



Unwrapping Christmas Advent Message Series

This Lord's Day

We begin the Season of Advent and we focus our attention on the whole reason for our practice of the faith: to be with Jesus who wants to be with us. Before we celebrate Christmas, these days of Advent help us to align our hearts with the Church's longing for the Savior. We can only celebrate that Christ is born for us when we recognize our need and our desire for Christ to be with us. I invite you in the rush of preparations for Christmas to find some rare quiet moments to reawaken that sense of longing and desire, for Him.

Thank you to all who sent such positive comments about [Stewardship Weekend](#). If you need details on "Making the Switch" see someone at our Welcome Desk.

Children's Ministry

[Kids Zone](#) for Ages 2 & 3 and our full array for those in [JK-Grade 4](#) all at our 9:30 & 11:30 Masses [Bring completed registration forms](#) or see the display.

FAST FACTS

[Check out "Next Gen"-Youth & Young Adults Events](#)

["Proclaim"](#) (December edition)

Get a copy of our Weekly Devotional!

- [Sign up here](#)

Jump on Board the Shuttle

ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION



SHUTTLE SERVICE

Our [Sunday Shuttle](#) runs continuously from 9:00am-1:00pm from our off-site parking at St Gabriel School (Baldwin & Guelph Ave.) *Getting to church just got easier – Jump on Board and don't forget your coupon for our [Catholic Café](#).*

OUR SHUTTLE SERVICE RETURNS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE – CHECK IT OUT!

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2019

2019 Sunday Missals are available at the Welcome Desk for \$5.00 each. A limited number have been ordered.



BEGINS THIS WEEKEND
-DECEMBER 1-16, 2018

Sursum Corda

December 1 & 2, 2018 ♦

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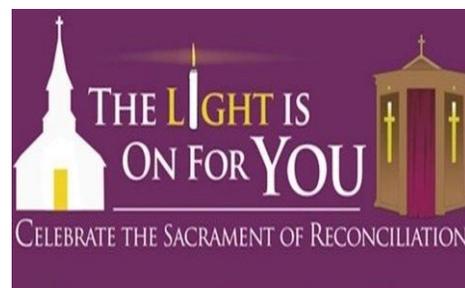


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Lord's Day Mass – Saturday at 5:00pm,
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:30am



Day of Mercy - December 6 -
Noon - 8:00pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the most powerful encounter with divine mercy. During this time the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church. **The light is on for you!**



Our Parish Craft & Bake Sale

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

9:00AM - 3:00PM

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PARISH CENTRE

**JOIN US RIGHT AFTER THE
HESPEL PARADE**

(Look for our Parish Float
during the Hespeler Parade)

Visit
Christmasinhespeler.ca



Children's Christmas Program

We are pleased to let you know that this Christmas we will be offering a special Children's Ministry program (JK – Grade 4) **at both our 5:00pm and 7:00pm Christmas Eve Masses.** [Watch for more details!](#)

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

At the 5:00p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, children of the parish (aged 4 to 12) will act out a simple narrative of the first Christmas. If your child is interested in taking part, please pick up a permission form at the Welcome Desk, complete and return it through the collection basket no later than December 9th. An early response is important to ensure your child's participation. *There will be only one rehearsal this year - in the Church on Sunday, December 16th at 2:00p.m. Space is limited.*

Confirmation Small Groups

Our [Confirmation](#) Small Groups had a great first session last Sunday – thank you to all of our leaders. Don't forget to bring in your "golden tickets" this Sunday – next session is December 9th



A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

Over the next 2½ years, the Diocese of Hamilton will be conducting the One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign to raise financial support for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Check out details at oneheartonesoul.ca.

Small Groups

find a place to connect

[Watch this video!](#)

Do consider [joining a group.](#)



Special Friends is about providing a place for all. Look soon for our Special Friends space and check out our [Video](#)



Starting Point

THERE IS MORE TO OUR STORY

Why God? Why Jesus?

Why the Church?

Starting Point is for you!

Check out our display in the Parish Centre and why not [see our video](#) and then join us



2019 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Current envelope users are reminded that Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2019 will be available in the Parish Centre on December 8 & 9. You are invited to consider [Pre Authorized Giving](#) or [On Line Giving](#) as a method to support our parish family. Forms available at Welcome Desk.

C.W.L. POTLUCK SUPPER

All ladies of the Parish are invited to celebrate the season on **December 11th**. It begins with **Mass at 6:00p.m.**, followed by a potluck supper in the Parish Centre. All are welcome and bring along a canned item for our Food Pantry



BE A PARKING LOT MESSENGER OF CHEER!

We are looking for people to help make our Christmas Eve Masses as welcoming and safe as possible. We have a core team ready to help manage and direct traffic before these Masses, but we could definitely use more help! We need assistance starting at 4pm on Christmas Eve. What a better way could there be to start your Christmas celebration then by wishing "Merry Christmas" to your friends as you help direct them into their parking spaces! [If you are interested in helping out, please leave your name at the Welcome Desk or with the parish office.](#)

Make Advent count
by making

Kindness
Count!

Our [Neighbourhood Ministry](#) is seeking to continue to impact 160 children in our Parish Schools and in co-operation with Family and Children Services

We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys, and we will assemble such into a kit made up of small trinkets which will be distributed to some of the students and families which we have partnered with. Consider purchasing one additional toy:

- a box of lego or play dough
- a small box of puzzles or small children games
- a doll or mechanical cars
 - or any toy

As you do; please bring and place in the "Large Gift Box" in the Parish Centre Narthex. These will be distributed by our Neighbourhood Ministry and made available to those in need