

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY: NO HOLY MASS

TUESDAY 7 pm: Mass Cancelled  
Advent Reconciliation Service 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY 7 pm: Special Intentions  
– By a Parishioner

THURSDAY 6 pm: HOLY HOUR  
THURSDAY 7 pm: Special Intentions  
– By a Parishioner

FRIDAY 7 pm: In Thanksgiving  
– By a Parishioner

SATURDAY 9 am: In Thanksgiving of our Holy Mother – By A Parishioner

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
5 pm (Saturday): †Elisabeth Krug  
– By Barbara Weber

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9 am: + Maria Frances Nguyen  
– By the Nguyen Family

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11 am: +Lucy Materna & all deceased Family Members - by her son

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7 pm: †Tien Dinh Quang - the Dinh Family

ADDITIONAL LITURGIES THIS WEEK

**Advent Novena: began Friday Dec. 6 6:30 am and concludes Saturday, Dec. 14**

Tues. 10 am Mass at Parkwood  
Thurs. 9 am: Advent Mass-St. Matthew  
Fri. 11 am: Advent Mass-St. Agnes School (in the Church)  
Fri. 1:30 pm: Advent Mass – St. Luke School

LAST WEEK’S OFFERING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019	
Sunday Collection	3,953.30
Renovation Fund	593.00
Canadian Missions	230.00
Pallottine Seminary	545.00

Thank You so much!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 8, 2019 – Year A



**A SAVIOR IS COMING WHO WILL BRING JUSTICE AND PEACE TO THE FAITHFUL**  
*God is calling out to us – through his prophets and Apostles, through his Holy Word, through his Son whom he sent to dwell among us – that he has come to save us. His Kingdom is one of justice and peace. Will we listen to these holy voices crying out to us in the desert of worldly divisions and distractions?*  
*Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12*

PARISH NEWS

**ACTIVITIES THIS COMING WEEK:**  
**TUESDAY, Dec. 10 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Ladies Group**  
**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11 7:30 pm AA’s and Al Anon**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL (9 am Mass)** for families with children 3-10 years of age: Dec. 15 beginning at 8:50 am, in the Parish Centre.  
*Prayers, Gospel of the day, songs, games, activities*  
**DON’T FORGET! Christmas Pageant Practices on Sunday, Dec. 8 & 15, 1-2:30 pm.**  
**Dress Rehearsal Sunday, Dec. 22, 1-3:30 pm.**

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to the Parish Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long followed by a Pot-Luck**  
**THIS WEEKEND - Sunday, December 8.**  
**Carol Sing 3:30-4:30 pm Pot Luck 4:30-6:00 pm**  
Hope to see you in the parish centre for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. For information call: Julie Nafziger: 519-746-5114.

**THE ADVENT NOVENA (Dec.6-14)** continues Monday, Dec. 9, 6:30 am, with Fr. Rafal Tomon, of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, as the celebrant & homilist.  
Enjoy coffee and fellowship each day after Mass.  
Breakfast on the final day, Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Parish Centre with a free-will offering.

**ON THURSDAY, Dec. 12, Gwen Leslie, a long time member of St. Agnes Parish, celebrates her 101 birthday!** All Blessings and Best Wishes for Gwen and her family as they celebrate the occasion!

**ST. AGNES ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** continues on Monday, December 9, 1:30 pm, in the Parish Conference Room.  
**Week 3 – ‘Cheer Up - Rejoice!’** was prepared by Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R., who is semi-retired, lives at Resurrection Manor, Waterloo, And helps out in different parishes. For info call: Anne McKellar, 519-746-7248.

**2020 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available at the back of the Church. If you have used envelopes this past year please pick up your new package. **When using your new 2020 envelopes, please help us keep accurate records by printing your name, address and the amount of your donation on the envelopes you use.**  
**DESTROY ALL UNUSED 2019 ENVELOPES AT THE END OF THE YEAR.**

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** Canada Revenue Agency states that charitable donations can only be receipted for the year that they have been given. If you would like credit for donations in 2019, all donations must be in the collection at the 5 pm Mass on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Donations given on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at the 10 am Mass will be included in 2020 donations.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN USING A PRE-AUTHORIZED OFFERING PROGRAM?**  
St. Agnes Parish offers the Pre-Authorized Offering program (PAO). This automatic debit option is available to you for your convenience when giving your Sunday contribution to our Parish. If you can’t attend Holy Mass on a particular Sunday, or you are away during the summer (or winter), your offering will still be made for you automatically. Occasionally in the year, special collections are taken up for other causes like Development & Peace, Share Lent, Canadian Missions, etc. These collections are not debited automatically and you can contribute to these in the weekly collection basket by using a pink visitor’s envelope from the pew and writing your name, address & donation amount on it.  
Please contact the parish office, 519-885-4480, for information on participating in the Pre-Authorized Offering program.  
St. Agnes Parish thanks you for your continued support!

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES  
IN OUR AREA CHURCHES

**MON., Dec. 9 7:30 pm St. Louis Church, Waterloo**  
**TUES., Dec. 10 7:00 pm St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha**  
**7:30 pm St. Agnes Church, Waterloo**  
**WED., Dec. 11 6:30 pm St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener**  
**7:00 pm St. Mary of the Seven Sorrows, Kitchener**  
**7:00 pm St. Joseph Church, Kitchener**  
**8:00 am – 8:00 pm St. Michael’s Church, Waterloo**  
**THURSDAY, December 12 7:30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo**  
**FRIDAY, Dec. 13 & 20 4:30-6:30 pm St. John’s & Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kitchener**  
**SATURDAY, Dec. 14 & 21 3-4:30 pm St. John’s & Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kitchener**  
**SUNDAY, December 15 3-5 pm Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener**

**WEDNESDAY, December 18 7:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira**  
**7:00 pm St. Anne’s Church, Kitchener**  
**7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener**  
**12:30-1:30 pm, 6:00-7:00 pm St. Mark’s, Kitchener**  
**THURSDAY, December 19 7-8 pm St. Mark’s, Kitchener**

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:**  
At Christmas we gather with loved ones to share gifts, eat great food and build joyful memories. Sometimes we get caught up on the glitter and glam of the season and forget to take time for one another.  
Sit down in advance and decide what you can do as a couple?  
*During Advent and Christmas, take time to pray and share important faith moments with each other.*



**CHRISTMAS DECORATING (Church & Trees)** will take place on: **Thursday, Dec. 19, beginning at 9:30 am.** Come out and help with the creche, sanctuary decoratins, lights, wreaths, banners and trees!  
*There will be something for everyone and many hands make for less work!*

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD & SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
**TUESDAY, December 24 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass**

**Christmas Pageant 11:00 pm Christmas Mass**  
Preceded by Carols at 10:40 pm

**WEDNESDAY, December 25 Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am (No 7 pm Evening Mass)**

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**WEEKDAY MASS**  
**Thursday (St. Stephen, First Martyr and Boxing Day) NO MASS**

**Fri., Dec. 27 7 pm Mass**  
**Sat., Dec. 28 9 am Mass**

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**Feast of the Holy Family December 28-29**  
**Sat. 5 pm & Sun. 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm**

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**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God– NEW YEAR’S (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31: 5:00 pm (New Year’s Eve)**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020 10:00 am (New Year’s Day) – No 7 pm Mass**