

# ST. AGATHA CHURCH BULLETIN

December 12<sup>th</sup> 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

	Sat Dec 18 7:00 pm	Sun Dec 19 9:00 am	Sun Dec 20 11:00 am
Lector/Commentator:	Alyssa H.	John L.	Marilyn E.

At this time, lector/commentators are the only ministries being scheduled.

<b>Masses:</b> Tues, Dec 14	7:45 am	
Wed. Dec 15	7:45 am	
Thurs, Dec 16	7:45 am	
Fri, Dec 17	7:45 am	
Sat, Dec 18	7:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
Sun, Dec 19	9:00 am	Special Intention
	11:00 am	+ Len Henhoeffler requested by Janice McKay

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** Total Last Week: **\$1,540** (Including \$50 Christmas Flowers)

**PREAUTHORIZED GIVING:** Please pick up the pre-printed form at the back of the church, fill out and return by placing in the collection basket in a sealed envelope. Please ensure that you are a registered parishioner to enable tax receipt creation.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** We encourage everyone who regularly attends St. Agatha parish to become a registered parishioner. Forms are located at the back of the church.

### **PARISH EMAIL & CONTACT INFORMATION:**

We're currently updating our Parish Data System since many phone numbers & email addresses have changed in recent years. Please email the parish office at [info@stagathachurch.ca](mailto:info@stagathachurch.ca) with current contact information (phone numbers, email addresses as well as home addresses, if those have changed) so that we can update our parish records.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available at the back of the church. Please do not use the 2022 envelopes until the New Year. Any offerings made in 2022 collection envelopes cannot be deposited in 2021, and so they would not be on this year's tax receipt.

### **CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION:**

Please contact the parish office at [info@stagathachurch.ca](mailto:info@stagathachurch.ca) regarding sacramental preparation for your children who wish to receive the sacraments of Confirmation or First Communion in 2022. Sacramental preparation will be scheduled in the New Year.

**RESTART: A SEPARATION & DIVORCE RECOVERY PROGRAM** Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. While the program has not been able to run due to COVID restrictions, we will be offering an evening session by zoom on Tues, Dec. 14: Coping with Christmas When Divorced or Separated. To register or to see dates for future courses, please visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>.

For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office - (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Regular office hours are Tuesday & Thursday from 10am to 2pm. Due to COVID-19 regulations, the Parish Office is open by appointment only at this time.

# Christmas Season Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24 - 7 pm & 10 pm

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25 - 11 am

Feast of the Holy Family (Note there is NO Saturday 7 pm Mass):

Sunday, December 26 - 9 am & 11 am

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God:

Friday, December 31 - 5 pm & Saturday, January 1 - 11 am

Feast of the Epiphany (Note there is NO Saturday 7 pm Mass):

Sunday, January 2 - 9 am & 11 am

**ADVENT CONCERT:** Despite the stormy weather, the John Miller and Friends concert was a great success! A big thank you to John and Friends, and thank you to everyone who helped with the concert.

**CWL NEWS:** Our next meeting will be Feb 2 in the afternoon. Stay tuned for more details.

### **CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS-CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING, HAMILTON**

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on December 25, 2021. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30 pm on December 24. The Carols and the Mass will be shown live on Salt + Light Television and CHCH-TV. Admittance to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by ticket only - a limited number of tickets are still available by contacting the Cathedral at 905-522-5744.

### **ECUMENICAL TAIZE SERVICES (DECEMBER 12)**

All are invited to attend these ecumenical Taize Services on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month (no service on December 26). Each service takes place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kitchener at 4:00 pm and is followed by an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and pizza from Tiny Home Takeout. People who would like to participate in the choir are invited to arrive at 3:00 pm for a short choir practice. See the KW Ecumenical Services with Taize Songs Facebook page for more information.

### **SERRA CLUBS "VOCATION SEEDS": Third Sunday of Advent-December 12, 2021**

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

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