

ST. AGATHA CHURCH BULLETIN

December 2nd, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

	Sat Dec 8 7:00 pm	Sun Dec 9 9:00 am	Sun Dec 9 11:00 am
Lector:	Ann S.	Janice M.	Lynn M.
Commentators:	Rosemary S.	Theresa B.	Mary Anne G.
Ushers:	Greg D. Rose F. Casey G. Cathy W.	Ron B. Alice B. Gerald L. Todd L.	Ladislaus B. Graham B. Pam & Steve M.
Gift Bearers:	Mary & Ken D.	Gene & Ruth D.	Donna & John G.
Eucharistic Collection:	Jim Z.	Cathy H. Brenda A. & Marjorie H.	Wally V.

Christmas Mass times and information are all on the St. Agatha Church website:
www.stagathachurch.ca



ECUMENICAL SERVICE: This Sunday, December 2nd at 7:00pm, we will be hosting our **Annual Ecumenical Advent Service** with the St. Agatha Mennonite, St. Agatha Lutheran and the Salvation Army congregations. Come out with family & friends for an evening of scripture, song, worship, fellowship, & refreshments, as we build meaningful relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES: On Friday, December 7th at 7:00pm St. Agatha Church Hall, guest speaker, Ania Krysciak will unpack the rich layers of prophecy concerning the Jewish Messiah and demonstrate how Jesus unequivocally fulfills those prophecies. Everyone is welcome to bring a bible and notebook, or to simply listen. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the Nativity of our Lord and a highlight of our Advent preparations. Ania is the Catholic Campus Minister at the Newman Centre Guelph and the University of Guelph.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00pm St. Agatha Church.

Please sign up for any of the Christmas/New Year's Services that you are able to help with. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church where you find your regular schedules. **Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Servers need to be mandated and on our regular schedule please.**

AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES:

- Monday, December 3** at 7:30pm St. Louis Church, Waterloo
- Tuesday, December 4** at 7:30pm St. Agnes Church, Waterloo
- Wednesday, December 5** at 7:30pm St. Michael's Church, Waterloo
- Thursday, December 6** at 7:30pm Our Lady or Lourdes, Waterloo
- Sunday, December 9** at 1:00pm St. Jerome's University Catholic Community, Waterloo

PRAYER VIGIL: on **Thursday, December 6th**, 9-10:00am; 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.

LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE AT ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY: on **Friday, December 7th**, 7:30p.m. for the next **Lecture in Catholic Experience** hosted by St. Jerome's University, entitled, "Beyond the Altar: Canadian Women Religious Confront Patriarchal Power in the Roman Catholic Church." **Christine Gervais**, associate professor of sociology at the University of Ottawa, will introduce us to resourceful, strategic, and resilient women religious across Canada who overcome sexism through transformative, and sometimes subversive, strategies because they want to effect change both within and outside the Roman Catholic church. **Location:** Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University **Time:** 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45p.m. This lecture is available on a complimentary basis.

JOINT CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT: Area Mennonite Churches Joint Christmas Choir Concert featuring 5 Church Choirs, Mass Choir, Instrumentalists & Carol Singing. Freewill offering for Rohingya Refugee Crisis, project of Mennonite Central Committee. **Sunday, December 9th** at 7:30pm at **Steinmann Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall.**

GO GREEN TIP #55 : If you don't have any houseplants, maybe now is a good time to consider getting one or two. Not only do plants brighten up the interior of your home, they will also help clean the air. Since most of us in cooler climates open the windows less frequently in the winter, house plants can do a lot to improve your indoor air quality.

Masses:

Tue, Dec 4	7:45 am	Monthly Memorial Mass
Wed, Dec 5	7:45 am	Bishop Douglas Crosby
	6:00 pm	CWL Mass - ☩ Olive Tank - requested by CWL
Thu, Dec 6	7:45 am	Deceased Benefactors of our Parish
Fri, Dec 7	7:45 am	Youth of our Parish
Sat, Dec 8	7:00 pm	☩ John Dietrich - requested by Joanne & Ron Dietrich
Sun, Dec 9	9:00 am	☩ Carl Haid - requested by Sandra Haid & Family
	11:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Budget: \$2,900 Total Last Week: **\$1,848 + \$2,917 November's preauthorized**

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.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact the Director of Vocations & Priestly Formation, Congregation of the Resurrection vocationculture@gmail.com Website www.resurrectionists.ca

IN TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN have you neglected to raise the call to Church ministry? The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes picked up in childhood begin to influence how a child conducts himself/herself in life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER: For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com

CWL "HOME FOR CHRISTMAS" TURKEY DINNER is on **Wednesday, December 5th** in the Church Hall. Tickets are now available after all Masses. Check the CWL bulletin board for the full menu.

