

ST. AGATHA CHURCH BULLETIN

December 8th 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

	Sat Dec 14 7:00 pm	Sun Dec 15 9:00 am	Sun Dec 15 11:00 am
Lector:	Melanie C.	Theresa B.	Pat T.
Commentators:	Dee S.	Janice M.	Marlene G.
Ushers:	Greg D. Rose F. Paul F. Casey G.	Ron B. Randy K. Gerald L. Todd L.	Ladislaus B. Graham B. Harold M.
Gift Bearers:	Lisa & Rod S.	Anita & Paul D.	whoever is available
Eucharistic:	Sheryl M.	Jane H.	Marilyn E.
Collection:	Theresa B. & Connie D.		

Masses: Tues, Dec 10	7:45 am	Special Intention
	7:00 pm	Penitential Service
Wed, Dec 11	7:45 am	+ Sr. Elise Diemert requested by Sheila Diemert
Thurs, Dec 12	7:45 am	
Fri, Dec 13	7:45 am	
Sat, Dec 14	7:00 pm	Intentions of Parishioners
Sun, Dec 15	9:00 am	Special Intention
	11:00 am	+ Henrica Verbakel requested by Wally & Anne Van Niekerk

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Budget: \$2,900, Total Last Week: **\$655** (weekend of snow/ice storm)

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS or EVENTS: **Advent Penitential Service** - Tuesday, December 10 at 7 pm at St. Agatha Church

NEW SCHEDULES for Church Ministries: New schedules are being prepared for lectors, commentators, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and gift bearers for Jan - Mar, 2020. If you know that you will be away during that time, please email info@stagathachurch.ca or call **519-747-1212**.

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE: We are in need of servers, lectors, commentators, ushers, gift bearers, and Eucharistic Ministers over the Christmas Season for the following Masses:

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24 - 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25 - 11:00 am

New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31 - 5:00 pm

New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1 - 11 am

Sign up sheets are at the back of the church.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES will be available at the back of the church next weekend.

TAX RECEIPTS: All donations must be made by December 31st at 11:00 am to be included on this year's tax receipt.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Regular office hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30am-1pm.

AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES:

Monday, December 9

7:30 pm - St. Louis Church Waterloo

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 pm - St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha

7:30 pm - St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 pm - St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm - St. Mary's Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm - St. Joseph Church, Kitchener

7:30 pm - St. Michael Church, Waterloo

Thursday, December 12

7:30 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 pm - St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira

7:00 pm - St. Anne Church, Kitchener

7:00 pm - Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener

On the bulletin board at the back of the church is a list of the Penitential Services as well as extra Confession times at churches in the area.

CWL MEMBERSHIPS for 2020 are now due (\$25). New members are always welcomed.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS: If you are wishing to purchase a Christmas Memorial on behalf of a deceased loved one through our "Christmas Memorial Flower Donation", there are envelopes at the back of the Church. You can return the envelopes in next week's collection. The name of your loved one will be added to a list of the deceased to be remembered. This list will then be posted at the back of the church.

EVENSONG (Evening Prayer): hosted by *The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr* (a Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton). **Sunday, December 29** (Last Sunday of each month) at 7 pm at St. Mary's Church, 56 Duke St W, Kitchener. After the service, please join us in the Parish Hall for a social time. For more info, email info@stedmund.ca

ONE HEART, ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN is coming this way. Preparations are under way at St. Agatha Parish for the "One Heart, One Soul" Campaign. Our parish is among more than 30 parishes taking part in the next wave. Preparations will include forming a volunteer team, developing campaign materials and identifying projects. Kickoff Weekend is tentatively set for Apr 25/26. The campaign is aimed at strengthening parishes & several diocesan-wide ministries.

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN, Herb Wittich Depot: We are happy to announce that Canadian Food for Children in Toronto has received sufficient support (financial and prayers, we are sure!) that normal operations are able to begin again. That means that the Herb Wittich Depot at 843 Guelph St, Kitchener has resumed our regular Wednesday and Thursday openings from 12:30-3 pm. We will be closed on December 25 & 26 and January 1 & 2. Thank you to all of you for your past support and we look forward to re-connecting with you.