



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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## December 2nd - First Sunday of Advent

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**Sunday Mass: 11:00am**  
**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

**Tuesday**

7:00pm

**Wednesday**

8:00am

**Thursday**

Confession 6:15pm

Mass 7:00pm

**Friday**

8:00am

**Parish Office Hours:**

9am-1pm Mon & Fri

9am-3pm Tues, Wed & Thurs  
(office closes for a half hour at 12 noon)

**Sacraments of Marriage  
or Baptism:**

Please contact the Parish Office to  
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with Father Peter.

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### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Today we begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is significant in two ways: It prepares us for Christmas, as we recall Christ's nativity in Bethlehem and it is also a time when we look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of the ages that is called Parousia in Greek; a word that means presence (especially after absence) or arrival. We are frequently reminded of the first meaning of Advent because we are surrounded by Christmas decorations almost everywhere, even though we have just initiated

Advent. But in fact, the majority of advent liturgies are dedicated to Christ's second coming and only the last 8 days refer to the mystery of the Nativity. During each Mass just after the consecration we profess our faith and expectation of the second coming of the Lord saying: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again". So too, Advent is a season of that joyful expectation.

In many churches and households throughout the world we keep the beautiful tradition of having an Advent wreath with 4 candles. The wreath is a part of our long-standing Catholic tradition; yet its origins are uncertain. It has an interesting and profound meaning. The wreath is made of various evergreens that depict the immortality of our soul and the new everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Some tradition says that each candle stands for a thousand years to sum to four thousand years, which are said to pass from Adam and Eve to the Birth of the Saviour.

Pope Francis asks us to pray in the month of December for the elderly: *"That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time"*.

On December 6th there is an optional memorial of St. Nicholas. He was a historical Greek Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, so he is called Nicholas of Myra too. Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. There are numerous stories about St. Nicholas and many of them refer to his legendary habit of secret gift-giving. One of the stories says that he gave secretly two golden spheres not to good people, as we usually say about St. Nicholas, but to those who had led a sinful life, so that they might give up their wicked way and live a holy life.

On December 8th we observe the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be an additional Mass at 10 am in our church. In 1854 Pope Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin". Only two people were without any sin: our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother. This feast refers to Mary's sinlessness not to Jesus' as some mistakenly think.

Immaculate Mary pray for us!

God bless,  
Fr. Peter

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

TUESDAY, December 4  
7:00 p.m. – All Souls  
by Jose Costa

WEDNESDAY, December 5  
8:00 a.m. – Leonel Canao by Isabel Canao

THURSDAY, December 6  
*Memorial of St. Nicholas*  
6:15 Confession and Adoration of  
The Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 p.m. – Gilberto Pavao by Lina Pavao

FRIDAY, December 7  
*Memorial of St. Ambrose  
and First Friday of the Month*  
9:30 a.m. – Graciosa Canao by Isabel Canao

SATURDAY, December 8  
*The Immaculate Conception of  
the Virgin Mary*  
10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, December 9  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
11:00 a.m. – The Parishioners  
of St. Lawrence

## Important Dates and Events

### December

7th	Christmas Turkey Roll
16th	CWL Christmas Bake Sale
16th	Advent Retreat Day: Friendship and Solitude



Giuseppe Cavigliano  
Hollier- Heddle & Greco Families.  
Gilberto Pavao and Families.  
Jackson, Joyce & Moorcroft Families  
The Grace, Dunn, Kennedy,  
& Nespal Families.



Nov. 25 Sunday Collection  
\$ 897.85

### Mass times for this week:

**Friday December 7** Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. with the Teachers of St. Lawrence School.

**Saturday December 8** we will celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m. for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary.

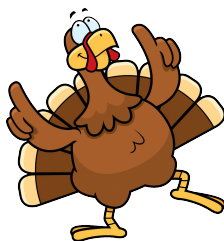
**Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament** will happen every Thursday starting at 6:15 during confessions.

**Advent Retreat Day : Friendship and Solitude** - Solitude and time alone can sometimes seem at odds with our need for connections through friendship. As both human and Divine, Jesus provides us with many examples of the connection between solitude and friendship and what God teaches us about the need to seek out the solitary to prepare for friendship.

This day retreat led by Fr. Peter will reflect on this idea, beginning with 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by a shared meal. The afternoon will include discussion & prayer, concluding with adoration, opportunity for confession, and benediction. There is no cost for the retreat, please register through the parish office, through our facebook event page or email [stlawrencehamilton@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stlawrencehamilton@hamiltondiocese.com)

**Happy 100th Birthday to Anna Paris !** Anna is our oldest living parishioner and has been a member of the Catholic Woman's League for 54 years.

