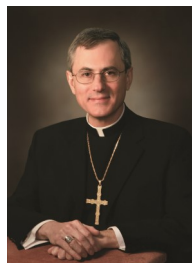




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Eternity's Clock and Crown

What is this Advent wreath whose four candles help us mark the passing of the weeks before Christmas? It is eternity's clock—a circle that says "In our ending is our beginning." It is the wheel of time—a circle of evergreen branches—cut and left to wither—revealing that death and life are both of a piece. It is also a crown, the victor's laurel garland, the sign that the race is done, the prize won. It is the crown of us as a people, a chosen race, a royal priesthood. It is the crown of each of us as individuals—baptized individuals (all of a piece) whose heads were smeared with that royal oil, chrism. We are marked for eternity. With four candles lit, the Advent wreath is the fiery crown that we give to Christ the King, the Savior who returns in the growing gloom to gather us into our eternal home, the new and heavenly Jerusalem.



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Blessing of an Advent Wreath

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Response (R/.) Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
(R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Let us pray: *(pause for a few moments of silence)*

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches
and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise
to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

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*Kevin Richard Verbruggen & Erin Margaret Murray
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2020 Offertory Envelopes

The 2020 offertory donation envelopes are available in the Narthex of the Church starting this weekend - November 30 and December 1. Please take a few minutes to pick them up, to help defray mailing costs. If you wish envelopes or wish to participate in our electronic giving program, please contact RoseMary Cleary at the parish office at 519-432-3475, x. 222.



Flowers for Christmas

We are collecting monetary donations to offset the cost of flowers for our Christmas celebrations. If you would like to make a contribution, please seal donations in an envelope, along with your name, address and phone number and drop it in the Sunday collection. Donations may be made in the name of family or friends, deceased or living, for whom you may wish to pray. These names will be placed in the bulletin and remembered in prayer throughout the Season of Christmas.

Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts can be issued legally for contributions received in the current year. If you wish credit for Offertory/Special Collection/Restoration contributions made in 2019, they **must be received at the Parish Office by December 31, 2019.** Official tax receipts will be mailed by the end of February, 2020.

CWL General December Meeting

St. Peter's CWL General Meeting will be held on Saturday December 7th, 2019 at 10:00am in Room 105. This meeting will be catered to our Christmas luncheon. Please RSVP to Jo Guth either by email or by contacting at 519-672-7479 to confirm numbers attending. Thank you!



We Welcome into God's Family Through the Waters of Baptism:

*Kaleb Robel Abrehe
Niamh Evadel Leigh Beattie
Dominic Antonio DeSumma
Persephone Storm Johnson
Ellie Dorothy Yvonne Mann
Nanci Ann Mendoza
Freyja Alexandria Roach
Luka Zovko Spaic
Miles Joseph Teves*



Advent Day of Prayer

Join us on Saturday December 14th from 10:00am until 3:00pm (lunch included). We will journey with The Magi of the Christmas story to their encounter with Jesus, the Son of God. To register and for more information visit our parish website or call the parish office.

First Friday Eucharistic Devotions

On the first Friday of December (December 6th) we will continue our Eucharistic devotion at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica. In keeping with our tradition, we will begin exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 12:05 PM Mass in the Cathedral proper. This will be followed immediately by a holy hour with song, prayer, and silent reflection. Benediction will close the period of exposition at about 1:25 PM.



St. Vincent de Paul Society's Angel Tree

At the rear of the church in the Narthex, you will see the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Angel Tree. Each year, during the Christmas season, our members distribute gifts to the disadvantaged in our community. Please consider supporting us with \$10 gift cards. Please stop by and speak with one of the members after Mass for the details.



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More information to come.

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Breakdown of Offertory Collected	Envelopes	Cash & Cheques	Pre-Authorized	
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Thank you to Fr. Gary for leading some of our parishioners these last few weeks through a prayerful reflection on the Gospel of St. Matthew. It has been another opportunity to focus on and respond to our ongoing call to be disciples who get to know Jesus through the Gospels.

During the past week the passages from Scripture at Mass have been somewhat dark and gloomy. Jesus speaks of destruction and great disturbances that will terrify people everywhere. Yet, just when all is at its darkest, he tells us that the Son of Man will appear in all his power and glory bringing liberation to all who welcome his coming. The loss that people experience is not as much from God's condemnation as from the natural consequences that occur due to their choice to eliminate God from their lives. Like them, we have been called to patiently, courageously, and with our talents, prepare the whole world, especially our little corner of it, for the final coming of Jesus.

There are times in our lives when everything seems to be falling apart. Things happen over which we have little or no control, leaving us shaken and frightened. However, doesn't the entire Gospel remind us that it is moments when we are most aware of our vulnerability and frailty that Jesus is closest to us? He is with us because he is risen. He gives us strength in our weakness. His presence in our life through prayer and our recognition of him in our everyday events removes our fears and enables us to stand firm. There is always a temptation to let the darkness cover and influence us. We can resist that temptation because the light of the presence of Jesus shines in the darkness and no darkness will lessen the light.

As we begin a new liturgical year, we are invited to let the spirit of the Advent season influence the everyday events of our lives, to let it influence the way we connect and interact with others as people of hope. Hope should colour our attitudes, our judgements, and our reason for doing what we do. One author puts it this way: "It's as ordinary as a birth of a child.; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God." During this season we are encouraged to watch and prepare. In what place in my life am I waiting for God to act? How do I feel during this time of waiting? What enables me to wait in patience? Am I finding ways to stay alert and conscious so that I can recognize the presence of Jesus when he enters my life? What discipline will I follow during Advent to help me become more aware of Jesus already present with me in all my life? Enjoy his enriching season of waiting and hope, and let's pray for each other as we journey.

Fr. Jim Mockler

CELEBRATION OF WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday, December 2 - 12:05pm

Carmela Biviano; Bishop Sherlock;
Living & Deceased Members of the CWL

Tuesday, December 3 - 7:30am

Charles Ennett; Souls in Purgatory; Bishop Sherlock

Wednesday, December 4- 12:05pm

Maria Paino; Anthony Hawco; Rosario S. Verceles

Thursday, December 5- 7:30am

Intentions of Jara & Peter Steiner;
Intentions of Spencer & Suzi Ridly;
Maria Pitlikova

Friday, December 6 - 12:05pm

Eve Penaranda; Fr. Stephen Bodnar; John Strimas

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, including Shari Houghton. We also pray for those who have died, including Sister Mary Lois, Sisters of St. Joseph and Sergio Villarreal, and comfort for those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Rev. Louis Mousseau, O.F.M. Cap.;
Mrs. Rebecca Bondy, Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Robert Champagne;
Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator/
Directory of Music; Rev. Dwayne Adam;
Rev. Robert Weaver; Deacon Lyle Lalonge

READINGS - SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2019

First Reading - Isaiah 11.1-10

With righteousness he shall judge the poor.

Psalm - Ps 72.1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (R. see 7)

R. In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound forever.

Second Reading - Romans 15.4-9

Christ has saved all people.

Gospel - Matthew 3.1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Mass for the Unborn

Mass for the unborn will be held on Friday December 27, 2019 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, beginning with the Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 7:00pm and followed by Mass at 7:30pm. Bishop Ronald Fabbro will preside. This special celebration is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome to attend.


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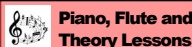


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