

Second Sunday of Advent

Today we begin to look more directly at the coming of God's Son in our midst as a preparation for that final coming. The central figure in today's Gospel is John the Baptist.

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

Advent with Children - Join our parish for Advent with Children. This will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, dedicate 5-10 minutes to prayer, meditation and some activities. Last Sunday we gave each child an Advent package to help them to journey through this special season deepening their relationship with the Holy Family. Children who join this program and attend Mass during this Advent Season will receive, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent - a special gift. **Do not miss your chance to get your gift and get ready for Christmas!**

The Immaculate Conception Novena – this Novena will take place in our parish from November 29th – December 7th following each Mass. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is an important day for us to reflect on Mary's life. It is vital to strive to imitate Mary as the ideal example of the Christian life lived for God. This Novena will give us the opportunity to ask Mary to give each of us the grace to imitate her profound love of God. Please join us for this special spiritual journey.

Bambinelli Sunday

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on **Gaudete Sunday**, the **third** Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass the weekend of **December 10th/11th** to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

Mass Intentions
December 5, 2022 – December 11, 2022

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**
Group Mass Intentions
 +Lennie & + Charlie Hoffarth – *Ann Snyder & Family*
 + Kim Ward
 + Mary Wawryk – *Magie Navaleza*
Intentions of Lito Navaleza – *Magie Navaleza*
Healing for Gene Buencamino – *Magie Navaleza*
Healing for Cora Reyes – *Magie Navaleza*

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 + Theresa Hutflusz – *Estate of Theresa Hutflusz*

Thursday, December 8, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Blessings for and intentions of Rosemary Mussar – A friend

Friday, December 9, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
 + Odessa Barrett – *Magie*

Saturday, December 10, 2022 –
9:00 a.m. – Intentions of Betty – *Magie*
5:00 p.m. – + Ludwig Ceh – *Theresa Ceh & Family*

Sunday, December 11, 2022 – **10:00 a.m. –**
Third Sunday of Advent – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

The **10 a.m. Sunday Mass** will be live-streamed. To join us, follow this link: <https://zoom.us/j/5887658626>
 Password: 274733

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

December 5 – Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
 December 6 – Rev. Hayden Starczala
 December 7 – Order of Preachers (Dominican) (O.P.)
 December 8 – Rev. John Van Hees
 December 9 – Rev. James Petrie
 December 10 – Rev. Gerald Mulhall
 December 11 – **Third Sunday of Advent**

Vocations

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? If God is calling you:

Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preparing For Confirmation & First Communion & Reconciliation

Confirmation –
December 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – Holy Mass: “*Actions speak louder than words*”. Candidates will present their projects and receive a Sunday Missal for Young Catholics.

Gift Bearers: We welcome our Reconciliation/First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates and their families as they bring the offertory gifts to the altar on the following dates:

- December 3** – 5 p.m. – Wini Pickett and family
- December 4** – 10 a.m. – Declan Williams and family
- December 10** – 5 p.m. – Emilia McLean and family

John B. Miller and Friends – Advent Concert
December 8, 2022 – 7 p.m.

We are pleased to once again welcome John B. Miller and Friends to our parish. They will present an Advent Concert here in the church, at 7 p.m., on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This is a wonderful opportunity and a very good way to honour Our Blessed Mother. A free-will offering is greatly appreciated.

Pierogies Sunday - Fundraiser for our parish

On the **4th Sunday of Advent - December 18th** following the 10:00 a.m. Mass we are invited to our parish hall for brunch. We will serve delicious pierogies with red borscht, coffee and sweets. You will also have an opportunity to buy frozen pierogies for Christmas. Please reserve this date and bring other people to celebrate with us and support our parish. We thank Supreme Pierogies (Mr. Joseph Wilk) for donating the pierogies for this fundraiser.

2023 Offertory Envelopes – The 2023 Offertory Envelopes are now available for pick up. Please pick up your envelopes after Mass, this weekend, on the table at the back of the church. There are boxes for those who have signed up for Pre-Authorized Giving, as well. To ensure our parish records are up-to-date, we ask that you please put your name, address and phone number on the first envelope you use. Many ID/ENV#s have changed for 2023 - please use the envelope for the current year to ensure your donation is processed correctly. Thank you for your assistance.

| Stewardship Report November 27, 2022 | |
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| Envelopes | \$ 2255.00 |
| Loose | \$ 586.80 |
| Votive Candles | \$ 90.65 |
| In Memory of L. O'Donnell..... | \$ 350.00 |
| Building and Maintenance | \$ 782.10 |
| Thank you for your support of our parish. | |



Our Lady of the Cape Pilgrim Statue Tour
Thank you!

Thank you to all those who were involved in the very blessed and grace-filled visit of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Cape. Thank you especially to those who helped set up, provided music, lead prayer, the groups from St. Teresa School and those who organized the social in the Parish Hall. The collection for Our Lady of the Cape totalled \$568.50. Thank you everyone!

WYD Fundraising

Thank you to those who purchased honey to help support our young people who will be attending World Youth Day, in Portugal, next year. Anyone who wishes to purchase honey can do so on Sunday, after Mass. Thus far \$624 has been raised. Thank you so much for your support!



Knights of Columbus
Christmas Campaign



In order to continue support of our fundraising work, some talented members of Council 1504 have developed and constructed festive decorations. Parishioners can purchase these Christmas items after our 10 a.m. Mass, **this Sunday**.



Euchre – There is some interest in once again playing Euchre, here at St. Teresa Parish. The games are scheduled for every second and fourth Wednesday of the month starting December 14th at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. For further information, please call Chris at 519-575-1692.

Mental Wellness Support Group - Mental wellness is a challenge for many people. Beginning **Wednesday, December 7th** and every **1st Wednesday of each month**, there will be a support collective for those supporting loved ones afflicted with mental health issues. The group will meet downstairs in St. Teresa Parish Hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please note that this is a peer directed group and that support comes from peers sharing lived experience, information and resources with each other; and discussion is not guided by a professional.



St. Teresa's Catholic Women's League Online
Auction ends on Sunday, December 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Bidding can be done at the following link:
<https://www.32auctions.com/StTeresaCWL Auction2022>
 Proceeds go to support St. Teresa CWL ongoing endeavours.

CWL Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, December 6th at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favourite food; husband, children, grandchildren and friends. All are welcome. Entertainment by Sue Weber Bell.