

ST. AGATHA CHURCH BULLETIN

December 29th 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

	Sat Jan 4 7:00 pm	Sun Jan 5 9:00 am	Sun Jan 5 11:00 am
Lector:	Ann S.	Theresa B.	Marlene G.
Commentators:	Rosemary S.	Janice M.	Marilyn E.
Ushers:	Greg D. Paul F. Casey G.	Doug M. Diego V. Joseph W. Sharon W.	Donna & John G. Harold M.
Gift Bearers:	Marnie & Ken V.	Anita & Paul D.	Carol & Len M.
Eucharistic:	Jim M	Jane H.	Lynn M.
Collection:	Theresa B. & Connie D.		

Masses: Tues, Dec 31	5:00 pm	Intentions of Parishioners 6:00 pm Holy hour & Benediction after Mass
Wed, Jan 1	11:00 am	For greater devotion to Our Blessed Mother
Thurs, Jan 2	7:45 am	Special Intention
	6:00 pm	Adoration & Benediction
	7:00 pm	Mass
Fri, Jan 3	7:45 am	+Janina & Stanislava
Sat, Jan 4	7:00 pm	Intentions of Parishioners
Sun, Jan 5	9:00 am	+ Gayle Dubrick requested by Dennis Dubrick
	11:00 am	+ Darryl Gueguen requested by Dorothy Gueguen

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Budget: \$2,900, Total Last Week: **\$2,395 + \$4,320.34** December Pre-Authorized (incl \$200 Building Fund)

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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available at the back of the church. Please note: The envelope numbers have changed, so do not use the new envelopes until 2020. There is one exception... The new envelopes will be used for the December 31, 2019 New Year's Eve Mass, since this is the vigil of the January 1st celebration of The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.

TAX RECEIPTS: Financial donations to St. Agatha Church for the 2019 calendar year, must reach the parish office no later than 11 am on Tues, Dec 31 to be included on your 2019 income tax receipt. All donations received after 11 am (including the 5 pm Mass collection) will be receipted in 2020.

PRAYER VIGIL: Thurs, Jan 2 from 9am-10am: in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St E., Kitchener - for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice but our own! Parking across the road, Schneider Park. Any questions, please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

NEW SCHEDULES for Church Ministries: Schedules for Eucharistic ministers, lectors, commentators, ushers, and gift bearers for January– March, 2020 are available at the back of the church. Please take the schedule that has your name high-lighted.

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God:

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 - 5 pm

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - 11 am

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Tues, December 31st at 5:00pm & Wed, January 1st at 11am. The Blessed Virgin Mary said “yes” to God and gave birth to His Son, Jesus. As we welcome this New Year, may we be blessed by God and experience the peace that can come to us only through Christ.

ADORATION, BENEDICTION & MASS on **Thursday, January 2** at St. Agatha Church. Come adore Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for a Holy Hour at 6 pm, followed by Benediction. Mass at 7 pm. **Adoration, Benediction and Mass will be offered on the first Thursday of each month.** Pope Francis said the following in a homily about Eucharistic Adoration... “One cannot know the Lord without being in the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence,” He also lamented, “I believe, if I am not mistaken, that this prayer of adoration is the least known among us; it is the one we engage in the least.”

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY DISPLAY: In addition to the beautiful Nativity Scene that is on display at the back of the church during the Christmas Season, a second Nativity Scene has been loaned to the parish for display at the front of the church. The figures were hand-carved in Germany and collected and brought to Canada over the span of 40 years.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS: Please remember in your prayers all those in whose memory the Memorial Flowers have been donated. There is a list at the back of the Church with their names.

THANK YOU to all who volunteered their time and talents this Christmas Season to decorate the church, to sing in the choirs and to participate in the church ministries during the Masses. Father George would also like to thank everyone for all of the gifts, greetings and prayers. Merry Christmas!

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 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.

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: For the week of December 30th, the parish office hours will be Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.