

**MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

<b>Tuesday, January 16, 7:05 pm</b> <b>+Joanne Moser;</b> Marlene Runstedler <b>+Sylvester Moser;</b> Greg & Sue Goetz <i>Jesus called Matthew: "Follow me." Following meant imitating the pattern of his life and not just walking after him. – St. Bede</i>
<b>Wednesday, January 17, 9:00 am – Maryhill</b> <i>There is no need for us to go abroad on account of the kingdom of heaven, nor to cross the sea for virtue. For the Lord has told us before, the kingdom of God is within you. – St. Anthony</i>
<b>Thursday, January 18, 12:05 pm</b> <b>+Mary Kay Butler;</b> John & Linda Bruder <b>+Judy Gambacourt;</b> Judy Furlong <i>What God wants of you... is that you should live each day as it comes, like a bird in the trees, without worrying about tomorrow. Be at peace and trust in divine Providence and the Blessed Virgin, and do not seek anything else but to please God and love God. – St. Louis Grignon de Montfort</i>
<b>Friday, January 19, 9:00 am – Maryhill</b> <i>I have given everything to my Master: he will take care of me. The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the Lord wants of us! – St. Josephine Bakhita</i>
<b>Saturday, January 20, 5:00 pm</b> <b>+Helen Shuttsa;</b> Geoffrey Maher & Lisa Denomme & Family <b>+Doreen O'Grady;</b> Art & Cecilia Moser
<b>Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Word of God Sunday, Ecumenical Sunday</b> <b>9:00 am Our Parish Community</b> <b>11:00 am Maryhill</b>

**READINGS FOR January 20/21**

First Reading: Jon 3:1-5, 10  
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31  
 Gospel Reading: Mk 1:14-20

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR****PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Mon., January 15	Rev. Phillip Cook
Tues., January 16	Rev. Luc Payette
Wed., January 17	Youth Ministers
Thurs., January 18	Rev. David Weise
Fri., January 19	Rev. Tom Moisan
Sat., January 20	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<b>TUE</b>	6:30 pm <b>Knights of Columbus Fellowship</b> – Hall
	7:30 pm <b>Knights of Columbus General Mtg</b> - Hall
<b>WED</b>	7:00 pm <b>9 a.m. Choir Practice</b> – Church

**MINISTRIES for January 20/21****Eucharistic Ministers**

5pm	Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am	Ken Gallipeau, Pat Ditner, Cheryl Dunn

**Hospitality**

5pm	Sue & Greg Goetz
9am	Adrian Miltenburg, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

**Lector**

5pm	Lisa Denomme
9am	Jim Goll

**Commentator**

Kevin Dupuis
Mike Noel

**Children's Liturgy**

Jan 21 Emily Beynon, Nicole Totten

**Sign Ministry**

Jan 15 Ray Denomme

**LIVING ROSARY INTENTION**

**For the gift of diversity in the Church** – We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**FOODBANK NEEDS**

Canned Pasta, Shampoo and Deodorant

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

We are now in Ordinary Time which means we are in the days between Christmastide and Lent, and between Eastertide and Advent. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green. The last Sunday of Ordinary Time is the Solemnity of Christ the King.

As we resume the gatherings for the R.C.I.A. candidates, I ask you to pray for them as they journey towards learning more about the Catholic Church and in their decision of whether they wish to join the church.

The parish office will be open from January 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to Noon only.

Thank you for your prayers and good wishes for my anniversary of diaconate. It is an honour and a pleasure to serve you good parishioners.

Fr. Peter

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD** – The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (**January 21, 2024**) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.

The **CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS** are available in the hallway for pick-up. If you or anyone in your family experienced one of the Sacraments in 2023, they are a souvenir for your tree at home - Baptism (silver), First Communion (blue/white), Confirmation (red), Marriage (gold), RCIA (green) or death (purple).

**RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE** – Join us for learning, support and fun on a Friday evening, held on the 2nd and 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online. We look forward to seeing you!

The next set of groups/workshops presented by Woolwich Counselling Centre are below. Please see the bulletin board for more information about each group/workshop.

- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**, adult session, no cost, in-person sessions on **Thursdays, February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, 2024** from 1 – 2 p.m.
- **STAND TALL**, ages 7-9, in-person group on **Mondays, January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 2024** from 5-6 p.m. Fee is \$100. Further subsidies are available if needed.
- **HELPING TEENS MANAGE ANXIETY**, no cost, virtual workshop on **Wednesday, January 17, 2024** from 7-8 p.m.
- **SLEEP HYGIENE: CBT STRATEGIES FOR A RESTFUL SLEEP**, adult workshop, no cost, virtual workshop on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024** from 7 – 8 p.m.
- **LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH: LEARNING SKILLS TO SUPPORT OTHERS**, adult workshop, no cost, virtual workshop on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024** from 7 – 8 p.m.
- **COPING WITH THE WINTER BLUES**, adult workshop, no cost, virtual workshop on **Thursday, January 25, 2024** from 1 – 2 p.m.
- **BUILDING BETTER BOUNDARIES**, adult workshop, no cost, in-person group on **Thursdays, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024** from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- **GLAD TO BE ME**, ages 4-7, no cost, in-person workshop on **Thursday, January 25, 2024** from 4 – 5 p.m.
- **PLAYFUL PARENTING**, Parenting workshop, no cost, in-person workshop on **Tuesday, January 30, 2024** from 7 – 8 p.m.

Check out the bulletin board for more information on each workshop. Learn more and register by calling 519-669-8651 or by emailing [info@woolwichcounselling.org](mailto:info@woolwichcounselling.org) or drop by at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira for any of the above groups/workshops.

See the Mental Health Series (zoom) below:

**MINDFULNESS DROP-IN SESSIONS: MORE PRESENCE, LESS STRESS** on **Tuesdays from January 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Wanting to try some mindfulness strategies for the first time? Or perhaps you are already familiar with mindfulness but want to re-energize your practice? Let's take some time to slow down and focus on our own well-being during the winter months. Each week we will do a mindfulness strategy or two, then discuss what the experience was like. We'll also share some resources and explore ways to keep practicing on our own. People with either no experience or previous experience are all welcome. Join any or all sessions. Registration is required. To register for the health and wellness sessions, email/call or visit our website at [www.wchc.on.ca](http://www.wchc.on.ca) and click on the Register Online tab.

**SHINE A LIGHT** – On **Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** from 7-8 p.m. meet at the sidewalk in front of Guelph City Hall at 1 Carden Street. The 1988 Supreme Court decision left preborn babies with no protection in Canada. You are invited to gather with Guelph & Area Right to Life on January 29<sup>th</sup> to pray and present a pro-life display that will shine a light on the negative impact of abortion in Canada as a result of the court's 1988 ruling. For more information, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311 or visit [guelphforlife.com](http://guelphforlife.com).

**COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR KICK-OFF!** CNOY 2024 is February 24, 2024! Gather your team and register at <https://cnoy.org/location/elmira>. This is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for Woolwich Community Services! WALK with us and join our community dinner following the event, sponsored by local businesses! Our goal is to raise \$75,000 by February 24, 2024. To accomplish this goal, Woolwich Community Services is looking for 20 team captains (of all shapes, sizes and ages) who will recruit friends and family to their team and who will set a fundraising goal. Each member on your team can set a goal of finding 5 people to donate to their campaign. Every walker who raises either \$75 (youth 17 and under) or \$150 (for adults) gets the famous Coldest Night toque as thanks for being amazing fundraisers.

**RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE** – Being a Catholic Christian has the potential to fill every aspect of life – every decision, failure, triumph – with personal meaning and satisfaction, because it is a personal invitation from Jesus. It will be a gradual process, and we need the help of others along the way – like Samuel in our first reading, and Simon Peter in today's Gospel. But it begins with a question that Jesus is asking you: "what are you looking for?" Read more at [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca).

**VOCATION SEEDS** – A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

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### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for January 6/7:	\$3,638.35
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$120,877.13

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