

**DECEMBER 18, 2011 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH**

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 18 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38	Mass - 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Our Parish Community Our Parish Community Our Parish Community	
Monday, December 19 Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a Luke 1.5-25	No Mass		Fr. Robert Kiffman
Tuesday, December 20 Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d Luke 1.26-38	Mass - 7:00 p.m. Confessions - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Boris Rahija Francesca Continenza Carolynne McGowan Raimondo Agro Eva Dups	Fr. George Stortz
Wednesday, December 21 <i>St. Peter Canisius</i> Zephaniah 3.14-18a Luke 1.39-45	Mass - 8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Nardini Family	Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)
Thursday, December 22 1 Samuel 1.24-28 Luke 1.46-56	Mass - 8:30 a.m.	Giuseppe Ferro	Fr. Edward Hampson
Friday, December 23 <i>St. John of Kanty</i> Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6 Luke 1.57-66	Mass - 8:30 a.m.	Spec. Int. of Anna Pereira	Fr. Adam Voisin
Saturday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> Isaiah 62.1-5 Acts 13.16-17,22-25 Matthew 1.1-25	Mass - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - 12 Midnight	Maria Topol/Deceased Members of the Carriere Family Arthur Petrie Deceased Members of the Petrie and Crichton Families For Deceased Parishioners	Fr. Mark Morley

The Week in Preview

Monday, December 19
7:00 p.m. CWL Choir
Tuesday, December 20
9:30 a.m. Scripture Study
6:15 p.m. Legion of Mary
7:30 p.m. Baptismal
Preparation
Thursday, December 22
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir



Collection for December 10/11, 2011

Regular - \$8,495.75
Flowers - \$122.50
St. Vincent de Paul - \$1,739.75



Quiet my heart, Lord, and show me a Christmas as peaceful and calm, as an old cattle shed. Slow down my pace, Lord, and help me seek Jesus, the Son of Your Love, in a humble straw bed. Steady my spirit, Lord, call me from chaos in simple surrender to pray and rejoice. Break through the busy, too-bright celebration, and whisper your message, "Be still.. hear my voice."

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING

CHCH-TV, Hamilton, will broadcast Christmas Midnight Mass live from the Cathedral of Christ the King on December 24th starting with carols at 11:30 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D., Bishop of Hamilton. The Mass will be repeated on CHTV Channel 11 on Christmas Day at 8:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

One of the greatest sources of danger in the old Christmas celebration was the burning of candles on the Christmas tree. They were lovely, but they were a fire hazard and pails of water were kept standing around the living room to douse the fires that occurred. The idea of electric Christmas tree lights first occurred to Ralph E. Morris, an employee of New England Telephone, in 1895. The actual strings of lights had already been manufactured for use in telephone switchboards. Morris looked at the tiny bulbs and had the idea of using them on his tree.

Baptisms

The Catholic Community of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish welcomes the following children who were recently baptized. We support them with our prayers and ask that their parents nurture them so they can grow up to be faith filled people of God and our Parish Community.

Michael Bradley Stanley Woolcott, Sofia Maria Alfieri,

Victoria Elena Ciechacki,

Alessandro Michael Mercante Foglietta,

Christian Faro Fuca,

Elisa Mackenzie Trombetta Fuchs, Jaida Linn Habza,

Emmett Isaac and Leila Valencia Jasarevic,

Domenic Raffaele LaPenta, Mia Bianca Leone,

Emma Vieira Leslie, Lorenzo Antonio Joseph Mancini,

Owen Scott Mills, Khoi Nguyen,

Ashley Nicole and Cole Jacob Perron,

Mihely Katarzyna Bilan,

Nicholas Giuseppe Buccella,

Greyson Matthew Danielewicz,

Lucas Michael Milton, Ava Grace Pereira,

Jakob David and Tyler John Wells-Britton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father Jim will be available for confessions on Tuesday, December 20th, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. There will be no confessions on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th.

Catholicism on Salt + Light

Saturday, December 24th

On Christmas Eve, Salt + Light will **air all six broadcast episodes** of Fr. Robert Barron's *Catholicism* series. The production, which began airing across North America this fall, is touted as one of the most important media projects in the history of the Catholic Church and is now featured on Salt + Light Television and Salt + Light's live webstream. For full schedule consult your onscreen guide or visit: saltandlighttv.org/catholicism.

Salt + Light is available on many carriers on free preview over the Christmas season including Rogers (channel 240), Shaw (channel 160), Videotron (242), Telus (159), and Cogeco (185).



4th Sunday of Advent

It seems that angels are everywhere at Christmas. In today's Gospel Gabriel comes to Mary to announce that she will bear the Saviour. In other stories at this time of year, an angel comes to Zechariah and Elizabeth to announce the birth of John the Baptist. An angel appears to Joseph to tell him to welcome Mary into his home. Angels appear to the shepherds to proclaim the birth of Christ, and to the Magi to warn them to flee from Herod after they have presented their gifts to the newborn King.

In our popular culture, angels adorn the Christmas cards we send, are put up on our front lawns, and festoon the house in various decorations. In an argument that reflects the different perspectives of the two Gospel stories of the birth of Jesus, families debate what will sit atop the Christmas tree: a star – which reveals the birth of Christ in Matthew's Gospel – or an angel – which heralds the birth of the Saviour to the shepherds in the story written down in Luke.

Mary was hardly the first to be visited by an angel. They have a solid history in the Bible. But Mary's quick assent to the will of God is an example for all of us who follow Christ. She was willing to accept what God wanted of her, that is, to become the mother of his Son. And it was the angel that conveyed the message.

So with all the images of angels that surround us at this time of year, it might be good to ask ourselves who are the *real* angels in our lives. As with Mary, there may be people around us who give insight into the will of God for us. As with the magi, there may be people who give us warnings about the paths to follow in life. As with Joseph, there may be those who give specific direction about what is right. They are all our angels.

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*He will be great and
will be called the
Son of the Most High.*

Luke 1:32



Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father."

Lk 1: 30-32