

ST. AGATHA CHURCH BULLETIN

December 15th 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

	Sat Dec 21 7:00 pm	Sun Dec 22 9:00 am	Sun Dec 22 11:00 am
Lector:	Sal P.	Ellen L.	Mary Anne G.
Commentators:	Heidi V.	Janet L.	Donna 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:	Marnie & Ken V.	whoever is available	Carol & Len M.
Eucharistic:	Debbie K.	Sharon W.	Anne V.
Collection:		Lee F. & Connie R.	

Masses:	Tues, Dec 17	7:45 am	+ Zofia & Jerzy Kaletka
	Wed, Dec 18	7:45 am	+ Dorothy & David
	Thurs, Dec 19	7:45 am	+ Teresa Austin Benwell
	Fri, Dec 20	7:45 am	+ Jan, Zofia, Ludwik & Lucyna
	Sat, Dec 21	7:00 pm	Intentions of Parishioners
	Sun, Dec 22	9:00 am	+ Adele & Philip Saskie
		11:00 am	+ Howard Wuest requested by Wally & Anne Van Niekerk

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Budget: \$2,900, Total Last Week: **\$2,710**

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.

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 are available at the back of the church. Please note: The envelope numbers have changed, so do not use the new envelopes until 2020.

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.

Christmas Season Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve - December 24, 2019 - 7 pm & 10 pm

Christmas Day - December 25, 2019 - 11 am

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God:

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 - 5 pm

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - 11 am

*****The CHRISTMAS LITURGIES** on December 24th and 25th will all begin with Carol preludes from our choirs. Note that for the December 24th 7:00 pm Mass, caroling will begin at 5:50 pm. This 7:00 pm liturgy receives a large attendance, therefore we ask that you respect each person that attends by NOT saving seats for other family members. Your consideration is much appreciated.

AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES:

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.

THANK YOU to all who planned and helped out with the **CWL Christmas Dinner**. It was a great evening of music, food, and fellowship.

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.