

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### TUESDAY, January 7<sup>th</sup> – St Andre Bessette

- 8:00am Intentions of Therese Tran  
+ Thomas Tam Tran  
7:00pm Intentions of Edward Ledesma

### WEDNESDAY, January 8<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00am Intentions of Tran Family  
7:00pm + Gregory James Zinger  
+ Patrick Kinsella  
+ John Cullen  
+ John McCarthy

### THURSDAY, January 9<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00am + Ralph and Marjorie Goodwin-Wilson  
7:00pm + Tomas Arellano

### FRIDAY, January 10<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00am Intentions of Annie Sauve-Szydziak  
7:00pm + Alex Defensor

### SATURDAY, January 11<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00am Intentions of Nhan Tran  
5:00pm Intentions of Michael and Mary Tran

### SUNDAY, January 12<sup>th</sup> - Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30am + Michael Whetstone  
10:15am + Florindo Scapin  
12:00noon + Caterina Toscan



*May God's peace be with those who have recently died, and those being persecuted for their faith & race, and those killed in natural disasters & their families. Please remember our parishioners who are sick and homebound and those in our Prayer Network in your prayers.*

### DO YOU HAVE A VOCATION?

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of January 5, 2020

Candle #1 – MATEO C COQUILLA JR

Candle #2 – ELIZABETH QUINTANAR

Please use the envelopes provided or one of your own to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle. The requested offering is \$10 each. You may place the envelope in the collection or drop it in the Parish Office.



### COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offering for December 14/15, 21/22, 28/29 and January 5/6 will be posted the week of January 12/13 due to deadlines for submissions of our bulletin over the next few weeks. Thank you and God Bless!

If you would like a receipt for your contribution, we need your name & full address. If you would like envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations, please call the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.



### SUNDAY REFLECTION

Don't tell me you love me, show me! Give me a sign. When we fall in love with someone, we look for signs that they love us too. We want to show them our love. We shower them with gifts as tokens of our love. We also want it to be reciprocal, a two-way street. That is human nature.

The ancient world placed a lot of emphasis on signs. Sometimes they trusted signs more than the written or spoken word. The scriptures contain many passages about signs. Today's Gospel is full of signs and tokens of love. It is also a love story. In the Gospel we see King Herod and astrologers, people whose function is to interpret signs, looking for signs in the stars of the promised Messiah. Herod sends the astrologers to follow a star and when they do, they find the baby Jesus. Recognizing the fulfillment of God's promise, they are filled with love and shower Jesus with signs of love in the form of precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Yet the greatest love story is in the baby the wise men found. This child is non other than God's only son, the promised Messiah, the light to guide all of humankind out of darkness. What greater sign of love could God give to the world? Salvation through his own son! *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My dear parishioners: As we end the Christmas liturgical season, I wish to thank all those who contributed to the flower fund. Thank you to our decorating team who did a wonderful job. They added so much to the beauty of our liturgical celebrations.

The parish was truly able to be thankful for the gift of Mary and Joseph's yes to God as well as God saying yes to us, by coming to earth. May you all have a Blessed New Year.

P.S. Fr. Hope and I would like to thank you for the cards, gifts and well wishes that we received.



### 2020 ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

Your 2020 envelops are now available after all masses in the church hall. NUMBERS OF BEEN RE-ORGANIZED please look for your last name alphabetically not by your number. All users are asked to write their first name, last name and address on first envelope in order to make sure that we have the correct information in our system. If you do not see

your envelopes or would like envelopes please call the office and speak to Tracy.

#### **DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY**

God came to us because he wanted to join us on the road, to listen to our story, and to help us realize that we are not walking in circles but moving toward the house of peace and joy. This is the great mystery of Christmas that continues to give us comfort and consolation: we are not alone on our journey. The God of love who gave us life sent his only Son to be with us at all times and in all places, so that we never have to feel lost in our struggles but always can trust that he walks with us.



The challenge is to let God be who he wants to be. A part of us clings to our aloneness and does not allow God to touch us where we are most in pain. Often we hide from him precisely those places in ourselves where we feel guilty, ashamed, confused, and lost. Thus we do not give him a chance to be with us where we feel most alone.

Christmas is the renewed invitation not to be afraid and to let him—whose love is greater than our own hearts and minds can comprehend—be our companion.

#### **Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten at Wellington Catholic...**

We have faith in education. The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten at our schools beginning January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### **Kindergarten Eligibility**

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2020 to attend Junior Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2020 to attend Senior Kindergarten

#### **Please bring:**

- child's birth certificate
- a parent or child's Baptismal certificate
- custody parents (if applicable)
- proof of address
- proof of tax support for families new to the system (i.e. most recent tax bill)

Please note: Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Senior Kindergarten. Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please call your school or visit the Board website [www.wellingtoncdsb.ca](http://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca).

#### **Healing After an Abortion: It Is Possible**

Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

#### **Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced**

Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register just come and join us at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton from 7 – 9 p.m. For more information call the

Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!

#### **Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More!**

"Keys to Loving Relationships" is a ten-week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program is offered in both Kitchener and Hamilton as follows:

- In Kitchener: At St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener (519-571-9200) **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. January 28 - March 24, 2020**
- In Hamilton: At the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King ST. W., Hamilton **Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. March 26 – June 4, 2020**

The cost is \$45.00. For more information or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

#### **Senior Adult Study Sessions**

"The Bible & the Sacraments" is a deeper look at the mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture. Examining the rich relationship between the Old & New Testaments, the sacraments are more than mere earthly rituals! This DVD presentation & discussion format is based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn. David Dayler, Director for the Office of Discipleship & Parish Life will facilitate this 10-session program on Wednesday afternoons, beginning January 22, 2020 from 1 – 3pm at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. The cost is \$50 and includes the book, "Swear to God" by Dr. Scott Hahn. Please register by Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> with Monica by email, [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or telephone, 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

#### **CCYMN Hope Comes Home Conference**

The Canadian Youth Ministry Conference is being hosted Friday, February 21st to Sunday, February 23rd, 2020 in Hamilton. Through keynote addresses, workshops and prayerful collaboration with one another, we look forward to unpacking the fruits of the Synod, and finding ways of applying the Apostolic Exhortation- Christus Vivit to day-to-day ministerial and Parish life. We invite anyone working alongside young people to join us, including priests, religious, youth ministers, youth ministry volunteers, teachers, chaplaincy leaders and teams, and individuals working for catholic service agencies. There are bursaries available for those wishing to attend but may not be able to due to financial constraint. For more information about the conference, to register, or apply for a bursary please visit [www.hopecomeshome.com](http://www.hopecomeshome.com). If you have any questions please contact Nicole McCowell, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, at [nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-528-7988 ext.2245

