25
- **Directed Prayer Weekend** – Feb., 23-25
- **Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment** – Feb., 23-25

Register at loyolahouse.com or registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519.824.1250 Ext 266.

✧ HAMILTON DIOCESE ✧

The Franciscan Friars

... in collaboration with a Muslim Production Company, have produced a film about St. Francis of Assisi's pilgrimage of peace to the Muslims in the midst of the Crusades. It is a strong statement for peace & understanding between Christians & Muslims. **The Sultan & the Saint will be broadcast on PBS, Tuesday, December 26, 2017, at 8pm.** The film tells the story of St. Francis & Sultan Al-Kamil of Egypt, using both Christian & Muslim sources. A learning opportunity! Pastors are encouraged to include this notice in Parish bulletins.

The "Keys to Loving Relationships"

"Keys" is a nine week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. starting January 23rd**, at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave., Kitchener. The cost is \$45.00. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

WELCOME TO HOLY ROSARY PARISH

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REGISTER? - COUNT YOURSELF IN.

Please complete form & deposit in the collection or hand in to the Parish Office.

Family Name _____

First Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Sunday Offering Envelopes: Yes _____ No _____

Tax receipts available for your kind donations. Please obtain envelopes at the Office or fill out a form to donate through monthly automatic withdrawal. Tax receipts for all donations over \$20 are issued every January.