

2nd Sunday of Advent – Dec 6, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Dec 8 - 9:00 a.m. Frank Raftis Req'd by Anna Marie Raftis
Wed. Dec 9 - 9:00 a.m. Bert O'Donnell Req'd by Helen & Bert Moore
Thur. Dec 10- 9:00 a.m. Maxine Barry Req'd by Mark & Lisa Cranston
Fri. Dec 11 - 9:00 a.m. Margaret & Leo Coulson Req'd by Wilf Coulson
Sat. Dec 12 - 4:00 p.m. Neil Connelly Req'd by The Connelly Family
Sun. Dec 13 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Dec 12 - 4:00 p.m. Pauline Mills
Sun. Dec 13 - 9:00 a.m. Carl Dalla Costa

CONFESSION only by appointment, call Fr. Joe at: 519-323-1054 ext. 7

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Dec 12 - 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Dec 13 - 11:00 a.m. Harold Poechman Req'd by Agnes & Roy Diemert

**"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer." Romans 12.12**

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. A. Wroblewicz, C.R. Tue.- Rev. K. D'Souza
Wed.- Order of Preachers (Dominican) (O.P.)
Thurs.- Rev. P. Ciallella Fri.- Rev. R. L. D'Souza, C.S.C.
Sat.- Rev. F. Salasiar, C.S.C.

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his Path straight." If God is calling you to serve as a priest, *contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com*

" In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear."
- St. Therese of Lisieux

Advent is here.
What a marvellous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come for him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist.
- St. Josemaria Escriva

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If you have two shirts in your closet, one belongs to you and the other to the one with no shirt. **-St. Ambrose**

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Let the life of Mary be... your example, the clear rule of virtue: what you have to correct, to effect and to hold fast. **-St. Ambrose**

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Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Are you not under my shadow and protection?
- Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-14

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Background on the Gospel Reading

On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. John the Baptist's

role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John. John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

Family Connection

The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus.

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Catholic Women's League

Dear ladies of the CWL, your dues must be in by the end of the year. Please leave in collection basket to the attention of Colleen Dalla Costa.

Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed over the holidays from Dec. 24 to Jan.5, 2021. The office will be re-open on Wed. Jan.6, 2021.

Liturgical Calendar

Dec 7- St. Ambrose
Dec 8- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dec 9- St. Juan Diego
Dec 10- Our Lady of Loreto
Dec 11- St. Damasus I
Dec 12- Our Lady of Guadalupe

Advent Confessions

In preparation for Christmas, we are having Confessions after the weekday and weekend masses during this season of Advent. Guest priest is available.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve- Thurs. Dec 24

Mt. Forest at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

Harriston at 7:00 p.m.

Ayton at 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day- Fri Dec 25

Mt. Forest at 9:00 a.m.

Harriston at 10:00 a.m.

Ayton at 11:00 a.m.

Note: Please call the Parish office or email us your choice of Christmas Mass and how many will attend so that we may follow the Pandemic protocol.

Floral Tribute Sheets

To make a donation in honor of a deceased relative and/or friend, please fill out a Floral Tribute Form and attach it to the Dec.6 blue envelope boxes or hand in the Tribute Sheet by itself. The forms are available for pick up in the foyer. Deadline is Dec. 17th

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the **Novena to Infant 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