

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# First Sunday of Advent

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

## Mass Times

**Saturday** 5:00 pm  
**Sunday** 9:00 am  
(Sacred Heart Catholic School) 11:00 am

**DAILY:** Monday **No Mass**  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Wednesday **No Mass**  
Thursday (S.H. School) 9:15 am  
Friday 8:00 am

## Confessions

Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:45pm  
Saturday 4:30pm to 4:45pm  
Sunday 8:30am to 8:45am  
and by appointment

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00 am

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK (DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> TO DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>)

Tuesday 7:00 pm CWL members & their Families  
Friday 8:00 am † Alan Spak & deceased family members

### Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am † Jeanette Marleau: Brian & Sharon Gregory  
11:00 am For the People

## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley  
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## Gospel Quotation:

**What I say to you  
I say to all;  
Keep awake."**

# Pastor's Message

## ADVENT, DISCIPLESHIP AND CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT

The season of Advent has a two-fold nature that reflects both our directional and cyclical notions of time. It reflects our directional notion of time as we anticipate Christ's second coming, when the world will end and God's kingdom will reign. And it reflects our cyclical notion of time as we prepare for our yearly celebration of Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us. Nevertheless, both these notions of time emphasize that Advent is a season of joyful expectation. Now that we have begun a new liturgical year, we are reading from the Gospel of Mark. As we will see, a major theme in Mark's Gospel is discipleship. At baptism, we become members of Christ's Body, the Church. At First Communion, we began being nurtured and strengthened to live the Christian life by the gift of the Eucharist. At Confirmation, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and given the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Having completed the Sacraments of Initiation, we are sent as disciples of Christ to evangelize.

In the section on the dignity of the human person, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that: "Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us, and that the Holy Church proposes for our belief, because he is truth itself." [1814] The Catechism also teaches that: "The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it." [1816]

It is fitting that we celebrate the Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation on the First Sunday of Advent. As we embark upon the year of the Gospel of Mark and focus on the theme of discipleship, the young people of our parish are given an opportunity to present themselves to us as candidates for the sacrament and commit themselves to preparing for it by prayer and study. After professing our faith together in question form, they state their intentions together, and we respond by praying for them and offering our support to them. As they bear witness to the faith, it is an opportunity for all of us to deepen our commitment to following Jesus Christ as disciples who not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it and spread it. Go and announce the Gospel.

Please see Advent Homily Themes, Extended Confession Times and Christmas Mass Times below. Note the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass for Children at the School starting with carols at 4:30pm. I encourage you to plan ahead and stay awake. Enjoy a blessed Advent!

*Fr. Mark Morley*

### Homily Themes for each Sunday in Advent

- First Sunday: Be Watchful and Keep Awake
- Second Sunday: Jesus is the Son of Man
- Gaudete Sunday: Joyful Expectation
- Fourth Sunday: What is Being Worshipped Here?

### Extended Confession Times (in the Church)

- Sunday 8:30am to 8:45am
- Tuesday 6:15pm to 6:45pm
- Saturday 6:15pm to 6:45pm

### Christmas Eve Masses

- 5:00 pm For Children in Sacred Heart School (Contemporary Music with Carols starting at 4:30pm)
- 9:00 pm Sacred Heart Church (Organ Music with Incense)

### Christmas Day Masses

- 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church (Organ Music)
- 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church (Folk Music)



**"ADVENT REFLECTION" - Each of us is the innkeeper**

PARISH UPDATES

PERPETUAL ADORATION: Reminding everyone to drop into Adoration anytime from Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00am, or consider joining for a regular hour. We are still looking for a courageous person, to join a rotation of 2 parishioners for Fridays 1:00-3:00 AM . Grace received is doubled for Adoration during these hours! For information call Jane Hosdil, 519-827-1929

BOTTLE DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus are having our annual bottle drive to raise funds to support the Ontario Special Olympics. We are asking for donations of empty alcohol, wine and beer bottles and cans, to be dropped off in Coulson Hall throughout the Christmas season. Thank you for all your support.

FAMILY CHOIR: If you are interested in joining and/or supporting a new youth group in the parish, or if you and/or your children are interested in joining the 11:00am Sunday Mass Family Choir, please contact me at: pastor@sacredheartrockwood.ca . Thank you,  
*Fr. Morley*

COATS FOR KIDS: The Knights of Columbus council in Rockwood donated 24 assorted girls and boys winter coats to EWCS for the second year in a row.

"Coats for Kids" is an undertaking by the Knights of Columbus worldwide, to ensure that all children have warm coats for the winter.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE RAFFLE: Gingerbread House will be raffled off on Dec. 10, after 9:00 Mass, in Coulson Hall. Proceeds going to the "9am Mass Music Ministry". Tickets: 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

Also: special Christmas angel decorations, created by Rose Corrigan, will be sold.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

THE ANNUAL ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL WITH THE DIOCESAN CHOIR will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on December 10, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is a beautiful and prayerful way to celebrate the Advent season in word and song and to prepare worthily for the celebration of Christmas. Special guest choir: St. Michael Spanish Choir (Oakville). All are welcome.

TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS : His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. Salt+Light Catholic Television will air the celebration live on television and on their website. CHTV of Hamilton will also carry the telecast. This year we are happy to welcome Father Paul Murray, OP and Archbishop Arthur Roche (Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, Rome) as special guests.

who decides whether there is room for Jesus -

This Week's Events

December

- 4 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart (7:00pm)
- 5 Tuesday MASS (7:00 pm)
- 6 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)  
Catechism Class (6:30pm Coulson Hall)
- 7 Mass at S.H. School (9:15 am)
- 8 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library  
(11:30am to 1:30pm)  
Christmas Pageant rehearsal  
(6:30pm Coulson Hall)

Did You Know?

- \* This is the first week of Advent
- \* Each year during the nine days before Christmas, Catholics in Mexico act out the story of Mary and Joseph
- \* People take part in the outdoor play called "Las Posadas"
- \* "Las Posadas" means "The Inns" in English
- \* The actors that play Mary and Joseph go from house to house but no one will let them in
- \* The person playing the innkeeper lets them in
- \* The rest of the people enter and celebrate the birth of Jesus

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Please remember those less fortunate when shopping for groceries. Rockwood Food Bank is in desperate need of non-perishable food items to stock their shelves for the Christmas season. Please leave items in Coulson Hall for delivery.

Prayer Calendar for Priests

Every day, in our diocese we are invited to pray for a priest serving in our parishes

- Mon. - Rev. Charlie Jordan
- Tues. - Rev. Mark Sullivan
- Wed. - Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
- Thurs. - Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
- Fri. - Rev. Edward Mahony
- Sat. - Rev. Peter Ciallella