

The Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 20, 2020

Wednesday, Dec 23rd <i>St. John of Kanty (Opt Mem)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Margaret Morris (Jean Kraemer & Family)
Thursday December 24th <i>Christmas Eve</i>	
St. Mary's 5:00 p.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
10:00 p.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
St. Martin's 7:00 p.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Friday, December 25th <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Sol)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
11:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Saturday, December 26th, <i>St. Stephen (Feast)</i>	
5:00 p.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday, December 27th, <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast)</i>	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Kaminski & Weller Families (Bernie Kaminski & Family)
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Louise & Mike Bilodeau (Steve & Colleen Cudney)



The Annunciation, Fresco in the Cloister of San Marco, Florence, Fra Angelico (1395-1455)

Parishioners are asked to register for the Christmas Masses due to the limited seating of Covid restrictions. You can email your name(s) to stmeloffice@wightman.ca or register in the notebook at the back of the Church on a first-come, first-served basis.

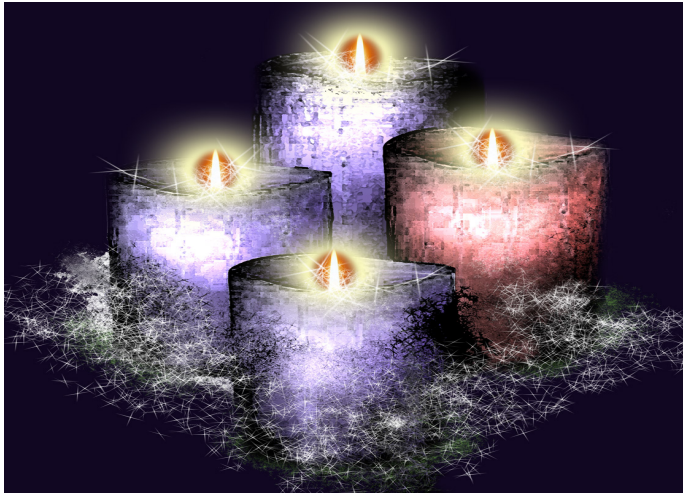
2021 OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES:

2021 offertory packets will be ready for pick-up at the back of the church. If you receive one now, you will continue to do so, unless you have not been actively using it for the past six months. If you are new to the parish or wish to begin donating, you can pick up a blank packet from the table at the back of the church when they are ready. Please write your name beside the corresponding number on the sheet provided.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:

In order to receive a tax receipt for 2020 for any donations you wish to make, all money must be received and deposited by December 27th, 2020 after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

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VOCATION SEEDS:

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life, and she said "Yes!" ...and so, the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:

Christmas during COVID will change many of our traditional outings and gatherings as a family, but we can still easily take part in our faith traditions. Centering our celebration on the birth of Christ is a great way to remind our children that Christmas for Catholics is the same this year as in other years. During Advent set up an Advent wreath and each week pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love; read the story

of the Nativity (more than once!) and set one up in your home; adorn the tree with symbols of the faith; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, especially on Christmas Day. The joy of Christmas is not gone because of COVID since Christmas reminds us of something that will never change, God's great love for each of us.

RE: START – A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program – will resume once again in early 2021 - either in person or on line depending on the situation with COVID-19. We invite you to look on the Diocesan website www.hamiltondiocese.com to see the programs offered and then check back in January for dates and registration.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR ALL THE SICK:

For all the sick around the world especially those who feel alone in their struggles and those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, all healthcare professionals and frontline workers. For our sick parishioners and those who look after them:

Don Woodham, , Felix Kozak, Argene Pellegrini, Tom Wunder, Kaelynn Heines, and family and friends. May they experience healing and comfort and may Our Blessed Mother Mary, Health of the sick, pray and intercede for us, Amen!

Please continue to keep our recently baptised and their families in your prayers - Divine Ukah, Patrick Munroe & Jackson Price

**And our recently deceased loved ones and their families:
+ Margaret Morris, + Rev. Peter Jatau**