**Nibbles and Bids 50/50 Winner** - Congratulations to Shelley Knap who was our Nibbles and Bids 50/50 draw winner. The prize was \$1004.50



**50-50 Tickets for the Turkey Roll** are available in the Parish Office and at the back of the church after Mass

**Turkey Roll Volunteers Needed!!** The Annual St. Lawrence Church Turkey Roll is coming up on December 7th, and we need volunteers to help make the event a success - sign up with the fundraising team after mass or call or email the office to sign up.

**POP and Water** - The parish is in need of cases of bottled water and brand name pop (regular and diet varieties). This is something we need for all of our upcoming parish events.

# ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TURKEY ROLL



Help us celebrate our  
54<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Roll

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**

Doors open 6 p.m.  
Draws start at 8 p.m.

St. Lawrence Parish Hall  
125 Picton Street E.  
(corner of Mary and Picton Streets)

**3 spins for \$2**

**Come to WIN, WIN, WIN !!!**

**50 Turkeys, 50 Hams and 50 LCBO Gift Cards (\$25)**

**Make sure to get your 50/50 tickets!!! ON SALE NOW!**

For more information  
please call the Church at  
905-529-3921



**St. Lawrence's 54th Annual Turkey Roll** - Join us on Friday December 7th; doors open at 6pm and draws start at 8pm in the Parish hall. Draw prizes include: 50 Turkeys, 50 Hams and 50 (\$25) LCBO Gift Cards. Don't forget to buy some 50/50 tickets for a chance to win a cash prize or our 2nd Prize of an extra-large turkey.

Come early. The kitchen will be open and our bartenders will be ready to serve you. Try our beef on a bun - It's delicious! Bring some friends and family and join us for a fun evening!

**CWL'S Fall Penny Sale - Thank you!** The Catholic Women's League of St. Lawrence would like to thank everyone who attended the Fall Penny Sale last Saturday. It was another fun and successful event for the Parish! Thank you to everyone who donated their time to volunteer, to all of our bakers who helped fill the bake table with delicious treats and to everyone who generously donated prizes. Funds raised from this event will help support projects around the church and to help our CWL with charitable works in our community.

**Congratulations to our Penny Sale 50/50 winner, Marilyn Pavao, who took home \$258.**

## In the Diocese...



**Diocesan Healing Mass** Bishop Crosby will be the celebrant of a healing Mass for those who have lost a child. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King today, Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 at 4 pm.

**Advent Hymn Festival** - Please join us for this joyous evening to celebrate the Advent season, and to hear and sing along with some of your favourite Advent hymns. Featuring the Hamilton Diocesan Choir

When: Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Where: St. Augustine Parish  
58 Sydenham Street, Dundas

**Salt + Light** are presenting "The Birth of Christ", a choral concert by Andrew T. Miller, on Friday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m., in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This unique work will be performed by Masterworks of Oakville. The choral concert celebrates the 15th Anniversary of Salt + Light TV - a remarkable undertaking! All are welcome. Bring a friend. Mark your calendar now for a special Advent experience this year! See our website for more details.

**The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation (CWLF)** is accepting applications for 2019 Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The Program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. For more information about CWLF, the Leadership Program and to complete an application form visit [www.cwlfcanada.ca](http://www.cwlfcanada.ca).

**Coping with the Holidays...when you have lost a loved one** - Join the Family Ministry Office for an afternoon of reflection and for strategies for coping throughout Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman and is being held at Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The session will take place today, Sunday, December 2nd from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. The event is FREE of charge. Call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. (If you haven't registered prior to the event you are still welcome to attend.)

**Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced** meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register just come and join us at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton from 7 - 9 p.m. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. NO COST.



## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON



The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in Parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at [onehearttonesoul.ca](http://onehearttonesoul.ca).

### **Who will actually conduct the campaign at each Parish?**

The Diocese, with the help of the Steier Group, will manage the overall campaign effort, including the preparation of materials. At each Parish, the Pastor will identify campaign leaders who will work with the Steier Group. Those Parish leaders will help recruit other volunteers to form a campaign team that will conduct the personal visits and other elements that are the key to the success of the campaign.

### **How much help with the campaign can our Parish expect to get from the Diocese and the consulting firm?**

The Diocese will pay the financial costs of the campaign. Parishes will not be responsible for any campaign expenses such as postage, printing or diocesan events held at the parish. If a Parish hosts an event to promote the campaign to its parishioners, the Parish will bear those costs. In addition, several Steier Group campaign managers will guide the Parishes through the campaign process. Each Parish will be assigned to one of four "waves." The Parish will be responsible for forming a team of volunteers that implements the necessary elements of the process.

### **How long will this take?**

On a diocesan level, the entire campaign will run through early 2021. On a Parish level, there will be four campaign "waves." A Parish's particular wave will run for six to seven months. That includes preparation, solicitation and follow-up phases. The active solicitation period will last three to four months.

### **What happens if our Parish doesn't hit its financial goal?**

A clergy committee will implement policies that all parishes will follow on such questions. There will be incentives for Parishes to reach their goals. Parishes not reaching their goals face the prospect of not being able to complete needed projects.

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