

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 01, 2017



Mass Times

Saturday 6:00 pm St. Peter's Mission
Sunday 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church
11:00 am Sacred Heart School

DAILY: Monday **No Mass**
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wed. & Thurs. **No Mass**
Friday 8:00 am

Confessions

Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 5:30pm to 5:45pm (St. Peter's)
Sunday 8:30am to 8:45am
and by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

(JANUARY 3RD TO JANUARY 8TH)

Tuesday 7:00 pm † *Vi Coulson: Nancy Coulson*
Friday 8:00 am † *Vi Coulson: Nancy Coulson*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday 9:00 am † *Paul Haines: Bob Kurylo*
11:00 am *For the People*

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley
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Gospel Quotation:

"He was called
Jesus



BISHOP OF HAMILTON

December 25, 2016

Dear friends in Christ,

Christmas has come. For believers, the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem represents the victory of light over darkness, joy over sadness, hope over despair, love over hatred, peace over conflict, gratitude over misery, obedience over disobedience, and order over chaos. The birth of Jesus Christ, Son of God, son of Mary, brings profound goodness to our world – each year and all year. And it happened because Mary and Joseph listened for God's direction in their lives, and were open to God's prompting.

The scripture passages we read during the Advent days of preparation tell us that both Mary and Joseph were told of "God's plan" – Mary by an angel, Joseph in a dream – and while they did not fully comprehend, they opened themselves completely and cooperated with God's will. That obedience changed their lives – and ours – forever!

We do everything to proclaim the Christmas message well: Christmas music; Christmas décor; Christmas gifts; Christmas food. It is all about love and goodness – which is the heart of Christ's saving message to us.

May you, like Mary and Joseph, listen for God's direction in your lives and be open to God's prompting so that you may experience the love of Christ at Christmas! And may you share that Christmas gift with others every day by word and deed.

Together with Bishop Daniel Miehm, and the entire personnel at the Chancery office, I wish you rich blessings this Christmas, and throughout 2017.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

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PARISH UPDATES

THANK YOU: I would like to thank everyone for your cards, gifts and Christmas wishes. All the best to you and your family for the New Year. God bless.

Fr. Mark Morley

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UPDATE: We are nearing the end of the year. How about a New Year's resolution to spend some time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; any time from Tuesdays 7:30 pm to Fridays 8:00am. If you feel ready to commit to a regular hour, the following is available, Tuesdays 11-12 pm, or you can double up at any other hour of your choice.

Call Jane Hosdil at 519-856-2398 to arrange for sign up, or any further questions. Thank you, and Happy New Year.

Jane Hosdil

BOTTLE DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus will be having a bottle drive early next year for The Special Olympics. If you can leave any empties you get from the Christmas season in Coulson Hall, it will help us get a jump on this worthwhile fund raiser.

Dave Bell KofC

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

The regular 11:00am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic School will resume January 8th, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. To mark the end of the Christmas Season, it will be celebrated as a Children's Christmas Mass. The music ministry will be provided by Principal Ondercin and the Children's Choir, and there will be a Children's Liturgy for those in Kindergarten and Grade One. Please plan for your family to attend this special Mass.

Fr. Mark Morley

MASS FOR PARISHIONERS AT THE NEWMAN CENTRE GUELPH: I wish to thank all parishioners who have supported my ministry at the University of Guelph by inviting you to attend a Mass at the Newman Centre (325 Gordon Street, parking off of Dean Avenue) on Thursday, January 5th at 7:00pm.

Fr. Mark Morley

FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF CREATION: Close to five million litres of water are taken from Wellington County daily for a water bottling plant. This extraction of large amounts of water adversely affects the ecological balance of nature over a large area while depriving those who rely on wells of their right to water. Close to seventy-five percent of plastic bottles end up in land fill sites, thus contributing to contamination of the soil for thousands of years. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, urges all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton to refrain from using bottled water in church facilities. As stewards of Creation may we be leaders in the responsible use of our sacred mandate.

This Week's Events

January

- 2 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm
- 3 Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)
- 4 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)
- 6 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)
- 8 Children's Christmas Mass (11:00am Sacred Heart School)

Next Catechism Class Date
January 11 at Coulson Hall - 6:45pm

Did You Know?

- Today is the Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God
- The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus.
- The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431
- On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation.
- Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her.

REMINDER

2017 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your offertory envelopes are located in Coulson Hall. The envelope packages are arranged in numeric order. If you are using envelopes, a boxed set has been prepared for you. After Jan. 1 2017, the envelopes can be located at the office. Please call in advance to arrange pick-up.

If you wish to order personalized envelopes, please contact the Parish office. Thank you.

Prayer Calendar for Priests

Every day, in our diocese we are invited to pray for a priest serving in our parishes

- Mon. - Rev. Mark Sullivan
- Tues. - Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
- Wed. - Holy Cross Fathers (O.C.D.)
- Thurs. - Rev. Edward Mahony
- Fri. - Rev. Peter Ciallella
- Sat. - Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger